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EDITOR'S NOTE

WELCOME TO THE TWENTY FIFTH ISSUE OF GOOD ON PAPER – YOUR FREE MONTHLY GUIDE TO MUSIC CONCERTS, ART EXHIBITIONS, THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, COMEDY SHOWS, FILM SCREENINGS AND LITERATURE EVENTS IN STROUD...

It's our birthday! Who would have thought a brief conversation over a pint o' Stroud Brewery Budding two years ago would have resulted in twenty five editions of Good On Paper...

The magazine would not have lasted this long if not for our incredible contributing writers finding the time in their already hectic schedules to put pen to paper, our sponsors, advertisers and stockists and this amazing place called Stroud which relentlessly supplies us with events for our listings and content ideas for our features.

A special thank you to our GOP wives who put up with our endless late nights in front of our computers and 'work meetings' at our local.

So on we plough, another issue done in which we begin with our now annual guide to Stroud's festivals, fringes, open studios, trails and weekenders...

GOP on you crazy diamonds.

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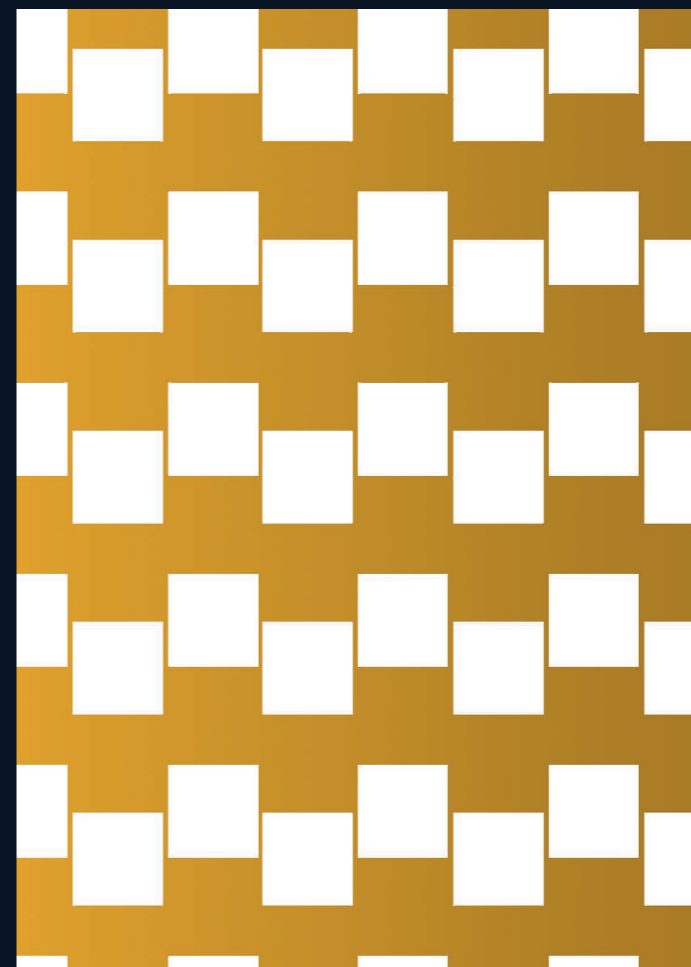
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The Prince Albert
Rodborough Hill, Stroud, GL5 3SS
ThePrinceAlbertStroud.co.uk

Festival Guide

Following on from the Stroud Wassail and Stroud Film Festival we take a look at the rest of this year's festivals, fringes, open studios, trails and weekenders...

STROUD UNPLUGGED EASTER BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

FRI 14TH – MON 17TH APRIL

The 'Gurt Yurt' returns to the gardens of the Crown and Sceptre bringing forth another packed program including live music from the likes of the Lensmen, the Nancy Boys, the Dusk Brothers, Texas Tick Fever, the great chilli-cook off, plenty of beer and cider and much more!

crownandsceptrestroud.com

SITE FESTIVAL: RESOUND RADIO

FRI 14TH – SUN 23RD APRIL

This year's Site Festival will be focusing on artists working with radio. 'Resound Radio' will include online radio shows featuring interviews with artists

and performers plus live to air and recorded radio events with spoken word, comedy, artists talks and experimental music...See feature on p12-13 and visit the website for further info!

sva.org.uk/resoundradio

THE PRINCE ALBERT BEER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

THURS 27TH APRIL – MON 1ST MAY

The Prince Albert Beer and Music festival is held every May Bank holiday in the pub courtyard when it becomes a mini mecca for them that loves beer, cider, pubs and great music. In this, its eighth year the pub will have some of their best bands and performers celebrating with them over the weekend - highlights include Mr Tea and the Minions, The Hucklebuck and Skank Holiday Monday with special guests Boss Morris.

theprincealbertstroud.co.uk

SELECT FESTIVAL

SAT 29TH APRIL – SUN 28TH MAY

Select Festival brings inspiring, innovative work from international, national and regional visual artists in exhibitions, talks, workshops and a 1 day symposium in venues across the 5 Valleys. Includes new works from Nicola Grellier (see feature on p14-15!), Kerry Phippen, Textile Study Group, Misun Won, Jonathan Boyd and Jessica Turrell in a Jewellery Showcase.

sitselect.org

SELECT TRAIL

SAT 6TH – SUN 7TH MAY/ SAT 13TH – SUN 14TH MAY

The Select Trail happens over two weekends where craft makers open their studio doors and curate artist-led exhibitions. Meet the artists, see where they work, buy and

commission. Artists include Cleo Mussi, Matthew Harris, Tom Knowles Jackson, Macgregor & Michael and many more... Free collectable brochure available now!

sitselect.org

SITE FESTIVAL: OPEN STUDIOS

SAT 6TH – SUN 7TH MAY/ SAT 13TH – SUN 14TH MAY

Site Festival Open Studios 2017 will be celebrating its 21st year featuring over 90 artists for two weekends in over 50 locations in a diverse range of spaces including mill buildings, garden sheds and empty shops. A great chance to meet artists, find out more about the ideas behind their work and the techniques they use, plus an opportunity to buy work directly. The directory will be available later this month.

sva.org.uk

NAILSWORTH FESTIVAL

SAT 20TH – SAT 27TH MAY

Now in its 33rd year, the Nailsworth Festival celebrates the arts, music, literature and rural life. Starting with Saturday May 20th as a free family fun day, this year's festival gives you live music from Kathryn Williams, The London Bridge Trio, Thrill Collins and comedy from Tony Vito. Plus theatre, walks and workshops and award winning author, Alice Jolly. Something for everyone. Book tickets now!

nailsworthfestival.org.uk

ALE HOUSE BEER FESTIVAL: LIVERPOOL AND ITS ENVIRONS

THURS 25TH – MON 29TH MAY

Interesting and delicious beers and ciders from the finest breweries Liverpool and its surrounding areas have to offer. Beer fans are advised to come early to avoid disappointment! The beer will be accompanied by the usual hearty food and a programme of live music to coincide with the Jazz Stroud weekend.

JAZZ STROUD

FRI 26TH – SUN 28TH MAY

Live Jazz spread over three days across various venues in Stroud town centre including the Goods Shed, SVA, Meme, the Ale House and the Subscription Rooms. The hugely impressive line-up so far features the likes of Get the Blessing, Mammal Hands, Dakhla, Vels Trio, Run Logan Run, Bloom Collective, the Tadlib Collective Quintet, Rafa Dornelles Trio, Kevin Figs Quartet, the Feelgood Experiment, Remi Harris, Beje, the Patsy Gamble Quartet, the Dave Ayre Trio, Tristan Watson Trio, Mermaid Chunky, Mia Coke, Jazz Friday, Stroud Jazz Sessions, Funk In Session, the Schmoosenbergs, Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra, Cheltenham Improvisers Orchestra Weston and Dellow...with more to be announced soon!

sva.org.uk/jazz_lineup



HOGFEST

FRI 26TH – MON 29TH MAY

It's the Hog's third birthday already! Help them celebrate another fantastic year with a four-day event featuring the best local bands, finest ales and a range of delicious food. With more room than usual in the marquee, expect standard Stroudy fun with Morris dancers and even guinea pig racing...Don't miss out! Music line-up tba soon...

thehogathorsley.co.uk

HIDDEN GARDENS AND SCULPTURE OF RODBOROUGH

SAT 10TH – SUN 11TH JUNE

Rodborough's third Hidden Gardens and Sculpture trail promises to be a visual feast with the area's talented resident gardeners opening their gates to welcome a hoard of garden enthusiasts and art lovers. The weekend features fifteen well-known sculptors including Amanda Moriarty and Marion Mitchell, among others and new contributors Adrian Bates, Dan Rawlings, and Sebastien David. New for 2017 will be an exhibition of sculpture created by local primary school children, free drop-in sculpture workshops for children and wildlife habitat talks by Stroud Valleys Project.

rodboroughrealgardens.com

NIBLEY FESTIVAL

FRI 30TH JUNE – SAT 1ST JULY

A friendly, non-profit making festival in a stunning Cotswold location. Great music, free entertainment for the kids, stalls, local beer, food from around the world - it's the recipe for a perfect day. Camp on Friday and Saturday to make a weekend of it. Headline acts this year include the Fratellis, Dub Pistols and Lucy Spraggen. Tickets sell out quickly - ensure you buy early to avoid disappointment!

nibleyfestival.co.uk

STROUD SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRI 30TH JUNE – SAT 1ST JULY

The festival gathers together creative people, from all of the great world faiths and individual spiritual paths, to celebrate the Unity that is at the heart of humanity, and indeed at the heart of the world. Highlights this year include Praying for the Rain, Samswara, Enchanting the Void and the Tribal Rhythms Orchestra.

sacredmusicfestival.org.uk

COMEDY WEEKENDER

FRI 7TH – SUN 9TH JULY

They say 'Laughter is the Best Medicine', well after this long weekend of some of the best comedians in the UK sharing witty one-lines and clever come-backs you'll be feeling better than ever! This funny, ferocious four-day comedy extravaganza featuring Nicola Clark, Jethro, Kidocracy, Hal Cruttenden, Andrew Ryan, Milo McCabe and Zoe Lyons is not for the faint-hearted...

subscriptionrooms.org.uk

SEED FESTIVAL

FRI 7TH - SUN 9TH JULY

A unique EcoArt Festival featuring the biggest green line-up of speakers on climate change, ecology, green energy, innovation and enterprise. Plus music, poetry, stories, film screenings, dance and life skills workshops all held in the beautiful surroundings of Hawkwood College. This year promises to be the best yet for the bi-annual festival featuring the likes of Bruce Parry (BBC's Tribe), Caroline Lucas (Co-Leader of the Green Party), Polly Higgins (Ecocide Lawyer), Matt Harvey (Radio 4 poet and MC), Tim Smit (Eden Project) music from the Ganda Boys, AMJ Collective, Rising Appalachia USA, plus screening of Demain & Plastic Ocean and much more...

seedfestival.co.uk

STROUD CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

SAT 8TH – SUN 9TH JULY

July welcomes the launch of a new festival hosted by Stroud Festival in collaboration with the Museum in the Park and Stroud Festival of Nature. There will be Story Telling, with Jamila Gavin, Michael Loader and others, children's craft workshops with Hannah Shaw and Martha Lightfoot, a magical tree in the Museum Courtyard all culminating with a brilliant Opera by the Oliver Award winning Operaupclose written especially for children: Ulla's Odyssey at the Cotswold Playhouse on the Sunday. The cast will also be holding a magical journey workshop for children 7+. A festival for all the family with many of the events being completely free...

stroudfestival.org

SMUGGLERS TRAIL

SAT 22ND – SUN 23RD JULY (TBC)

The popular travelling festival stops off once again in Stroud bringing with it a hoard of folk and roots artists, workshops, talks, craft stalls, local vegetarian food and a real ale bar. The Smugglers Trail is born out of the Smugglers Festival in Deal, Kent which has been creating a magical woodland festival for the past seven years. After making so many incredible connections with artists, musicians, creators, do-ers and thinkers across the country, last year they thought they best take their festival on the road...All hail the Smugglers Trail! Dates and line-up tbc.

smuggerstrail.org

CHALFEST

SAT 22ND JULY

A brand new family friendly one day festival set up to raise money and awareness for good causes in the areas of Chalford Parish and Eastcombe. The event features three stages including head-liners the Fun Lovin' Criminals joined by Toploader on the main stage and children's entertainment headlined by Dick and Dom. There will also be three bars, multiple food trucks and market stalls plus a host of other attractions. Full line-up tba soon!

facebook.com/Chalfest

ARTBURST

SAT 19TH – MON 28TH AUGUST

Painswick's bi-annual Arts Festival providing opportunities for local artists to display and sell their work, and to present exciting arts events, demonstrations and exhibitions for local residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy, over the 10 days leading up to and including the August Bank Holiday.

artburstpainswick.co.uk

ALE HOUSE BEER FESTIVAL

THURS 24TH – MON 28TH AUG

The second 2017 beer festival this time running alongside the Stroud Fringe supplying local beer (and music fans) with the finest ales and ciders from one of the UK's brewing hotbeds. As always, nightly live music will be programmed as well as a menu of hearty grub.

STROUD FRINGE

FRI 25TH – SUN 27TH AUG

Now in its 21st year Stroud Fringe is really coming of age. The team behind this free festival held solely in the town centre are intent on providing the best family party for all the residents of the five valleys and beyond. Encompassing mostly the wealth of local talent while also inviting interesting performers from all over there really is something for everyone. Featuring live music, comedy, art, sculpture, literature and crafts, this year's event will for the first time also include some family fun on the recently revived Stroudwater canal...Line up coming soon!

stroudfringe.co.uk

FROCESTER BEER FESTIVAL

FRI 25TH – SUN 27TH AUG

A cricket field, beer, cider, wine, music and lots more...For 35 years the Frocester Beer Festival has been serving the local community and recently the world! It is a fantastic event which attracts nearly six thousand people over two days on the August bank holiday. The ethos of the festival is for you to enjoy a fine selection of ales, whilst raising much needed money for local charities. Music line-up tba.

frocesterbeerfestival.com

WOTTON BLUES FESTIVAL

FRI 22ND – SUN 24TH SEPT

Wotton Blues Festival returns for its second year taking over eight venues in Wotton-Under-Edge including Under the Edge Arts, the Swan Hotel, the Falcon Steakhouse, the Star Inn and the Royal Oak with live bands, buskers and workshops. Line-up tba soon!

wottonbluesfest.org

STROUD THEATRE FESTIVAL

FRI 29TH SEPTEMBER – SUN 1ST OCTOBER

Following the success of last year's festival, Stroud will host its fifth theatre festival with over 25 diverse shows ranging from children's theatre and lively comedies to classics and cutting edge drama staged in leading Stroud venues including the Subscription Rooms, the Lansdown Hall, the British School, the Ale House, the Imperial Hotel and other venues throughout the town. Line up tba soon!

stroudtheatrefestival.co.uk

STROUD BOOK FESTIVAL

THURS 2ND – SUN 5TH NOV

Stroud Book Festival returns for a weekend full of treats for book lovers and aspiring authors. This year's event includes a focus on the various routes towards getting your book published, inspiring talks and workshops from authors, poets and illustrators, and the launch of a brand new writing competition. The festival will feature home-grown Gloucestershire talent, as well as guests from further afield. Watch this space for more information!

[website launched soon...](http://website)

Check individual websites for updates and pick up a monthly copy of Good On Paper as we cover each event in more detail...

MUSIC LISTINGS

ALE HOUSE

THURS 6TH/20TH

The Human Jukebox

Popular covers night with a twist - every song is suggested by the audience and Aron Attwood and The Velvet Duke unleash their talents for all to see! 8:30pm Free

SAT 8TH

Red Ray & The Reprobates

Combining piano, banjo and Dobro steel guitar. The group often invite various artists to join in and no two shows are ever the same. Ray's northern roots and Irish parents combined with backing singer Cameron Cheek. 8:30pm Free

THURS 13TH

The Dave Ayre Jazz Trio

World class Jazz session led by legendary local bassist Dave Ayre. 8:30pm Free

FRI 14TH

Joe Cribb & The Seed Drills

This is the new roots blues you've been waiting for - edgy and innovative and rooted in rock, soul, punk, Americana and -of course- rock 'n roll. 8:30pm Free

SAT 15TH

Ken Wood & The Mixers

A riotous, seven-piece troupe of gutbucket soul heroes, specialising in their own unique blend of bold, brassy soul, stomping R&B and ludicrous on-stage antics. 8:30pm Free

SAT 22ND

Swing from Paris

Stylish gypsy jazz & vintage swing - the sounds of a chic Parisian café and the French jazz of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli. 8:30pm Free

THURS 27TH

The Reverend Stretch

Local Americana, folk, blues and country troubadour. 8:30pm Free

SAT 29TH

Rip it up

Funky soul and Blues band. 8:30pm

BAR KITSCH

FRI 7TH/21ST

Dubbu @ Kitsch

Quite possibly the county's finest cocktails served alongside a fantastic tapas menu all while Dubbu serves up a soundtrack of funky beats played on 45rpm records, every other Friday from 5pm!

facebook.com/KitschCoffeeWineBar

CLOTHIERS ARMS

SUN 16TH

Dubbu and Crew Easter Bank Holiday Super Sunday

Join Dubbu & crew in the garden at the Clothiers Arms for an afternoon of Dj's, great beer and a BBQ, the perfect way to welcome the sunshine back for another summer! 4pm Free

clothiersarms.co.uk

THE CROWN AND SCEPTRE

SAT 15TH

Crooked Stylus

Crooked Stylus invites you to get down and pray at the altar of the eternal groove...8pm Free

FRI 7TH

Rattle Snake Voodoo

Born on a bayou near the Creature from the Back Lagoon and the Swamp Thing; Rattlesnake Voodoo conjure up the sounds of night and mix them with some raw, bad to the bone rock 'n' roll with great drumming.8:30pm Free

FRI 14TH

Stroud Unplugged Easter Beer & Cider Festival

Featuring an unplugged set by the Lensmen - a local quintet which draws influences from post punk, new wave and psychedelia. Full line-up tba!

SAT 15TH

Stroud Unplugged Easter Beer & Cider Festival

Featuring the Nancy Boys - a Stroud based four piece which combines elements of rock, soul, reggae and pop to create a distinctive and memorable sound. Full line-up tba!

SUN 16TH

Stroud Unplugged Easter Beer & Cider Festival

Open Mic in the Yurt from 2pm - all welcome! Followed by the Dust Brothers - an incredibly unique swamp-blues british-americana two-man-band playing amazing self-built instruments at 7pm...

MON 17TH

Stroud Americana Festival & Chillii Cook-off

Chillii Cook-off (2pm), Shaggy Dog Raconteurs (6pm), Bob Porter Project (6:30pm) and Texas Tick Fever (7:30pm)

THURS 27TH

Rodda's Hairy Craic

Irish Sessions from Tim Potts and the Gang. 8pm Free

FRI 28TH

Mekon Man & the Cry Babies

Edgy and very danceable rockabilly from local five piece. 8:30pm Free

crownandsceptrestroud.com

THE GOLDEN FLEECE

SAT 15TH

The Vipers

A trio of superb jazz mercenaries - some of the South West's finest exponents of the swing and blues styles. 8:30pm Free

MEME

THURS 13TH

Off the Record Closing Party ft. The Greyhounds

Closing party for the Staff Only: Off the Record exhibition! The Greyhounds (ft. one of the exhibiting artists Kasia Coleman on vocals) are an electronic music band from Bristol and London. Their atmospheric songs wrap synths, drum machines, live percussion and guitars around photographs, digital imagery and video. 8pm Free

memecafebar.co.uk

MUSEUM IN THE PARK

SAT 15TH

Resound Presents: A Gift for the Ephemeraist

Improvised, ambient music by Anne Chris Bakker and Andrew Heath and Kleefstra/Bakker/Kleefstra (KBK). Part of this year's SITE Festival, this improvised performance will take place in the 'Secret Garden' behind the Museum. 12pm Free

sitetestival.org.uk/resoundradio

NO 23

FRI 7TH

5th Birthday Party

No 23 are celebrating their 5th Birthday! And doing so in style with music from Stroud Calling and Nige from Disco Sucks...Plus tapas, cocktails, silent disco and birthday cake! 9:30pm Free

THE PRINCE ALBERT

SAT 15TH

Regime

Young, energetic and politically minded Regime are 'Bristol's powerhouse of live hip hop. Stars of Boomtown and Secret Garden Party they have quickly grown their fan base and hope to own Stroud after tonight too...8:30pm Free

SUN 2ND

Sutara

Featuring Vicki Burke on vocals, harp sax and flute; Andy Budge on bass and Mike Hoddinott on drums these three provide a delightful sound of ethereal music, in a Joni Mitchell style encompassing jazz and folk. 8:30pm Free

WEDS 5TH

Alessi and Charlotte Carpenter

Double bill tonight with two fabulous artists. Three years on from her final album as Alessi's Ark, Alessi Laurent-Marke is releasing her new album 'Wives'. Wistful with trademark melodies and hooks, 'Wives' is a winsome assertion of female independence. Charlotte Carpenter has shared stages with George Ezra, been lauded by Edith Bowman and had high acclaim from Louder Than war and The Line of Best Fit. 8:30pm Free

THURS 6TH

Brooke Sharkey

Brooke returns! Recently daubed as one of the 'Future Fifty To Watch' in the Guardian the PA have been happily

SAT 8TH

Jimbo & Griff

Guitar and double bass duo - expert blues, folk, ragtime and ballads from 40 year musical partnership. 8:30pm Free

SAT 15TH

Mischief Afoot

Folk trio based in the Cotswolds playing a mixture of English, Irish and American folk songs and tunes, as well as self-penned compositions.8:30pm Free

SAT 22ND

Shootin' The Crow

Old Time meets Country Rock meets Rock n Roll. Guitar, mandolin, banjo/guitar-jo and vocals.....three chords and the truth's, their way. 8:30pm Free

SAT 29TH

Sweet & the Lowdowns

Energetic Jazz/Folk Swing with rhythmic twists and vibrant melodies. 8:30pm Free

facebook.com/goldenfleecebar

LANSDOWN HALL

FRI 28TH

Ruth Royall and the Berlin Connection

Soul, r&b and jazz singer Ruth Royall stops off in her home town as part of her current tour with Berlin based trio the Berlin Connection. "One of the most versatile singers I've worked with" Mo Pleasure (Earth Wind and Fire). 7:30pm £10adv from Trading Post/£12otd

lansdownhall.org

THE LITTLE GEORGE

FRI 7TH

B-Side Vocal

Formerly Gav & Nat, the acoustic singing/song writing duo will be strumming the night away with a soundtrack of Indie/Americana songs, mixed in with some of their own material. Respected and respectable. 8:30pm Free

FRI 21ST

Clear Waters Deep

A slimmed-down version of the Appledore (Devon) band will be partying the night away with an eclectic mix spanning Hoagy Carmichael to Daft Punk. Something for everyone! 8pm Free

stroudmicropub.co.uk

MARLING SCHOOL

FRI 7TH

Foodbank Ceilidh with The Phoenix Dance Band

A hard-swinging traditional style dance band who specialise in playing for ceilidhs and barn dances. Phoenix's tune repertory is drawn from all over the British Isles and well beyond, but is played in a style that is distinctively English. Caller Derek Kingscott. 8pm £11.21 from strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk (all profits to Stroud District Foodbank)

marling.gloucs.sch.uk

watching her for some time. The fragility and intimacy of Brooke's music never fails to deliver and is a beautiful experience to witness...8:30pm Free

FRI 7TH**Z-Star Delta**

Duo featuring guitar prodigy Sebastien Heintz on electric and slide and Zee Gachette on acoustic guitar and drums which effortlessly deliver a cinematic road trip of sound. The whole band Z-Star blew the audience away at Stroud Fringe 2016 and have performed at the Rabbit Hole Glastonbury, and many International Blues and guitar festivals. 8:30pm Free

SAT 8TH**Port Erin**

Taking influences from Talking Heads, XTC, Syd Arthur, Miles Davis and Zappa, Port Erin's constant writing and touring has developed their unique sound, with no limitations on genre or style. But if you asked Lotte she would say "psychedelic space jazz rock (ish)". Oh yeah, and they are Nick Harper's band - so pretty shit hot...8:30pm Free

SUN 9TH**Low Chimes**

Low Chimes play The Albert. With a hoard of new music in tow. Tickets just £7 in advance (a tenner on the door if there are any left). Nuff said. The PA love's each and every one of them and their songs and if you miss this gig then well...you can't ever say "I was there" to your grandchildren. 8:30pm £7adv/£10otd

TUES 11TH**The Propane Brothers**

High energy Bluegrass supergroup from Bath, with members of Cardboard Fox, Cavarrick Sisters (but not a sister), Cup o' Joe and The Coal Porters. They say "High octane solos, lonesome harmonies and trendy footwear." 8:30pm Free

THURS 13TH**Mr Tea and the Minions**

Cheeky fun loving music bounded together with a love of Balkan flavoured frenziness shaken with a bit of Ska, Dub and even a bit of swing. They are sure to put a smile on your face and a leap in your step as we head into the long Bank Holiday weekend...8:30pm Free

FRI 14TH**The True Strays**

Bristol brethren born for blues fuelled, foot-stompin, late-night hoedowns contemporising good time rock n roll with a southern twist. Having founded their own Smokin' Juke Joint venue at Fieldview Festival, the boys are no strangers to bringing a room full of people into a Friday night frenzy. 8:30pm Free

SUN 16TH**Whiskey Moonface**

Ear-to-ear grinningly entertaining and profoundly moving, Whiskey Moonface combine elements of Eastern European traditional & old-time New Orleans jazz and the baroque folk styles of Sufjan Stevens and Beirut with their own unique take on contemporary folk to make for a superbly realized, truly beautiful, and utterly original sound. 8:30pm Free

MON 17TH**Body Clocks and Jasper Kirton with Silent Disco**

Jasper Kirton presents Beets, an evening of live electronic music from some of Stroud's finest new talents. Expect soulful excursions and deep sonic explorations ft. Body Clocks, Marcel Lune (tbc) + DJs. Body Clocks are a Bristol-based electronic duo originally from Stroud, consisting of Joe Craven and Josef Kašpar. Full line-up tbc...8:30pm Free

TUES 18TH**Kathryn Williams**

Mercury nominated and critically acclaimed folk artist returns to the Albert for an evening of lush songs, lovely company and great wit. Kathryn will play a collection of her songs from recent albums solo in the intimate surroundings of the Albert...8:30pm £12adv

WEDS 19TH**Nuala Honan**

Country singer-songwriter from rural South Australia, Nuala has followed her instinctual grass roots work ethic bringing the fireside honesty of country back to her music community. Her diary boasts summers full of big name festivals (Glastonbury, Womad, Larmer Tree) and opening for The Magic Numbers and The Blind Boys of Alabama. Playing tonight with her four piece band... 8:30pm Free

THURS 20TH**Andy Quick Band**

Andy is best known for fronting SW festival favourites Land Of The Giants. Obsessed with song writing, he is a writer of anthems that stick with you long after the show is over. Andu is joined by bass throbber Josie Boucharde, laid back funkenstein Jackal Roswarne-Hebb on drums and the master Martin Jenkeys on everything else. 8:30pm Free

FRI 21ST**Uncle Frank**

Music with soul, funk, rage and love ft. multi-instrumentalists and producers Frank Benini (also one third of The Fun Lovin' Criminals) & Naim Cortazzi. 8:30pm Free

SAT 22ND**Rev Schneider and the Band of Angels plus Record Store Day**

Following an all dayer at Trading Post ft. all the latest RSD ltd edition releases and a bunch of guest DJ's the vinyl party carries on into the evening up at the Albert. Plus live music from Rev Schneider and the Band of Angels providing wacked out country and western weirdness...8:30pm Free

WEDS 26TH**Sean McGowan**

Raised on a diet of The Clash, The Jam, Specials, Billy Bragg and other such politically-charged, punk-ignited British pop, Southampton-born troubadour Sean McGowan has been playing up and down the UK for a few years now performing with the likes of Frank Turner, Get.Cape.Wear.Cape.Fly, Beans on Toast and the Rifles. 8:30pm Free

THURS 27TH**PA Beer Festival: Solana**

With their polyrhythmic folk-world fusion, Solana have made quite a splash on the music and festival scene across the UK and in their adopted hometown of Bristol somehow managing to appeal to both discerning sit-down audiences and crazed sweaty festival crowds! More TBC Free

FRI 28TH**PA Beer Festival: Professor No Hair and the Wig Lifters**

A fast fingered jazz boogie woogie sensation originally from South London but now habitual resident of the five valleys. Well that's what happens when you play the Albert regularly! Expect plenty of blasting honky tonk piano, dirty drums and a belly bouncing bass. More TBC Free

SAT 29TH**PA Beer Festival: Thee Pulsations**

Pulsating psychedelic blues explosion retro rock. The PA love Clive and the gang and they have been playing there for nigh on twenty years. Well it is Beer Festival and this is good time music! More tbc - see website and posters around town for further updates... Free

SUN 30TH**PA Beer Festival: The Hucklebuck**

A five piece band playing straight ahead blues, with original interpretations of traditional electric styles, from early jump blues to later Texas and Chicago material, all played with real authenticity and swing. The Hucklebuck has evolved out of a desire to hear blues music played the way they want to hear it. More TBC Free

MON 1ST MAY**PA Beer Festival: Frankly Skanky and Boss Morris**

Local five piece Frankly Skanky will be providing their own dubbed up versions of rare roots reggae tunes, and Boss Morris is back following their recent tour dancing with folk legend Shirley Collins. More TBC Free

theprincealbertstroud.co.uk

ST LAURENCE CHURCH**SAT 8TH****Cantabile Consort: De Profundis**

After their performance of Arvo Pärt's profoundly moving 'Passio' on Palm Sunday 2016, the Cantabile Consort return to St Laurence Church in Stroud for another reflective concert featuring works by Alonso Lobo, Arvo Pärt and William Byrd. 7pm

stlaurencefuture.org.uk

STROUD BREWERY**SAT 1ST****Madi Stimpson Trio**

A mix of gypsy, jazz, bluegrass and folk roots, but with a definite emphasis on the manouche sound pioneered and made famous by the great Django Reinhardt. 7:30pm Free

SAT 8TH**Le Swing**

Gypsy jazz and the great women of 20th century song are the dominant influences that shape the music of Le Swing. The band creates a unique musical blend of jazz, Latin and chanson that owes as much to Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli as it does to Ella Fitzgerald and Peggy Lee. 7:30pm Free

SAT 15TH**Henry Bateman**

A guitarist/singer/songwriter from Gloucestershire with a wide range of influences - from Rush to Newton Faulkner, from Genesis to Jack Johnson, from James Blunt to Queen, from Stevie Wonder to James Morrison. 7:30pm Free

SAT 22ND**Steve Page**

Best known as front man for Americana band the Open Secrets, Steve is a fine performer and songwriter in his own right. A consummate of the claw hammer banjo, Steve's songs bring a contemporary edge to the musical traditions that Americana draws on. 7:30pm Free

SAT 29TH**Blind River Scare**

Tim Manning (AKA Blind River Scare) is a singer/songwriter playing original Americana, Alt-Country, Folk & Roots tinged bitter-sweet songs and in genre covers. 8:30pm Free

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SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS**WEDS 5TH****Michelle and Bonz**

American traditional and contemporary folk. 7:30pm Free (Twitchett's)

THURS 6TH**Your Musical Memories**

Relive your musical memories at these monthly afternoon concerts with Trevor Smith. 2pm £6 (includes tea and biscuits!)

FRI 7TH**Carrivick Sisters**

Multi-instrumentalist twin sisters Laura and Charlotte Carrivick, widely known and highly regarded on the UK folk and roots music scene. 7:30pm £12/£10concs

SUN 9TH**Tongwynlais Temperance Band**

One of the UK's leading brass bands with successive places at The National Brass Band Championship finals each October. 3pm £10/£8concs/£5 under 16's

MON 10TH**The Shaggy Dog Raconteurs**

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SAT 15TH**The Romantic Dream**

Clare Deniz and Alan Brown's 'romantic' programme, chosen to show both beauty and brilliance of the music written for their two instruments, cello and piano. 2pm £10/£8concs/£5 under 16's

SAT 15TH**Mark Barnwell**

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THURS 20TH**BandIT**

BandIT is a four-day songwriter and band workshop for 70 students aged 8 to 17. Students throughout the community come together to form bands and to be creative in song writing and performing. The first three days are held at Maidenhill School, Stonehouse ending with a performance at the Subscription Rooms. 7:30pm £15/£10concs

SAT 22ND**Hackney Colliery Band**

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SAT 29TH**Police Dog Hogan and Folklaw**

In support of Stroud's Starfish Dog Rescue Centre. Police Dog Hogan are a high-energy and eclectic eight-piece, combining fiddle, banjo, trumpet, mandolin, drums and guitars with knockout four-part harmonies in an exuberant and genre-defying fusion of country, folk, and rocking urban bluegrass. 8pm £15adv/£17otd

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SVA**SAT 1ST****Jet Set Radio**

Spring sees the eagerly awaited return of the exciting Jet Set Radio to the SVA. Full line-up tba soon! 7pm £7adv/£8otd

WEDS 5TH/12TH/19TH/26TH**Funk-In Sessions**

Come and let off some steam with a whole-lotta-funk and soul at Stroud's finest live music venue! Whether you're a seasoned veteran of the funk or you just feel like jamming for the hell of it, the funk-in-sessions guys will make you feel welcome. 8pm Free (John Street)

FRI 7TH/14TH/21ST/28TH**John Street Social Club**

Friday night club socials hosted by different artists each week with visuals and audio to share. The format: decks, laptop, and a limited number of selected YouTube clips of archive footage and informative curiosities...7pm £1 membership on the door

SAT 8TH**SVA Clubnight**

Line-up tba soon! See website for updates. 7pm £7adv/£8otd

THURS 13TH**Stroud Jazz Sessions**

April's monthly jazz hub features Hannah Lockerman on vocals and Peter Cabara on bass as the special guests. There will also be a stonkingly energetic jazz jam for all players and singers, aficionados and improvers to participate in. All are welcome, to listen or perform. 8:30pm £3musicians/£5otd

THURS 20TH**Resound Radio Presents: Secluded Brontë**

Secluded Brontë (Bohman Brothers with Richard Thomas) present a concert of live music from the work in progress film, Brontë Country. Secluded Bronte is a trio featuring Adam Bohman, Jonathan Bohman and Richard Thomas. Their performance art is an idiosyncratic form of musical theatre. 8pm £3

FRI 21ST**Resound Radio Presents: Sam Brookes**

Sam Brookes is about to hit the road on tour with a new live band and a shed load of new material. Catch him at the SVA before he ascends to venues such as Bristol's Thekla and The Borderline in London. 8pm £5otd

SAT 22ND**Mermaid Chunky Presents: the John Street Ska Orchestra & other bits 'n' bobs!**

Mermaid Chunky will take to the stage with their afro-funk groove thang; wonky keys and sad solos, and present the excellent John Street Ska Orchestra with their unmissable selection of old skool ska tunes. There'll be DJs and the bar will be open all night...7pm

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TRADING POST**SAT 22ND****Record Store Day**

Celebrating this year's Record Store Day with a whole day of activities and guest DJ's in the shop plus a fantastic selection of RSD exclusives! This year they will be continuing into the evening with an event at the Prince Albert. See the facebook event page for further information and regular line-up and release updates...8am(!) Free

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CHRIST CHURCH NAILSWORTH**SUN 23RD****The Bristol Ensemble**

Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 (arranged for chamber ensemble by Lachner) and Mozart's Divertimento in B flat. The Bristol Ensemble is delighted to welcome the virtuosic pianist Viv McLean back to the Nailsworth Tea-Time concert series to perform a chamber arrangement of Beethoven's mighty and majestic 'Emperor' concerto. £10otd 3pm

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RUSKIN MILL HORSLEY**SAT 1ST****Daoiri Farrell**

One of the new voices of Irish traditional music, a powerful singer and bouzouki player from Dublin. His distinct, perceptive and fluid vocals are teamed with an instrumental musicianship honed through years of study, all driven by a deep love of Irish traditional song. 8pm £8/£6concs

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ST MARY'S CHURCH PAINSWICK**SAT 8TH****Painswick Music Society Presents: The Carducci String Quartet with Julian Bliss**

The Carducci Quartet is recognised as one of today's most successful string quartets. Performing over 90 concerts worldwide each year the quartet also run their own record label and an annual festival in Highnam. Check website for times and ticket details

FRI 14TH**Painwick Singers and Thames Head Singers**

Performing Bach's St Matthew Passion with the Capriol Orchestra and soloists. 7pm £10adv from Stroud TIC and Patchwork Mouse Café/£12otd

SAT 29TH**Painswick Music Society Presents: Fibonacci Sequence Piano Trio**

The Fibonacci Sequence is considered one of the UK's most distinguished chamber ensembles with a wide-ranging discography and impressive reviews. The ensemble members appear at the world's leading festivals and venues and many of them are also on the faculties of leading

conservatoires in the UK and abroad. Check website for times and ticket details

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THE VAULT NAILSWORTH**SUN 2ND****Steve Ferbrache**

Blues, soul, gospel and acoustic classics - one of the regions busiest and most in demand artists. 2:30pm Free

SUN 9TH**Bob Bowles**

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SUN 16TH**Mark Barnwell**

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SUN 30TH**George Montague**

Ingenious singer songwriter multi-instrumentalist George Montague is an exceptional musician with immense energy, and countless contagious original songs.2:30pm Free

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KINGSHILL HOUSE DURSLEY**FRI 28TH****Kevin Brown**

A highly respected professional songwriter and a leading light in the world of slide guitar and roots music. 8pm Free

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PREMA ARTS CENTRE ULEY**SAT 1ST****Noble Jacks**

A rip-roaring alt-folk band brimming with a roof-raising energy and whose warm electro-acoustic interactions fuse together to form a delicious blend of upbeat folkly foot-stompin' rhythms and engaging lyricism. 8pm £12/£9concs/£10friends /£8concs/£15otd

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THEATRE LISTINGS

COTSWOLD PLAYHOUSE**FRI 31ST MAR – SUN 2ND/THURS 6TH – SUN 9TH APR****Glitter and Twisted Theatre Company: H.M.S. Pinafore**

Following a sell-out run of The Pirates of Penzance in February 2016, Glitter & Twisted Theatre Company return to the Playhouse with another Gilbert & Sullivan musical, H.M.S. Pinafore. Josephine, a middle-class captain's daughter, is in love with a horny-handed sailor on her father's own ship, but Daddy wants her to marry his own boss, the First Lord of the Admiralty. Of course love will find a way – these stories always end happily – but not before some tears, more than a few belly-laughs, and a string of glorious musical numbers. Glitter & Twisted's superb cast wake up a Victorian classic and make it relevant to today's audience. 7:30pm £12

SAT 22ND**Something Underground: Happy Hour**

A dark comedy...One man's odyssey, to save his son and his own sanity, from the sinister forces he's exposed them both to. Bernie wants his pub to be "child friendly", a party atmosphere, a sort of... Santa's Grotto, with himself as Father Christmas. But he's so busy making his dream come true, that his own ten year-old son, Teddy, doesn't get a look in. Blind to his son's need for love, his wife's need for moderation and his best friend's need for honesty, Bernie sails his prized ship, The Toby, directly and decisively, onto the rocks. Funny, full of laughter, moving, disturbing, poignant, and emotionally satisfying. 7:30pm £12/£10concs/£8students

THURS 27TH – SAT 29TH**Hexagon Theatre Company: After Electra**

After Electra is a moving black comedy about the meaning of life and what constitutes a good death and a meaningful legacy. Virgie, a better artist than a mother, invites her closest friends and family to her 84th birthday party and announces that it will be her last – in fact her last day on earth. Her guests, her friends, her sister and the children she neglected long ago, are horrified, but she is determined to assert her control. The dialogue is sharp and funny and the action is at times absurd, as an innocent taxi driver becomes engulfed in the escalating family vitriol. At the centre, is Virgie a modern Clytemnestra brought down by her children, or a mother who sacrificed her family to her artistic genius? 7:30pm £12

[cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk](#)

LANSDOWN HALL**SAT 1ST – SUN 2ND****Dramarama: The Haunted Circus and Backstage**

The Haunted Circus was devised by a small group of eight to ten year olds and is a simple tale of a rather chaotic circus being harangued by the invisible, but ever present force, of a

naughty ghost!Backstage, which the older children will be performing, is about an equally colourful collection of characters, all with their different experiences of working on a touring show. It is an insight into the realities of working closely with a group of artistes for a long time and all the frustrations and interesting dynamics that brings up. 3pm £8/£4 from Star Anise or otd

[lansdownhall.org](#)

THE LITTLE GEORGE**SUN 30TH****International Table Top Day: A Game of Throws**

A Game of Thrones meets Whose Line Is It Anyway live Dungeon & Dragons session, with audience support and sabotage. Join our heroes' adventure, change their fates with a plot twist, or simply relax and enjoy the interactive theatre experience. 8pm Free (plot twists £1 at the bar)

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SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS**SAT 1ST****Second Chance: Joining Together To Make A Difference**

Focus Theatre is joining together with local Amateur and Professional actors, dancers, singers and musicians to raise money for the child refugee crisis. We bring you scenes, songs and dances that reflect the highs and lows of this crazy world! Come and enjoy the evening's entertainment knowing you are helping children who need our support. The first half features a new musical 'Second Chance' currently being written by Stroud writer John Basset and looks at trying to rediscover lost dreams in the crazy world of the 21st century. The lively, funny musical will feature songs by Kirsty MacColl, Lily Allen and a host of other sources. 100% of profits go to 'Save the Children' Charity. 7:30pm £12/£8concs

THURS 27TH**Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre Do Shakespeare**

Earth's funniest footwear return with a brand new show of songs, sketches, socks & violence, taking on The Bard Of Avon himself. Howl at their Hamlet, roar at their Romeo & Juliet, and peer into their Coriolanus. Plus all the usual satirical nonsense from the Two Gentlesocks Of Verrucca. This is the Socks' 9th all-new hour long show, fresh from the 2016 Edinburgh Fringe. Following their sell-out success with such shows as Socks In Space and Minging Detectives, this year they've risen to the challenge of Shakespeare, to rave reviews.7:30pm £10adv/£12otd

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KINGSHILL HOUSE DURSLEY**SAT 8TH****Don't Go In The Cellar: The Canterville Ghost**

Be prepared for chills and chuckles with this original stage adaptation of Oscar Wilde's classic tale! Spooky goings-on and eerie incidents are

FILM LISTINGS

SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS**SUN 23RD****The Great Film Club: 1984**

Winston Smith, a bureaucratic flunky living in a totalitarian state, breaks the law by falling in love. The lovers are tracked down by the Thought Police and 're-educated' into loving the State. Featuring John Hurt and Richard Burton. 7pm £6

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VUE**WEDS 5TH****The Good Grief Project: A Love That Never Dies**

How do we grieve? Why do we grieve? And why are we afraid of those that do grieve? A Love That Never Dies is a personal journey by two bereaved parents Jane Harris and Jimmy Edmonds. Their son died in a road accident in Vietnam five years ago and they now honour him with their own road trip across the USA and Mexico. On the way they meet with other families who have also lost a child. Plus Q&A with directors Jimmy Edmonds and Jane Harris. 7pm £10.79 from ourscreen.com

[thegoodgriefproject.co.uk](#)

terrifying the new inhabitants of Canterville Chase...Will the ghost of Sir Simon drive them away, or can the mischievous spirit finally be laid to rest? Using a talented and versatile troupe of professionally-trained actors and crew, Don't Go into the Cellar perform at theatres, festivals and events across the UK. Artistic Director Jonathan Goodwin both writes and performs in each show, bringing a lifelong love of Victorian detective, ghost and horror stories to the fore.7pm £10/£6children

[kingshillhouse.org.uk](#)

PREMA ARTS CENTRE ULEY**SAT 8TH****Vamos Theatre: The Best Thing**

It's 1966. The record player is on, her hair's bobbed and eye-lashes curled: for seventeen year old Susan, life is an adventure waiting to begin. But what happens next turns everything upside down, and its repercussions will last for decades to come. Step into the wordless world of Vamos Theatre for this bitter-sweet story of mistaken morals and broken hearts, 45s and beehives, where sexual revolution proves a hard and rocky path to tread. Funny, heart-breaking and human, The Best Thing is the latest touring production from one of the country's must-see theatre companies. 7:30pm £10/£7concs/£8friends/£6concs/£25family/£23friends/£15otd

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SITE Festival 2017: Resound Radio

“After over 20 years of running SVA and a festival in Stroud, and amid a year of unforeseen seismic political changes, we thought it might be good to step back and create a space for some new conversations,” explains Jo Leahy, one half of the brains behind Stroud Valleys Artspace (SVA) and its annual SITE Festival, along with co-founder Neil Walker.

By Lorna Davies

SVA began in 1996, with conversations as its starting point with fellow artists which led to creating a professional artist workspace and network. The idea came from “inspirational conversations with other artists across the UK who had set up similar artist led spaces,” Jo says. “Over this time SVA has provided a meeting place for creative conversations which are often the starting point for artists to test ideas out, experiment and collaborate.” With all this talk of... talk, radio proved to be a natural choice when deciding the focus of this year’s SITE Festival and Resound Radio which is described as “community radio listening with

a difference” which will present ten days of launch events.

The last Resound Radio at SVA was back in 2007 and featured the Resonance FM Orchestra, Jennie Savage’s Star Radio and Zoë Walker & Neil Bromwich Celestial Radio. “The technology was of a different age and ‘net radio’ was just beginning to happen,” says Jo. “Now, with the massive growth in podcast technology, it is possible for anyone to make and share their own online radio station.”

Resound Radio will provide a place for conversations with artists to share and explore ideas. It will include online radio shows featuring interviews with artists and performers, as well as

recorded radio events with spoken word, comedy, artist’s talks and experimental music.

The SITE Festival will be presenting Resound Radio with a series of launch events from 14th -23rd April and Open Studios from 6th-7th and 13th-14th May. There will also be exhibitions and events popping up in the Goods Shed, empty shops, farm buildings, churches and more unusual and interesting spaces around Stroud.

Events will include a special radio-focused ‘Penny Gaff’ presented by stand-up poet Jonny Fluffypunk which will feature John Osbourne’s show John Peel’s Shed, as well as readings from the exquisitely painful, and ultimately

hilarious ‘teenage diaries’ - uniquely formatted for a Stroud audience by Misha Law and Emily Wood. Spoken word will be brought to Resound Radio with Stroud writer Bill Jones who will be hosting a night of quirky performances, as well as reading jokes from his new book ‘The Life and Times of Algernon Swift. Live music events will be hosted and recorded for radio by the afro funk inspired Mermaid Chunky and the John Street Ska Orchestra. Also on the festival bill is Sam Brookes whose song writing, immaculate phrasing and powerful vocal delivery reach beneath the skin of an audience.

“Making radio is a way to build and hold memory, and to share



Illustration by Adam Hinks

the art of listening. Overhearing seemingly insignificant snippets of conversation or obscure sounds can spark thoughts and cause the mind to wander. Sound and its integral link to memories and places is something that we all recognize, whether consciously or not,” Jo explains. Experimental sounds can be heard in the Resound Radio programme too with the improvised, ambient music of Anne Chris Bakker, Andrew Heath and Kleefstra/Bakker/Kleefstra (KBK) at a free event in the secret garden at the Museum in the Park. Secluded Brontë (Bohman Brothers with Richard Thomas) will be presenting performance art as an idiosyncratic form of musical theatre: “a

kaleidoscopic collage of found texts, brute sounds, and musique concrete,” says Richard Thomas.

SITE Festival 2017 will also include a Resound Radio space in the Line Gallery which will be open over two weekends. Here, artists and spoken word writers will be invited to make radio pieces and broadcast them online. The radio pieces might be a conversation about a significant music track and how this sparked the germ of an idea for a song or a story and how it reminded the reader to go and visit that city they always wanted to go to...

Resound Radio will continue to create a conversational space leading up to, and during, Open

Studios 2017 which takes place during the first two weekends of May with over 80 artists participating. SVA John Street will open its studio doors to everyone providing the public with an opportunity to step inside creative spaces occupied by artists, and have imaginative and explorative conversations.

“Audio pods will be located around the studios and if you walk through the studio spaces at John Street you will be able to hear or participate in conversations, rooted in a common understanding of the joys and challenges of art making, with resident artists,” Jo adds.

May will kick off with Breathe in the Goods Shed, who will be

mixing their Irish folk influences with guitar riffs and soulful vocals. There will also be film screening of Carl Dreyer’s ‘The Passion of Joan of Arc’ with live music from Lori Goldston from Mississippi records, Portland, Oregon.

More pop up events and exhibitions will be revealed in the May issue of Good on Paper.

To listen to podcasts, see the full programme and for regular updates visit sva.org.uk/resoundradio

Lorna Davies is a journalist who lives in Stroud. She also paints (mainly sheep) and sells her work on Etsy (search ‘PaintingsbyLornaD). Follow her on twitter @lornadavies and lornadavies.contently.com



Photo by Katie Jane Watson

Nicola Grellier

Later this month **Select Festival** (the annual celebration of visual arts across our glorious five valleys) will present **Future Giants**; a brand new exhibition at the **Malthouse Bar and Kitchen** in **Salmon Springs**.

By Sarah Edmonds



What makes this exhibition of large charcoal drawings by artist Nicola Grellier so exciting is the scale of them. There are nine pieces, most around two metres tall, adorning the walls of the industrial Malthouse Bar & Kitchen on the outskirts of Stroud. Where beer bottles once clinked along a production line, now bourgeois diners can admire dramatic artwork – and admire them they will!

Drawing on this scale is supremely masterful and not for the faint hearted, “I just dive in and start to push the charcoal around, drawing and smudging until it starts to emerge and build.” I admire the simplicity and daring of the medium – there is nowhere to hide – with exposed and confident lines “downward strokes come naturally”, coupled with delicate blending and accents that have been rubbed away, “rubber creates valid marks, as important as the charcoal.

Moving the willow charcoal around the surface of the paper until it happens. It's like magic.” It certainly is.

The artwork does speak for itself here, but the subject matter is so unusual, it somehow deserves further explanation. The drawings provoke a subtle humour and a curiosity – who are they? Who do they represent? My initial thoughts prompted costume sketches for theatre productions – Harlequin and Pantalone perhaps? But these misfits are ‘unreconstructed’ (Grellier’s phrase) and in unusual pairings. The titles are often tongue in cheek, with a smattering of eccentricity, ‘Long John & Dolcepompom’ and ‘The Hat Cat’... the Cat in the Hat turned on his head. The duos are quirky, ‘Minnie (the mouse) & Ariel’, ‘Spy5’ and ‘Captain America & The Alien from Out of Space’. These are Rebels and Superheroes in disguise.

Grellier explains that they are part of her subconscious ‘family’ – a group of personalities called the Heads of States, but this time in giant form. Her fascination with childhood dressing up, metaphorical and physical masks, cloaks, protection, our projected personas – is what led her to start experimenting with the Future Giants – they strike a pose and take on an heroic strength. Superhumans in domestic settings, it’s a clever and witty juxtaposition.

Inspiration also came from a box of old photographs depicting children in mismatching costumes and wigs, cobbled together from the dressing up box, in a bizarre and homespun theatrical production! Her four children frequently present ideas, “I watch my youngest daughter drawing and drawing...” and you might find Rose hiding behind a Captain America mask if you look closely. It’s often

young people that inspire Grellier – the future leaders, future thinkers, future creators....Future Giants.

Bringing an exhibition to the public often comes about through chance or opportunity. Lizzi Walton, Founder and Director of SIT Select, was so impressed with Grellier’s recent success at the Jerwood Drawing Prize (she was shortlisted from over three thousand entries), that she suggested this unusual venue, “once I saw the beautiful brick walls I was sunk!” In fact, although Nicola is a dedicated painter, she is currently committed to a new phase of drawing – a fundamental element of any artist’s career. It is a particularly motivated period for Grellier, having returned to painting after a two year break and taking a studio at Pegasus Art, “Being back in the studio after time away has given me huge energy and commitment. I’m not allowing anything to distract me these days

and having a studio away from home is a revelation.”

Grellier talks a lot about accidental art – allowing mistakes to happen, trying not to think too much and a very real sense of an unconscious, otherworldly state whilst working – making marks without thought. She uses terms like pentimento (Italian meaning is repentance) which traditional artists used to describe evidence of past workings beneath the finished piece. It’s a concept that strikes a chord for this artist, who proudly presents her marks and mistakes, unfinished and in her words ‘ugly’ pieces of work. All the marks are relevant, even if they are rubbed away or only partially visible. There is also a strong sense of how a silhouette can define character and provoke a sort of universal recognition.

As well as the emotional journey of producing a body of work, the

practical elements of drawing at this scale took on a new meaning, “It’s such a different thing making drawings at this scale. I’m using the full height of the walls in my studio and had to clear it out and move everything around. I use a step ladder to reach the top, but the hardest part is the bottom of the drawings – the feet! It all has to work together, and I had to take into account that people will view the paintings from below.”

The pure and joyous physicality of drawing, clearly delights Grellier, “It’s wonderfully releasing to draw large with just charcoal in a very physical way,” and it’s interesting that she works simultaneously on many pieces at the same time. Other processes include collage as a more freeing (and sometimes amusing) outlet, use of bold colour in her oil painting, words and puns. She listens to the radio whilst working and often draws on

humour and wordplay.

Artwork should make you feel something....and this exhibition is upbeat, theatrical and exciting. It shows a growing confidence, not only in scale, but in technique and use of monochrome. In her own words, “I feel renewed and liberated by working on this scale. The apparent difficulties have turned out to be the most precious elements for me as an artist.”

Alongside these epic works, there will be a few smaller pieces for sale, pencil sketches and perhaps prints – Nick is learning Stone Lithography at the Gloucestershire Printing Co-operative, so we may see some early works!

Grellier studied at Wimbledon and Chelsea Schools of Art (84 – 88) but since 1990 has mainly lived in the Stroud Valleys. The industrial architecture and landscapes have provided an enduring source of

inspiration, alongside the artistic community of Stroud as a whole. This exhibition brings together what SIT Select does best – the very highest quality of artist, beautiful surroundings and a decent coffee to boot.

The Future Giants exhibition runs at the Malthouse Bar and Kitchen from Thurs 20th April until Tues 20th June, visit nicolagrellier.co.uk for further examples of Nicola’s work. This year’s Select Festival takes place from Sat 29th April until Sun 28th May, visit sitselect.org and pick up next month’s issue for further info...

Sarah Edmonds is an Italian graduate from University College London, where she also studied History of Art and a short course at Slade School of Fine Art. She’s been a tour guide in Tuscany and now works in marketing for Pegasus Art in Thrupp - supplier of Fine Art materials. @SarahWordBird

Hannah Dyson



When Hannah Dyson was 13, she moved from Leytonstone, East London, to a house in the middle of muddy fields on the side of a South Wales Valley. Although seething with resentment at the time, being in that beautiful, wild environment gave her a deep love and appreciation of the landscape.

Hannah escaped to Brighton University, where she learned a variety of printmaking techniques which have gone on to inform the way she works, especially now. Whilst there she became very interested in the ornamental grotesque images of the Victorian times, and spent hours drawing oddities and old toys in museums. After Brighton Hannah went on to do an MA in Illustration at the Royal College of Art, where she had a lot of fun experimenting in animation and meeting a few personal heroes such as the amazing animator Ray Harryhausen.

Since leaving the RCA she worked as a freelance illustrator,

working mainly for editorial clients such as the Guardian and the Idler. She moved to Stroud 6 years ago and had her third son here. The last decade has been spent bringing up the kids, and for a long while she didn't know if she would ever be able to reconnect with her old creative self, lost in the domestic scene. However, by exploring the incredible local landscape Hannah has been overwhelmingly inspired and realised she could combine the two things she enjoyed the most, walking in the countryside and drawing.

When Gordon Scott, the artistic director at Prema offered her a studio as one of the artist in residencies she jumped at it.

Hannah is currently exhibiting at Prema Arts Centre until Sunday 9th April with a set of pictures dedicated to the real life and heart breaking story of John Daniel, the gorilla of Uley...

hannahdyson.co.uk



ART LISTINGS

ART OF CLAY

SAT 1ST - SAT 29TH

Clay Sinclair

Provocative post-pop paintings on Perspex by local/international artist Clay Sinclair situated at 48 High Street. Plus prints for those on a budget and People's Republic of Stroud tat for those joining the revolution. Open Mon - Sat

claysinclair.com

BISLEY HOUSE

THURS 9TH MAR - WEDS MAY 31ST

Donnelly Sisters: Artist in Residence

Donnelly Sisters is a new artist agency founded by sisters Kirsty and Katy Donnelly. The agency represents talented contemporary artists from across the disciplines: sculptors, painters, designers, fine artists and live performers. This interchanging exhibition at Bisley House currently features the work of Beatrice Brown, James Kriszyk, Colin Glen, Daniel Sparkes, Harland Miller, Lorraine Robbins, M/H Walters Design, Tamzin Malleson-Mason, Joe Magee, Mark Stopforth, Andrew Wood and Abigail Fallis. Tues-Sat 12pm-11pm/Sun 12pm-6pm

donnellysisters.co.uk

GALLERY PANGOLIN

MON 20TH MAR - FRI 5TH MAY
Focus on the Figure: Sculptors' Prints and Drawings

This year, Gallery Pangolin's annual exhibition of works on paper by Modern and contemporary sculptors explores the many ways in which the human form can be portrayed through printmaking and drawing. Work by Harold Ambellan, Kenneth Armitage, Hamish Black, John Bridgeman, Ralph Brown, Jon Buck, Lynn Chadwick, Geoffrey Clarke, Terence Coventry, Sue Freeborough, George Fullard, Marino Marini, Henry Moore, Eduardo Paolozzi, Oliffe Richmond, Lorraine Robbins and Harry Thubron. Mon-Fri 10am - 6pm/Sat 10am - 1pm

gallery-pangolin.com

KENDRICK STREET GALLERY

SAT 8TH - SAT 22ND

Alex Edwards: Woodcut Prints

Alex Edwards is a local artist who studied at Ruskin Mill College and Stroud College before completing his Illustration Diploma at University in Cheltenham. The constant theme in his work is wildlife, inspired by the nature

that surrounds him, Alex hand carves wood blocks to create beautiful prints. Mainly working in black and white his prints are bold, full of life, beauty and humour. Mon-Sat 9:30am-5:30pm/ Meet the artist: Sat 15th 10am-12pm

kendrickstgallery.co.uk

KNAPP HOUSE BARN

SAT 22ND-SUN 23RD

INDEXprojects Present: Corridor

Virtual Reality in an 18th Century Barn...Enter the Corridor and walk through the strangely familiar... Corridor is an immersive virtual environment linking Stroud and Plymouth, funded by the Arts Council and created by INDEXprojects in collaboration with KARST, a contemporary artspace in Plymouth and i-DAT a digital research lab based at Plymouth University. Featuring Sound Design by Near Future (Neil Arthur and Bernholz). INDEX projects is a Stroud based artist run organisation presenting a programme of critically engaged contemporary work. 11am-4pm (SITE Festival)

indexprojects.co.uk

LANSDOWN HALL

MON 27TH MAR - SUN 2ND APR

Paintings and Drawings by Nigel Westaway and Christina Rice

This is Nigel and Christina's third joint exhibition and will show a variety of paintings, drawings and mixed media work. Subject matter includes portraiture, landscape, still life and other themes drawn from nature as well as some abstracts. Expect strong colours and a range of emotional tones. 10am-5pm

MON 3RD - SUN 9TH

Examined Expressions 2017

The third in a series of biennial exhibitions of art by Art Psychotherapists. Whilst the artworks are not specifically about Art Psychotherapy, the artists' profession informs the way they approach their art-making. The exhibition showcases a diverse range of artistic styles including figurative, abstract and conceptually-orientated pieces, and the twelve artists come from four counties: Berkshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Wiltshire. The artists include: Carl Arroyo, Ali Coles, Harriet Cookson, Hilary Forbes, Justine Glynn Jones, Fiona Harrison, Gill Horne, Suzanne Jones, Louise Luscombe, Helen McGuire, Saira Todd and Hazel Wilson. Mon 2-5pm/Tues-Sat 10am-5pm/Sun 10am-4pm

lansdownhall.org

THE LINE GALLERY

FRI 31ST MAR - SAT 8TH APR

Marcus James

Marcus James is a fine artist living in London, but originally from Stroud. His current work draws on exploring specific natural and cultural phenomena. Dealing with a relationship to our environment through the process of drawing, printing and abstract painting (marcusjames.co.uk). Open Fri and Sat 11am-3pm/Private view Fri 31st Mar 7-9pm

SAT 15TH - SUN 16TH/SAT 22ND-SUN 23RD

Resound Radio Lounge

As part of SITE Festival 2017 will include a Resound Radio space in the Line Gallery which will be open over two weekends. Here artists and spoken word writers will be invited to make radio pieces and broadcast them it online. Stories and conversations can transport and reconfigure and Resound Radio is a chance to explore that process. 11am-4pm

linegallery.co.uk

THE MALTHOUSE BAR AND KITCHEN

TUES 31ST JAN - TUES 15TH APR

SIT Select presents Nettle Grellier and George Lloyd-Jones

Large abstract paintings on canvas (georgelloyd-jones.com / nettlegrellier.com)

THURS 20TH APR - TUES 20TH JUN

Select Festival 2017: Nicola Grellier - Future Giants

See p14-15!

stroudmalthouse.com

MEME

THURS 2ND FEB - SUN 16TH APR
Staff Only: Off The Record

23 artists sharing art inspired by the vinyl record ft. works by Caroline Jaïne, Jon Easy, Lewis J Blake, Jess Orr, Jessie James, Kasia Coleman, Matt Moran, Nicky Preston, Ella Kenyon, Lara Robinson, Taryn Arnold, Traci Smith, Caroline Knaggs, Jodie Downes and more...

TUES 25TH APR - SUN 28TH MAY

Select Festival 2017: Jilly Cobbe - Hope Is the Thing With Feathers

In these carefully and sensitively observed drawings, using ink, paint or charcoal on paper, Jilly aims to portray how remarkable beautiful and diverse these extraordinary birds of prey are - now sadly in decline.

memecafebar.co.uk

MISERDEN NURSERY

THURS 27TH APR - TUES 30TH MAY

Select Festival 2017: Sculpture Exhibition

Loco Glass, Celia Smith, Susan Early, Jo Newman, Lucy Birtles - five extraordinary contemporary designer makers will exhibit work in this delightful setting with the herbaceous borders and surrounding countryside giving added drama. Julie Dolphin and Steve Richardson, the proud new owners of the nursery, are thrilled to be hosting work by contemporary artists that complement the wonderful plants and setting of Miserden Nursery. Linked talks and walks (pick up free brochure for details)

sitselect.org

MUSEUM IN THE PARK

TUES 7TH MAR - SUN 2ND APR

Animation In Stroud

Did you know that Stroud was once home to a famous animation studio? Find out more about this fascinating, untold story in the new Gallery Two exhibition. Accompanied by a series of special workshops, take advantage of this opportunity to discover more of Stroud's rich and varied history. See website for exhibition open times.

SAT 25TH MAR - SUN 23RD APR

Anglia Textile Works Spring Exhibition

Anglia Textile Works is a small but well-established group of eight contemporary textile artists based in East Anglia. This exhibition will include two specially made works, one inspired by Laurie Lee's 'Cider with Rosie' and another on the theme of 'red', to reflect Stroud's tradition of making cloth for soldiers' uniforms. Each artist will also exhibit two other pieces. Featuring Fay Allwood, Yvonne Brown, Kathy Colledge, Sara Impey, Chrissy Leech, Annette Morgan, Cherry Vernon-Harcourt and Niki Chandler. Tues-Fri 10am-4pm/Sat 11am-4pm.

museuminthepark.org.uk

THE OLIVER VIVIAN GALLERY

SAT 22ND/29TH

Oliver Vivian: I'd Like To Be

The Oliver Vivian Gallery will be reopening on the last two Saturdays in April with a new exhibition, 'I'd Like To Be' - his continued adventure working with an unique process in oils on canvas. 10am - 3pm or by appointment 07532071457

theoliverviviangallery.co.uk



ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

Future Giants Nicola Grellier

20 April – 20 June
select festival 2017
Malthouse Bar & Kitchen
Salmon Springs GL6 6NU
www.stroudmalthouse.com

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www.sitselect.org

Focus on the Figure Sculptors' Prints & Drawings Until 5th May



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GALLERY PANGOLIN

CHALFORD - GLOS - GL6 8NT 01453 889765
gallery@pangolin-editions.com www.gallery-pangolin.com

ART ISTS IN RESIDENCE

Donnelly Sisters in residence at Bisley House
presenting a collection of artworks from
the hottest artists in Stroud

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Private View Friday 31st March



31st March – 8th April
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4 John Street, Stroud

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THE PINK CABBAGE

THURS 13TH – TUES 18TH

Caitlin F J Sell: **Second Glance...**

This is local artist Caitlin's second exhibition featuring mainly abstract expressionist paintings produced in her home studio. She flits between oil and acrylics, sometimes combining them both. Caitlin will also be opening her home to the public as part of this year's SITE Festival Open Studios.

thepinkcabbage.co.uk

THE RETREAT

FRI 3RD MAR – SUN 30TH APR

Toni Wickens: **Giffords Circus**

This unique, previously unpublished series of images captures the ethereal yet equally commanding presence of the Giffords performers. Now internationally renowned, Giffords village green roots tie beautifully with Toni's aim to capture the natural environment and the fun and whimsy of times gone by... Mon-Thurs 12pm-11pm/Fri-Sat 12pm-2am

retreatstroud.com

STAR ANISE

SAT 29TH

Wild Things Peace Birds Closing Party: **Flock!**

How often do you daydream and let your eyes wander around? Star Anise is the perfect place for it and now is the best time, as hundreds of origami peace birds are up in the ceiling. This is the final month of Wild Things' bird migration community art project. Come and make your origami birds to join the flock of peace and hope. And, reserve the date for the closing party 'Flock!' - a social wild teatime hosted by Wild Things (thewildthings.org.uk). Bird cafe making, bird games and bird dance... Youngsters and grown-ups are all welcome. 3-5pm £3 (donation to grow wild time in Stroud!)

staraniseartscafe.com

SUBSCRIPTIONS ROOMS

SAT 1ST – SAT 8TH

Lansdown Art Club: **Spring Exhibition**

For over 50 years Lansdown Art Club has been encouraging and informing local artists, both amateur and professional, and inspiring them in many aspects of artistic expression. Meetings are held once a month when members and visitors enjoy demonstrations and advice from UK artists. In April the club will be holding its popular annual exhibition and a variety of styles and subjects, ranging from a traditional approach to more innovative use of media, will be on display. Something for everyone!

TUES 11TH – SAT 15TH

Rod Friend: **Andalucia in Stroud**

Rod Friend has lived in Stroud for three separate periods of his life, making and teaching stained glass. Living now in Spain he has also recently begun painting images of land and Andalusian life, in soft

pastels, with a grateful nod to his good friend the late and much loved Cotswold painter, Carolyn White.

subscriptionrooms.org.uk

SVA

SAT 1ST – SUN 30TH

Sally Hampson: **The Weaving Shed**

Sally Hampson, an artist and weaver at 29 High Street bringing weaving workshops and events. Drop in or by appointment. For info on workshops email office@sva.org.uk

SAT 1ST – SAT 29TH

UP This Way

UP This Way is an outlet within Merrywalks highlighting the work of furniture and accessory makers within the broader Stroud area. Open Fri-Sat 9am-6pm or by appointment 01453 297260

SAT 1ST/8TH/15TH/22N/29TH

Fungusloci

Artist and permaculture practitioner Dominic Thomas has designed and built a sustainable urban micro-farm in which oyster mushrooms are cultivated on spent coffee grounds from local cafes. Fungusloci is a project of Sustainable Creativity CIC with the help of Stroud District Food Grants taking place at Unit 23, Merrywalks. Open for sales Saturdays 10:30am-1:30pm or by appointment fungi@cscic.org

FRI 14TH-SAT 15TH/ FRI 21ST-SAT 22ND/FRI 28TH-SAT 29TH

The Tracy Agency

The SVA launches The Tracy Agency in the old Millets shop at no 20 High street showcasing contemporary artists from Stroud and beyond. Art for purchase, commission, and good times... 9:30am-4:30pm

sva.org.uk

UPPER LOCK CAFE

SUN 2ND – SAT 29TH

Odyssey Artists

A newly-formed collective of emerging artists, producing work in a wide variety of styles and media. Supporting and respecting each other's diversities and eclectic tastes and joining together to inspire each other and experience their own unique talents in an uplifting way... Mon-Sat 9am-4pm/Sun 10am-3pm

upperlockcafe.co.uk

HOBBS CAFÉ NAILSWORTH

MON 10TH APR – SAT 20TH MAY

Select Festival 2017: **Linda Babb – Moroccan Memories**

An exhibition of stitched textiles and henna evoking images of journeys through the Atlas Mountains, the souks and gardens of Marrakesh and an exploration of symbols and the culture of the Berber people.

hobbshousebakery.co.uk

PREMA ARTS CENTRE ULEY

MON 27TH FEB – SUN 9TH APR

Paul Fowler

For his current project Paul Fowler introduces us to the unsung slaves of the artist's studio – the lay figure. A visitor to a renaissance studio might have witnessed a lay figure in use to help rehearse composition, the fall of light and the painting of drapery and clothing when the sitter was absent. Paul's most recent body of work begins to explore these characters as individuals, allowing their identity to flourish, posing poignant questions about the subject matter and, at times, giving the viewer a disquieting experience.

MON 27TH FEB – SUN 9TH APR

Hannah Dyson

After moving to Stroud seven years ago artist Hannah Dyson fell in love with the Cotswold valleys. She explains "The landscape here feels exotic and it's easy to imagine an 'other' world still hiding in its hollows. Sometimes these elementals can be found in my drawings." Hannah joins us in late February as one of our new artists in residence.

MON 27TH FEB – SUN 9TH APR

Ken Eardley

His background in textiles and love for colour and pattern is abundantly clear across Ken Eardley's ranges of functional ceramics. The work is hand-built using slabs of earthenware formed into cylinders that are then manipulated to make the vessels. Once fired they are then decorated using under glazes and hand cut stencils to create the bird, flower and elegant pattern motifs before a final firing using a layer of transparent glaze.

prema.org.uk

RUSKIN MILL HORSLEY

SAT 25TH MAR – SUN 23RD APR

Ruskin Mill Pottery

A collaboration of Ruskin Mill students, tutors and the community features the work of the Ruskin Mill Community Pottery, revealing the alchemy of processes and materials from the Horsley Valley and further afield. Functional ware – plates, bowls and mugs – will be for sale, as well as decorative pieces.

rmt.org

NEW BREWERY ARTS CENTRE

CIRENCESTER

SAT 25TH MAR – SUN 14TH MAY

Outpost Spring Fling

New Brewery Arts select work from Scotland's premier open studios visual art and craft event. This spring they are proud to partner Upland to bring exciting and beautiful new work from South West Scotland down to South West England. Each year Upland selects up to 100 artists and makers from Dumfries and Galloway to take part in Spring Fling. Renowned for being Scotland's premier open studios visual art and craft, Spring Fling enjoys a national and international reputation

in a region which claims more artists per head than anywhere else in Scotland. And from this extraordinary selection of artists and makers, New Brewery Arts has chosen 28 to showcase their work in the South West including printmakers, photographers, jewellers, ceramicists, blacksmiths, sculptors and textile designers.

newbreweryarts.org.uk

TETBURY GOODS SHED

FRI 28TH APR – SUN 28TH MAY

Select Festival 2017: **Kerry Phippen – The Gentle Wild**

Large paintings on hand made paper by Kerry Phippen. These new paintings celebrate the wild with animals leaping and running around the walls of the newly renovated Tetbury Goods Shed. Fri-Sun 11am-4pm s

shed-arts.co.uk

FOR ARTS & CRAFTS
WORKSHOPS & COURSES VISIT:

ATELIER
ATELIERSTROUD.CO.UK

CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ART
ROOMHIRESTROUD.CO.UK

CREATIVE NETWORK
CREATIVENETWORK.ORG.UK

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
PRINTMAKING COOPERATIVE
GPCHQ.CO.UK

GL5 ART
GL5-ART.COM

HAWKWOOD COLLEGE
HAWKWOODCOLLEGE.CO.UK

IMAGINE THERAPEUTIC ARTS
IMAGINE-THERAPEUTIC-ARTS.CO.UK

KENDRICK STREET GALLERY
KENDRICKSTGALLERY.CO.UK

PEGASUS ART
PEGASUSART.CO.UK

RUSKIN MILL
RMT.ORG

THE SCULPTURE STUDIO
THESCULPTURESTUDIO.CO.UK

SIT SELECT
SITSELECT.ORG

SOUTH WEST ART WORKSHOPS
SWARTWORKSHOPS.CO.UK

STROUD COLLEGE
SGSCOL.AC.UK

STROUD VALLEY ARTSPACE
SVA.ORG.UK

SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS
SUBSCRIPTIONROOMS.ORG.UK

VICTORIA WORKS STUDIOS
VICTORIAWORKSSTUDIOS.CO.UK

NEW BREWERY ARTS
NEWBREWEYARTS.ORG.UK

PREMA ARTS CENTRE
PREMA.ORG.UK

Ten Thousand Bowls of Soup

From Stroud's seemingly inexhaustible pool of creative talent emerges a brand new project - Ten Thousand Bowls of Soup...

By Hannah Turner



This exciting new children's book tells the true story of a local boy, Henry, who loses his teeth in a childhood accident but finds his smile years later helping to cook in a migrant camp on mainland Greece. Coupled with charming illustrations this picture book encourages children to engage with the ever present and vitally important migrant issue that is beginning to define the times in which we live. All profits will go to Médecins Sans Frontières, an international charity who are amongst the most respected participants within this complex and troubling arena.

The book moves through Henry's life from early childhood to the present day where he emerges as a socially aware and active university student. From clashing heads with his childhood dog, Tatty, to working with migrants fleeing war-torn countries such as Syria and Afghanistan, our protagonist reminds the readers, young and old, of the joy and fulfilment to be had in helping others. The book's title, Ten Thousand Bowls of Soup, has its origins in Henry's experiences in 2016 where he helped prepare soup to feed displaced individuals who found themselves literally washed-up on the shores of Greece. However, this wonderful picture book doesn't just focus on his grafting, but instead hints at the friendship he develops with the camp residents. It is in fact the refugees who end up teaching Henry to cook, to find his smile and through self-help and the universal language of dance, it is they who contribute most in the give and take of camp life. In the book the families who find themselves so far from home are given a caring and fun narrative - one that is often overlooked in mainstream media. The book explores the pricelessness of friendship where it is most

needed.

One of the main objectives of this story is to encourage positive interaction between young readers and their parents on the subject of migrants and refugees. The repeated use of animal metaphors and similes, and their wonderful illustrations, provide the perfect way to grab children's attention, making the story entertaining and poetic (it is written in blank verse), as well as addressing issues that are often deemed as 'adult'. The parent then has the autonomy to discuss the migrant issue at whatever level they decide is appropriate. With the levels of refugees fleeing from war-torn countries rising this conversation between young people and the generation before them is becoming more and more important. Ten Thousand Bowls of Soup aims to create an informal, child-friendly space in which such worldly conversations can take place.

This exciting project is very much a local initiative and is sponsored predominantly by businesses local to Stroud. The team aims to raise an ambitious £60,000 for Médecins Sans Frontières' activities in war-torn countries and parts of the world with concentrated migrant populations. The local team are all volunteers, bringing their own professional and personal skills to the project with a common goal to raise money for charity.

The team behind the project are mothers and fathers living within a few miles of Stroud and have been friends for years. Many of them have watched Henry grow into the subject of this story. First-time author Ross Frowen, father to Henry, saw his son's unfortunate accident involving a clash of heads with his dog as a natural starting point for this story as his

son really did 'lose his smile' early in life. The beautiful illustrations that bring Ross' words to life have been created by Pip Morris, a talented illustrator and designer from Avening.

Not only is this story going to be released in paperback, but also on cd as a heart-warming audiobook narrated by storyteller Clare Steele. Her wonderful voice accompanies a delightful soundtrack with music from talented musicians and local music teachers Biddy Turner and John Harris, making this important project accessible across a number of creative platforms. In addition, the team of volunteers includes Andy Green the merchandising director, Karen Porter who helps with the bookkeeping, Michele Wheatley who is leading the PR, Steve Hutton the web designer and Tom Fryer a local publisher. Furthermore, the team are working closely with local companies including Reuseabook in Brimscombe, a remarkable and ethical organisation which will stock and distribute the books on a no profit basis, and MDL Kelex Ltd in Stonehouse who will help with the printing. The locality of the team gives a community feel to an international issue.

The book and CD are due to be launched in late April but to pre-order and find out more about the project visit tentousandbowlsoups.com



Hannah has recently graduated from Cardiff University studying English. She is hoping to pursue a career in publishing but taking a break from applications to travel Central America.

LITERATURE LISTINGS

ALE HOUSE

WEDS 5TH/12TH/19TH/26TH

Rick Vick: Writing Group

A weekly writing group run by Stroud Festival's Rick Vick. Discover your hidden voice, all welcome! 7-9pm £5 for further information contact Rick on 07973 225 694

HAWKWOOD COLLEGE

WEDS 12TH APR - WEDS 21ST JUN

Wild Writing with Kevan Manwaring

Are your words too tame? Do your ideas need liberating? Let them out of the cage, and allow them to prowl the page! This rule-breaking writing workshop is designed to encourage you to give voice to the feral fringes of your creativity. You'll be supported in a friendly, safe environment to venture beyond literary comfort zones and tap into words that can electrify, shock, motivate and move. All you need is a pen and paper and a willingness to be wild! Kevan Manwaring is a writer based in Stroud. He teaches for the Open University. He was a consultant on latest series of BBC4's The Secret Life of Books. He writes for The London Magazine, and was the co-judge of their 2015 Short Story competition alongside Susan Hill. 7pm £75 (for ten sessions)

SUN 23RD

Bard of Hawkwood Deadline Entry!

The search has started for the Bard of Hawkwood 2017. The annual spoken word competition will take place at the Hawkwood College Open Day, Monday 1st May. Co-ordinator Kevan Manwaring explains the rules of entry: 'We're looking for an original song, story or poem of 10 minutes or less, on the given theme (Contentment); plus a 200 word statement of intent describing what you would do as your time as the Chaired Bard for the coming year. As it's a bardic competition, pieces performed from memory or in an extempore fashion are preferred.' 3 copies of the entry & the statement to be sent to: K.Manwaring, The Annexe, Richmond House, Park Rd, Stroud, GL5 2JG. Entrants must be able to perform their entry at the Hawkwood College Open Day and be a resident of GL5/6/8/ or GL10. The competition is open to anyone 18 years old or older living in the Stroud area. Visit website for further info...

hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

THE LITTLE GEORGE

WEDS 19TH

Stroud Radical Reading Group: Kevin Carson - The Homebrew Industrial Revolution

The Stroud Radical Reading Group meet every month at the Little George and aim to read a variety of articles and books on radical issues, feminism, environmentalism, trade unionism, politics, and current affairs. This month's reading is the Homebrew Industrial Revolution by Kevin Carson, a history of the rise and fall of Sloanist mass production, and a survey of the new economy emerging from the ruins: networked local manufacturing, garage industry, household microenterprises and resilient local economies. 7:30pm

stroudmicropub.co.uk

THE LITTLE VIC

SUN 2ND

Stroud Out Loud!

Come and join in at the lovely new venue for Stroud's monthly spoken word showcase. Celebrate creative free speech with this entertaining bardic circle for all. 7pm Free

firesprings.org.uk

MUSEUM IN THE PARK

THURS 27TH

Poetry Reading with Pete Hoida

The Decline of Heavy Industry marks Pete Hoida's return to poetry in a pamphlet-length selection of poems significant for their fresh-eyed modernism. Pete was a 'little magazine' and 'slim volume' poet of the sixties and seventies. His translations of poems by Blaise Cendrars were published in the Penguin Modern European Poets series. He went on to establish a career as an abstract artist committed to the modernist tradition. 7:30pm Free

museuminthepark.org.uk

NO 23

SUN 2ND

23 Book Club with Nikki Owen

This month's chosen book is Travelling Alone by Samuel Bjork a complex and sophisticated crime thriller and Sunday Times bestseller...The monthly book club is run by Nikki Owen, author of the critically acclaimed Project Trilogy. Stroud bookshop is also

offering 10% discount on the 23 Book Club books and 23 will be offering discounts on the day to Book Clubbers too. Email hello@no23stroud.com for further info...3pm Free

OPEN HOUSE

SUN 9TH

Story Party Stroud

Story Party Stroud is a regular event where real people share their life experience by telling stories from their lives. Up to six speakers will talk for 10 minutes each, and delicious refreshments are available at Star Anise Cafe after the event. Come and join us for our third outing, for which the theme will be 'A Chance Encounter'! 3pm £6adv from Star Anise/£7otd

facebook.com/storypartystroud

STROUD SHORT STORIES

SAT 22ND

Short Story Submission Deadline!

Stroud Short Stories are seeking stories by local authors (all Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire writers most welcome!) for their next event due to take place on Sunday 21st May at the SVA. Ten stories will be selected. The authors read to a large, supportive and friendly audience. It's free to submit. There's a new judge this time in the form of brilliant short story writer Ali Bacon who will be co-judging with SSS organiser John Holland. Visit website for further info...

stroudshortstories.blogspot.co.uk

SVA

SAT 15TH

Resound Radio Presents: Jonny Fluffypunk's Penny Gaff

This radio focussed Penny Gaff features John Osbourne's show John Peel's Shed; 'an ode to radio, rare records and anyone who has sought solace in the wireless'. Penny Gaff will also be transporting listeners with readings from exquisitely painful, and ultimately hilarious 'teenage diaries' uniquely formatted for a Stroud audience by Misha Law and Emily Wood. 8pm £8.50adv/£10otd

DATE TBC

Resound Radio Presents: The Life and Times of Algernon Swift - Book Launch By Bill Jones

Bill Jones presents a reading from

his new book The Life and Times of Algernon Swift, a novel of puns published by Head of Zeus. Since this is an illustrated book, the reading will also feature a lot of roundabout descriptions of pictures, as well as of course being peppered with puns and asides. The night will also be host to a variety of other performers, as yet unnamed, but definitely quirky and, most likely, out of the ordinary. 7:30pm

sitefestival/resoundradio

SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS

TUES 18TH APR - TUES 20TH JUN

An Introduction to Scriptwriting with John Bassett

This 10 week course provides an introduction to script writing for anyone who has ever fancied writing a play, radio or TV. script. Over the 10 weeks you will learn how to get started, the difference between theatre, radio and TV. writing, how to create characters and plot, how to write effective and believable dialogue, the differences in writing required for different audiences and different formats and how to layout a script. Each week will feature practical exercises as well as formal teaching. At the end of the 10 weeks, it is hoped that participants will complete a 10 minute script which will have a reading by professional actors. John Bassett runs Spaniel in the Works Theatre Company and Stroud Theatre Festival. He has been a professional writer for nearly 30 years and has experience writing for a range of venues and styles. 7pm £80/£70concs

MON 24TH APR - MON 17TH JUL

Getting into Print with Kevan Manwaring

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Comedy

By Chris Head



This month sees wonderful clown Tweedy perform a solo show at the Subscription Rooms, in which he is left in charge of a lost property office. Loved by kids and their parents (including my daughter and me), Tweedy is a purveyor of timeless physical comedy. I managed to catch up with him whilst on his exhaustive tour with Cirque Berserk for a two minute Q&A about the show. Meanwhile I directed a comedy play for the Edinburgh Fringe which is now on a tour touching down locally this month...

A TWO MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH TWEEDY:

What can people expect from the show?

Slapstick mayhem with circus skills, music and magic.

How would you describe your style of clowning?

Old school like Chaplin or Norman Wisdom.

What was your training?

I've basically learnt on the road, it's the same with stand-up comedians the best way to learn is by doing it. I've had some great people help and advise me along the way like Bill Irwin who I was lucky enough to spend time with and learn from a

few years ago.

Who are your influences?

I have so many influences basically anyone who does physical comedy well. The obvious ones are the silent comics (Chaplin, Keaton) then there's Eric Sykes, Tommy Cooper, Grock, Jacques Tati -the list goes on.

Do you have any apprentice clowns under your wing?

Not really but I talk to a lot of young clowns that I've known and given advice too. Some since they were kids who are now very good.

In your forthcoming performance in Stroud you use retro office equipment. Why is this?

My comedy is primarily physical and I basically get my character into physical trouble then find comic or illogical ways of getting out of that trouble. Technology has made us less physical, particularly in an office environment. The telephone for example has a cord you can get tangled up in a rotary dial that is awkward to use and has the potential of trapped fingers. A computer has replaced so many different appliances and has a lot less comic potential. Adults relate to the retro things and the kids just find the slapstick element funny.

Tweedy's Lost Property takes place at the Subscription Rooms

on Saturday 8th April (see listings below). You can also catch him in this year's Giffords Circus touring production of Any Port in a Storm, visit tweedyswebsite.com and giffordscircus.com for dates and further info.

IN TENTS AND PURPOSES - A COMEDY PLAY

Ten Years. Two Friends, One fortune-teller

Following an official sell-out run at Edinburgh Fringe 2016 this ace comic play is now on a tour culminating in a run at Soho Theatre. This month it touches down in the West Country. Not technically in Stroud - okay, not in Stroud at all, it's in Cheltenham - but it was directed by me a Stroud resident. And what's the point of having a GOP comedy column if you can't plug your own stuff?

"Sam (Alys Metcalf) and Libby (Roxy Dunn) are new graduates, letting their hair down at a music festival in the summer of 2010 before they embark on the rest of their lives. In between the naked dancing and the fake funerals, they fit in a visit to a fortune-teller, who predicts career success and true love for Sam - and for Libby, a life of poverty and loneliness. Following them through the next decade, we see Sam become an international

success as a chef while Libby languishes in a rented flat with her as-yet-unfinished novel. Would it have made any difference if the fortunes had been delivered the other way round? Or does the key lie in personality, given that happy-go-lucky Sam always ignored her fortune, while the more fatalistic Libby held great store by it? All this is explored in Dunn's dynamic script, full of quick-fire dialogue and -beautifully observed humour. Both Metcalf (part of the Olivier Award-winning cast of The Play That Goes Wrong) and Dunn (a series regular on Danny Boyle's Babylon) have near-perfect comic timing and almost endless reserves of cleverness and likeability. In 'the meta sections' they step out of character and create an equally entertaining parallel narrative about their friendship and how the play was created." The Scotsman, August 2016

Tues 11th at 7:45pm, Everyman Studio Theatre (Yes, Cheltenham), £11.50/£10concs everymantheatre.org.uk

Chris Head has established himself as one of the UK's leading comedy coaches and has nearly twenty years' experience as a director of live comedy. Visit chrishead.com for details of forthcoming courses and events.

COMEDY LISTINGS

CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ART

SAT 29TH

Comic Ukulele with Sarah Fotheringham

An exciting, new 'Uke' experience for adults is coming to Stroud! Learn some easy ukulele tunes, throw in some simple clown/improv style choreography and have a whole bunch of fun! Comic ukulele is for all abilities and anyone wanting to have more fun with their ukulele. Sarah Fotheringham has been a performer and musician for over 30 years specializing in voice, violin and clowning. For further info contact info@helen-wood.co.uk 2pm £10/£7concs

roomhirestroud.co.uk

LANSDOWN HALL

SAT 22ND

CrazyBird Comedy Club: Mark Felgate, Radu Isac, Mark Dennett, Paul F Taylor and MC Geoff Whiting

The CrazyBird Comedy Club returns to Lansdown Hall with its resident MC Geoff Whiting in tow... Featuring Paul F Taylor with his unique brand of humour which fuses quirky one liners with surreal observational comedy to fantastical effect. Cornish comedian Mark Dennett draws on a lifetime of often bizarre yet relatable incidents for a classic joke based comedy routine. Romanian comic Radu Isac who has been described as "simultaneously sweet and dark", "cynical and tricky" with "plenty of edge", and headlining this stunning line up will be the massively talented Mark Felgate, a

man with many unique talents! His startling abilities as a ventriloquist, combined with guitar playing and a wickedly daft sense of humour have helped him become a sought after act on the stand-up comedy circuit. 7pm £12.50adv from Trading Post, seetickets.com or from Nick Bird at crazybirdcomedy@gmail.com/£14otd

lansdownhall.org

SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS

SAT 8TH

Tweedy's Lost Property

In this one man, family show, Tweedy (Giffords Circus, Cirque Berserk, Everyman Theatre Panto) illustrates an impressive repertoire of comedic talents which have made him one of the most respected and popular clowns the country currently has to offer.

No matter what he does, Tweedy seems to get into a mess, but to the delight of audiences of all ages he can always find a creative way to get out of it. Tweedy will never get too big for his pants, his pants will always be too big for him...11am and 2pm £10/£7concs/£30family ticket

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FRI 28TH

Elvis presents John Street Social Club

Stroud's funkiest chat show... Elvis and Dr Shiraz interview well-known local personalities and introduce Stroud's quirkiest acts. Guests tba 7pm £1 membership otd

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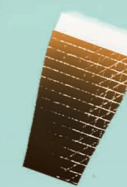
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Friday 14th

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Sunday 16th

OPEN MIC FROM 2PM

THE DUSK BROTHERS

Monday 17th

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