



What's On

September 2025 to May 2026



Welcome

to The Festival Drayton Centre

The Centre was brought into community ownership in 1984 and has been proudly run by a team of dedicated volunteers ever since. The Centre underwent an extensive £1.1m refurbishment and extension project in 2004 and subsequent extensions in 2010 and 2013. Today's Centre is widely regarded as Market Drayton's finest asset. Not just for the entertainment and leisure facilities on offer but for the incredible standards of professionalism achieved by the volunteer team.

The Centre is thriving with entertainment, room hirers offering an array of activities and local community groups using us as a meeting place in the heart of Market Drayton.

All of us involved in this fabulous charity would like to thank you for supporting us.

We hope you enjoy the show!

Box Office: 01630 654 444

LANCE CORPORAL RICHARD JONES



Richard Jones, The Military Illusionist, captivated the nation's heart and mind earning his spot as the first and only magician to conquer the stage of Britain's Got Talent. Now, he's ready to raise the bar even higher. With his unparalleled talents and a bag of never-before-seen tricks up his sleeve, Richard will have you questioning the very fabric of reality!

Whether you're a die-hard magic enthusiast or simply seeking an unforgettable night of wondrous entertainment,

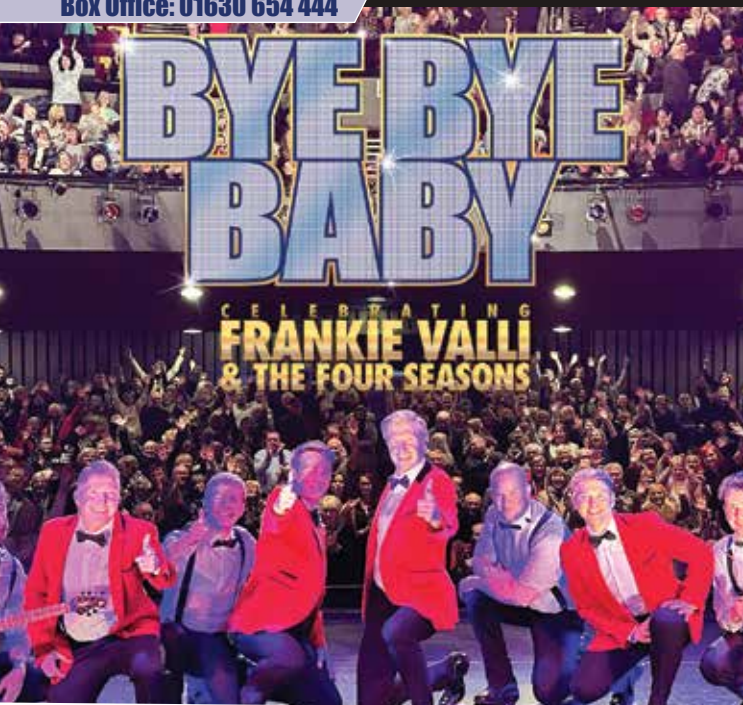
"The Sound of Magic" promises to be an experience you will be talking about for years to come. Your ticket is a golden key to a realm of inexplicable feats, unbelievable illusions, and a sense of awe that will rejuvenate your belief in the extraordinary! The show will highlight the special link between music and our imagination while taking us on an empowering feel good journey.

The show also offers an exciting VIP Ticket Option, allowing fans the unique 'The Sound Of Magic' personal experience of meeting Richard Jones before the show for an exclusive 30 minutes of close-up magic, poster signing, a photo opportunity and a gift. **This ticket option is available to book through our box office and not available to book online.**

Performance details:

DATE: Saturday 6th September | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: VIP £50/Standard £23/Friends £20/Child £18



"THE BAR IS CONSTANTLY BEING RAISED BY BYE BYE BABY"
— THE STAGE

From their early beginning in the 1950s, when Frankie first joined the group, this show celebrates the greatest hits such as 'Beggin'; 'Big Girls Don't Cry'; 'Walk Like A Man'; 'Let's Hang On'; 'Who Loves You'; 'December '63 (Oh What A Night)'; 'Bye Bye Baby'; 'Can't Take my Eyes off You'; 'Fallen Angel' and 'Grease' through to a superb grand finale medley of more of the group's greatest hits.

The combination of world class vocals and harmonies, together with the falsetto heights of Frankie Valli, along with snappy choreography and a vast catalogue of hits makes for a memorable and unforgettable night of nostalgia.

The show is in its 5th year of touring and we are lucky enough to have performed in over 400 theatres across the UK as well as a 3 week residency at the Mandela Theatre in Johannesburg South Africa!

The show containing 31 hits from the Four Seasons has been designed with the audience in mind, making sure you leave our show wanting more!



Performance details:

DATE: Saturday 13th September | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £25/Friends £22.50



The Classic BLUES SHOW

Spend an evening in the company of this fine six-piece band to celebrate the British Blues explosion of the 1960s. From BB King to John Mayall, from Muddy Waters to Peter Green: The Classic Blues Show recreates the authentic sound of British Blues musicians and the artists who inspired them.

This band of experienced musicians has its roots all firmly anchored in the blues. This is the blues of not just the Delta, Chicago, and elsewhere in the USA but also the blues of Ealing, Dartford and wherever else formed the British Blues Boom of the 60's and beyond.

Tight rhythm section, swinging horns, driving guitar riffs and quality vocals make this a show to remember. Enjoy the music and stories from those lucky enough to be there – and feel the blues come alive.

“A true journey through the history of blues by EXCELLENT musicians. If you're a blues music fan then this is the band for you. Check them out, go see them live, a MUST SEE BAND.” LIVE N LOUD

“A highly enjoyable and entertaining evening for classic blues fans! Professionally put together and played by experienced musicians... The first event was a sell-out and we're delighted that the Classic Blues Show is returning” Ludlow Brewery

“What a great evening. What a great band. What's not to like? They're already booked in again for next year.”
Montgomery Town Hall

Performance details:

DATE: Saturday 20th September | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £18/Friends £15

SHREK The Musical

**“GET READY TO ‘BELIEVE’
BECAUSE EVERYONE’S FAVOURITE
OGRE IS BACK! IN THE HILARIOUS
STAGE SPECTACLE.**

**Step into a magical world of
laughter, friendship, and a whole
lot of green! Grab your tickets
to Shrek the Musical.**

It’s the hilarious story of everyone’s favourite ogre and his sidekick Donkey. With catchy songs and a cast of unforgettable characters, it’s a show the whole family will love.

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, *Shrek The Musical* is a Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure featuring all new and a side-splitting book by David Lindsay-Abaire. Shrek brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage, and proves there’s more to the story than meets the ears.

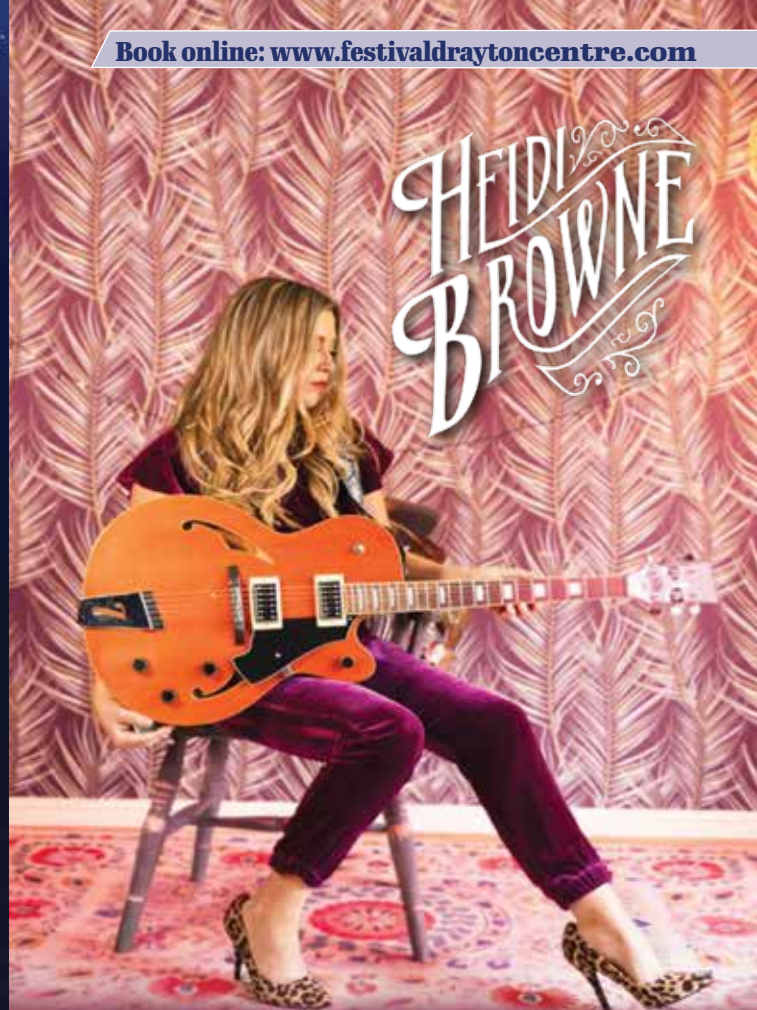
“Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek...”

And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude, and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you’ve got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there’s one on hand... and his name is Shrek.

Performance details:

DATE: Tuesday 23rd Sept – Friday 26th Sept | **TIME:** 7pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £15



Multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter Heidi Browne returns to Festival Drayton Centre for the first time since 2017.

She will be performing songs from her new album as well as favourites from her previous releases. Recognised for her distinctive vocal style and retro yet fresh sound, Heidi was picked out by BBC Introducing early in her career and has gone on to win Open Mic UK, tour internationally, have her music played on BBC Radio 1 & 2, write for brands such as Pringles and most recently her single ‘Biscuits’ was playlisted at Caffè Neros globally.

Expect a lively and varied night, with plenty of instrument swapping, stories of misadventure and heartfelt songs spanning jazz, americana and country influences.

**Support comes from Britain’s Got Talent artist
‘Nick Edwards’ (soul/country).**

Performance details:

DATE: Saturday 11th October | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £15/Friends £12

JUNIOR THEATRE WORKSHOP

Presents



A contemporary re-telling of Hans Christian Andersen's
THE UGLY DUCKLING

Music by
George Stiles

Book & Lyrics by
Anthony Drewe

Folk will be flocking to JTW's production of HONK! JR., a contemporary and comic re-telling of Hans Christian Andersen's The Ugly Duckling.

Based on the award-winning musical Honk! by George Stiles (composer) and Anthony Drewe (books and lyrics), HONK! JR is a witty and heart-warming show celebrating what makes each of us special.

HONK! JR. follows "Ugly," who hatches looking quite a bit different from his darling duckling brothers and sisters. The other animals on the farm are quick to notice, and despite his loving mother's protective flapping, Ugly's odd, gawky looks instantly incite prejudice from his family and neighbours. When Ugly is separated from the farm and pursued by a hungry Cat, he must find his way home. Along his harrowing yet hilarious journey he not only discovers his true beauty and glorious destiny, but also finds love and acceptance in all its forms.

HONK! JR. is an incredibly clever show that will have you laughing out loud. Yet at the centre of all its humour is a touching message about acceptance. We'd like to applaud the students in JTW's production, by working as part of this cast and crew, each young person has been able to explore what makes him or her unique.

HONK! JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY, (212) 541-4684, mtishows.com

Performance details:

DATE: Thursday 30th & Friday 31st October | **TIME:** 7pm
Saturday 1st November | **TIME:** 2.30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £9, U16 £8,
Family of 4 (2 Adults/2 Children) £30

T'PAU

T'pau burst onto the music scene in 1987 with the hit Heart & Soul, reaching No. 4 in both the UK & US charts.

This led to a meteoric rise in T'pau's fortunes at home & in the USA, where the track stayed on the US Billboard Chart for six months. After a European Arena Tour supporting Bryan Adams and another UK Tour of their own. T'pau's next single China In Your Hand stayed at No1 for five weeks – the longest serving No1 of the year. Simultaneously, their debut album Bridge of Spies occupied the No1 album slot for two weeks and went on to become a certified quadruple platinum in the UK – selling 1.2 million copies.

Their own arena concerts followed, and the subsequent 1988 record Rage also went platinum. T'Pau enjoy the exclusive title of holding three simultaneous No.1 slots; China No.1 in the singles charts, Bridge of Spies No.1 in the album charts and the China Remix at No.1 in the dance charts! T'Pau were nominated for 5 Brit Awards, an Ivor Novello Award, and won an ASCAP Award from the USA for Heart & Soul.

The original line up of T'pau split in 1991, but in 1997 Carol built a new line-up & embarked upon a 25-date UK Tour plus festivals, recording several shows and releasing 'T'pau Live'. In 1998 Carol recorded Red, the first new T'pau studio album for six years, as well as performing with the BBC Concert Orchestra at the Princess Diana Tribute Concert.

Performance details:

DATE: Sunday 9th November | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £35

MARKET DRAYTON FLOWER CLUB

Flower demonstration

by Jane Pugh

Lydbury North

"It's written in the stars"

Jane is a NAFAS Area Demonstrator and speaker for Mercia and North Wales. She is an experienced florist, making fantastic floral displays, and ran Jane's Petals and Gifts, a busy flower shop in Bishop's Castle for 18 years.



Join us for a wonderful evening where Jane will delight us with her amazing floral demonstration.

Performance details:

DATE: Monday 17th November | TIME: 7.30pm

TICKET PRICE: £14

dS:uK

The quintessential tribute show to

DIRE STRAITS

Brothers

In '85

UK Tour



★★★★★

"Simply the best tribute I've heard for any band"
Tom - Twitter

★★★★★

"Superb entertainment of the highest quality"
Brian - Facebook

★★★★★

"Telegraph road was worthy of the entry fee alone."
Giles - Facebook

DS:UK are BACK with one of their most popular tours – "Brothers in '85".

In 1985, Dire Straits were at the apex of their career as one of the biggest music brands and concert touring bands in the world. Still today, Mark Knopfler remains one of our most beloved guitarists in modern Rock. Their biggest album, Brothers in Arms, still sits in the top 10 of the best selling albums in chart history. "DSUK...in tribute to Dire Straits" began touring in 2016 and have quickly become regarded as *the* quintessential tribute band among Dire Straits fans with their incredible attention to musical and sonic detail, the humour, fun, and interesting history that they pack into their shows. To say that "dS:uK" sound like Dire Straits is an understatement. And don't take it from us – take it from our audience on the streets:

"...these guys are the epitome of a tribute band: they play and sound like you want to them to..."

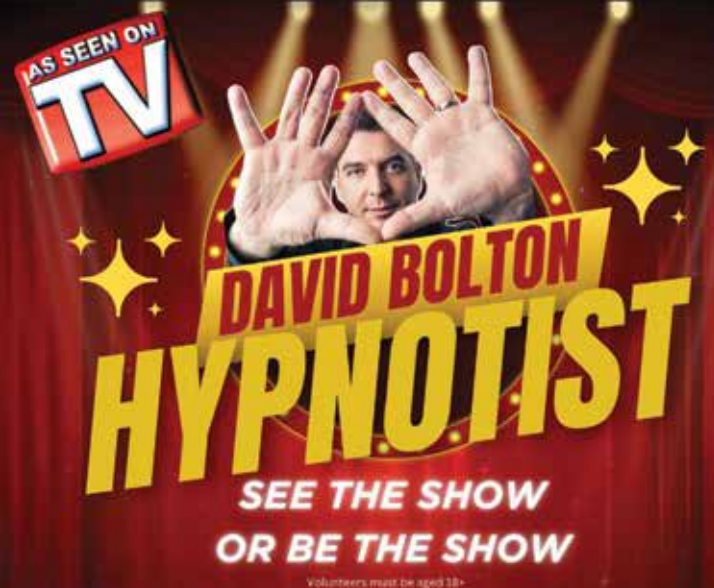
"Thank you for a great evening. Being a fan of Dire Straits for the last 50 years, you did not fail as a tribute band..."

Their 2025 "Brothers in '85" tour, once again pays tribute to the Brothers in Arms worldwide tour, with the band bringing fans the ultimate 1985 Dire Straits experience and all of those legacy songs that you want to hear, including Sultans of Swing and Money for Nothing! Here comes Johnny singing oldies goldies.. it'll truly give you a shiver in the dark!

Performance details:

DATE: Friday 21st November | TIME: 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £25



Have you always wondered what it would be like to be hypnotised?

Have you always wanted to be the star of the show?

Then now is your chance!

Be a star for the night and explore the power of your own imagination at the David Bolton Hypnosis Show. You will be experiencing one of the great mysteries of our time... hypnosis!

Be amazed as David takes audience volunteers on a journey into their unconscious minds! Watch as your friends and family experience an hilarious hypnotic adventure.

David Bolton has been featured on TV as the hypnotist on Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.

Book now for an evening of "Mesmeric Mirth, Magic and Mayhem".



Performance details:

DATE: Saturday 29th November | **TIME:** 7.30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £18



the show where every child gets a present from Santa!

Following last year's sell-out performances, Honalee Media are delighted to present a brand new show this festive season...

"Christmas is the busiest time of year at the North Pole, when Father Christmas makes presents to deliver across the whole world... and when everyone gets ready for Santa's Christmas Party!"

But this year somebody has been up to mischief...

Dotty the Elf's decorations have gone missing, Dasher the Reindeer's party games are broken, and what has happened to Pompom the Penguin's Christmas music?

It looks as though somebody wants to stop Santa's Christmas Party – and that someone is Jack Frost!

Help get Santa's Christmas Party back on track in an adventure full of fun, festive songs and party games. Then meet Santa at his home in the North Pole, where every child will receive a special present from him, after the most Christmassy Christmas show ever – HO-HO-HO!

Songs include festive favourites: Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas, The Twelve Days Of Christmas, We Wish You A Merry Christmas and more!"

Santa's Christmas Party is a 45 minute, interactive family show, particularly suitable for 2-8 year olds, after which the adventure continues as each child gets the chance to receive a special present from Father Christmas in our popular meet, greet and treat!

Performance details:

DATE: Monday 8th December | **TIME:** 10.30am & 1pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £10/ Family of 4 £38

FROM THE PRODUCERS OF THE SELL OUT SHOW
'SANTA'S ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER'

THE GINGERBREAD BOY

A MAGICAL
CHRISTMAS
ADVENTURE!

BY JON MONIE



THIS CHRISTMAS

Deep in Fairy-tale Forest lives a remarkable boy made entirely of gingerbread! His lonely world is changed forever when Blake, a young lad from a nearby village, stumbles upon his incredible cookie cottage. Together, the two boys embark on a madcap journey of discovery.

And it's Christmas Eve too... another surprise visitor is on his way!

Full of heart, laughter and song – and a healthy helping of cake – The Gingerbread Boy is a brand-new Christmas story about friendship and celebrating our differences.

The perfect festive treat for ages 3+

Running time 50 minutes plus meet Santa after the show.

Ticket includes a free present for every child.

Performance details:

DATE: Friday 19th December | **TIME:** 10.30am/1pm & 5pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £15 / U16 £12

Classical music series

Daniel Lehardt

Born in Hungary, Daniel studied at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest. He has given solo recitals across Europe and the United States and has performed concertos with the Royal Philharmonic, the Hallé, and the National Philharmonic of Ukraine among others. After showing a strong empathy with the music of Bartók here two years ago, he returns to play a selection of pieces by the other pre-eminent Hungarian composer, Franz Liszt, alongside Shostakovich's sonata No 2 and Chopin's sonata No 3.



Lehardt... 'played with power, poetry, and formidable technique.'
New York Times

DATE: Sunday 2 November | **TIME:** 3pm

TICKETS: £16.00 Friends: £13.50 Under 18: £5

Tāla Tarang!

Eleanor Turner is chief harpist at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and Mendi Singh is widely acclaimed as one of the best tabla players in the UK. Collaborating in Tāla Tarang (meaning 'rhythm waves') they bring together strands of traditional, contemporary, folk, and western and Indian classical music. Playing in intimate jazz clubs, concert halls, and outdoor festivals around Europe they weave East-meets-West musical tapestries that celebrate nature and humanity.



'The dynamic pairing of tabla maestro Mendi Singh and harp virtuoso Eleanor Turner creates an electrifying fusion of rhythmic grooves and intricate melodies.'

DATE: Sunday 11th January | **TIME:** 3pm

TICKETS: £16.00 Friends: £13.50 Under 18: £5

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Classical music series

**Caroline Taylor, James Atkinson,
Hamish Brown**



Soprano Caroline Taylor, baritone James Atkinson, and accompanist Hamish Brown present a programme of much-loved songs and duets by Schubert, Mendelssohn, Wolf, Finzi and Quilter – followed by operatic highlights from Mozart, Bizet and Rimsky-Korsakov.

Individually Caroline, James and Hamish have each won international praise for high-profile operatic roles and concert performances.

'The high notes from Caroline Taylor bring tears to my eyes'
Edinburgh Music Review

'James and Hamish are a perfect pairing, two musicians perfectly attuned to each other.' Tom McKinney, BBC Radio 3

With thanks for financial support from an anonymous donor

DATE: Sunday 8 February | **TIME:** 3pm

TICKETS: £16.00 Friends: £13.50 Under 18: £5

Nikita Lukinov

Nikita's outstanding performance here last spring was followed by multiple live and studio recordings on BBC Radio 3. After extensive touring north of the border "He stands out as one of the most exciting pianists based in Scotland". He returns south with an ensemble to give us Grieg's Piano Concerto in an exceptionally beautiful arrangement for piano and string septet. The programme will include a trio by Armenian composer Babajanian and Beethoven's Sonata Pathétique.



'Exceptional talent.'
The Scotsman

With thanks for financial support from the Shropshire Music Trust

DATE: Sunday 8th March | **TIME:** 3pm

TICKETS: £16.00 Friends: £13.50 Under 18: £5



Book online: www.festivaldraytoncentre.com

WOMEN IN ROCK

**THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED
WOMEN IN ROCK UK TOUR IS
COMING TO THE FESTIVAL DRAYTON
CENTRE FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.**

This is a concert you don't want miss! Celebrating the sensationally strong female leaders of rock, including Blondie, Suzi Q, Janis Joplin, Heart, Joan Jett, Pink, Kiki Dee, Bonnie Tyler, Cher and so many more!

Hell yeah if we Could Turn Back Time we'd go see them all in one night too—you go girls. Since 2016, Women in Rock have been wowing audiences across the UK & Europe with their high energy performances. With a cast of world-class musicians and vocalists that deliver a blistering 2-hour performance, you'll be singing, dancing and rocking out from the off with hit after hit.

There's something here for everyone, it's a bring-the-whole-family affair!

A show unlike any other with electric costume changes, soaring vocals, impressive harmonies and audience interaction, you will not be disappointed. Join us for iconic songs such as Piece Of My Heart, Black Velvet, You Ought a Know & Left Outside Alone as we show you just what these women are made of.

You'll be left in awe of the vocal ability of the Women in Rock cast and feeling like you can take on the world!

Performance details:

DATE: Friday 16th January | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: £28

Call our Box Office on: 01630 654 444

Direct from the USA

SUGAR PIE HONEY BUNCH

MUSIC OF THE FOUR TOPS



Get Ready Cos Here They Come!

**THE ONLY AMERICAN TRIBUTE SHOW CELEBRATING
THE MUSIC OF THE FOUR TOPS AND OTHER LEGENDARY
MOTOWN ARTISTS TOURING THE UK.**

Paying homage to the legends, vocal group Soul Satisfaction brings the Motown magic back to the stage in a live concert with powerful vocals, splendid harmonies and high stepping dance routines.

You will be taken on a journey through all the hits of the Four Tops, *Reach Out, Baby I Need Your Loving, Walk Away Renee, Same Old Song, Loco in Acapulco, Standing In the Shadow, Bernadette* along with other classic hits from the golden era including songs from the Temptations, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye, Ben E King and many more Motown and soul legends.

One of Motown's most legendary songwriters Eddie Holland, from the Holland-Dozier-Holland team, responsible for all of the Four Tops greatest hits as well as other Motown classics, said "Soul Satisfaction is one of the most professional and tightest vocal groups that I have seen – and I have seen many groups in my time!" Eddie Holland

Performed as it was back in the day, this show is world class!

Performance details:

DATE: Thursday 12th February | **TIME:** 7.30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £30

**EUROPE'S NO. 1
LIVE PINK EXPERIENCE
FEATURING STACY GREEN AS P!NK!**



International award-winning P!nk impersonator, Stacy Green, is joined live on stage, with the phenomenal Vertigo Band, to recreate the excitement and majesty that makes P!nk the modern legend and inspiration she has come to be known as.

Experience the energy and fun as P!nk's biggest hits are replicated with a full dedicated light show, authentic replica costumes, props and motion backdrops and a full production to 'Get The Party Started' Sing and dance as all the hits are covered from 'Just Like A Pill' and 'So What' through to the most recent hits such as 'What About us?' And 'Beautiful Trauma'.

*If you are a P!nk fan then you
will not want to miss this show!*

Performance details:

DATE: Saturday 14th March | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £26

Box Office: 01630 654 444

Foden's BAND



Foden's Band was formed in 1902 and since then has maintained their position as one of the World's leading Brass Band, currently being ranked No 1 in the World rankings!

The band make a welcomed return to Market Drayton to provide a varied, entertaining programme with music to suit all tastes that will also showcase their World class soloists.



Performance details:

DATE: Sunday 22nd March | **TIME:** 2pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £20



Get Ready for the Ultimate Cliff Richard Experience TM A Night to Remember!

This is your chance to experience the career of a true British legend – SIR CLIFF RICHARD – like never before! From his ground breaking chart-topper “Move It” to timeless classics like “Wired for Sound” and “Devil Woman,” we’re bringing you over 65 years of hits in one incredible two-hour show.

Starring the sensational Jimmy Jemain, the world’s leading Cliff Richard impersonator, who has been captivating audiences for over 30 years. Jimmy doesn’t just perform as Cliff; he’s built a personal friendship with the man himself, bringing authenticity and passion to the stage that you won’t find anywhere else. And that’s not all – he’ll be joined by a fantastic live band, delivering an electrifying tribute to The Shadows and bringing those unforgettable moments to life!

This is more than just a tribute show – it’s a celebration of the music, the man, and the legacy that’s captured hearts for decades. With an action-packed performance covering Sir Cliff’s massive hits and golden moments, you’ll be taken on a journey through the ultimate British music story.

Tickets are flying out the door – don’t miss your chance to be part of this unmissable event!

Performance details:

DATE: Friday 27th March | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: £25

New Amen Corner
Present
Bringing On Back The
60s

A Jam Packed Show Full Of Sixties Classic Hits!!

Including songs from The Searchers, Amen Corner, The Beatles, The Moody Blues,
The Walker Brothers, Billy Fury, Manfred Mann, Tom Jones, The Turtles Plus Many More...

*Experience the sound of a golden era with
Bringing on Back the 60s, musical journey
presented by The New Amen Corner.*

Led by the remarkable Glen Leon whose powerhouse
vocals and charismatic presence captivate audiences,
this outstanding band brings the spirit of the 60s to life.

**Join us for an unforgettable evening of timeless hits,
vibrant energy, and feel good nostalgia.**

Performance details:

DATE: Friday 3rd of April | **TIME:** 8.00pm

TICKET PRICE: £27.50



Nicola Mills
Opera for the people

**Described as a cross between Victoria Wood
and Pavarotti, Nicola brings her Northern
charm, strong opera vocals, and witty
storytelling to your theatre.**

Enjoy an unforgettable performance of beloved popular opera,
classical favourites and shows topping songs from the musicals,
with some Popera all chosen by YOU from her Song Menu.

Whether you're an opera enthusiast or a complete newcomer
this is your chance to see world class opera in the heart of
Market Drayton. Nicola has gone from top opera houses,
to the streets and is now getting rave reviews for her one
woman show 'Opera for the People'.

Performance details:

DATE: Friday 10th April | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £15/Friends £12

Box Office: 01630 654 444



HUEY MORGAN

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND CONVERSATION

You may have encountered the dynamic personality of Huey Morgan in many ways. Frontman, radio and television broadcaster, author and DJ, Huey is many things at once. Coming to prominence as the frontman and driving force of the eclectic American Rap/Rock outfit Fun Lovin' Criminals, Morgan led the band from 1993 – 2021. Best known for the hit record Scooby Snacks, Fun Lovin' Criminals released 6 albums between 1996 and 2010 and sold over 10 million records.

As host of The Huey Show on BBC Radio 6 since 2008, Morgan is a cherished voice on national radio in the UK, where he hosts a mix of Hip Hop, Soul, Punk, Funk, Rock and everything in between to his listeners.

A charismatic, authentic, passionate, and popular renegade himself, Huey's groove is infectious. And now he's heading out on his first solo tour – mixing music and chat – so fans can get up close and personal with Huey Morgan – The Fun Lovin' Criminal.

Meet & Greet includes pre-show meeting, photograph, autograph and goody bag plus front row seats.

VIP includes best seats with a goody bag.

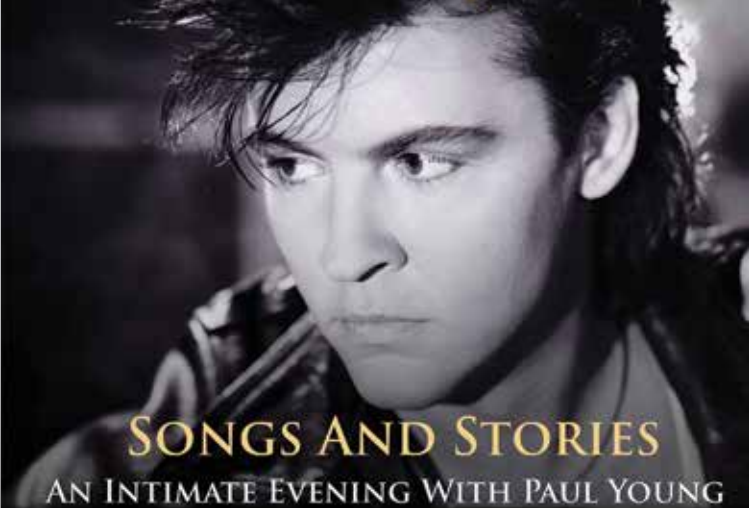
Performance details:

DATE: Thursday 23rd April | **TIME:** 7.30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £30/VIP £45/ Meet & Greet £80

Book online: www.festivaldraytoncentre.com

Paul Young



SONGS AND STORIES

AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH PAUL YOUNG

Paul Young broke into the big time 40 years ago when *No Parlez* went to number one and spawned iconic hits like *Wherever I Lay My Hat (That's My Home)*.

More success followed with the number one album *The Secret Of Association* and the worldwide hit *Every Time You Go Away*, not forgetting the opening line for Band Aid and appearances at Wembley Stadium for Live Aid and Queen's tribute to Freddie Mercury. Paul sustained that success—while having fun in his tex-mex band, Los Pacaminos.

Now, he's looking back during these intimate shows, that combine conversation and acoustic versions of hit songs. Paul's meeting fans, singing songs, and telling stories about his incredible career. It's time to revel in the classic hits and learn the stories behind them in this intimate show.

Meet & Greet includes pre-show meeting, photograph, autograph and goody bag plus front row seats.

VIP includes best seats with a goody bag).

Performance details:

DATE: Saturday 9th May | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKET PRICE: Standard £30/ VIP £45/ Meet & Greet £80

the UPBEAT BEATLES



"When, in a generation or so, a radio-active, cigar-smoking child, picnicking on Saturn, asks you what the Beatle affair was all about – 'Did you actually know them?' – don't try to explain all about the long hair and the screams! Just play their music."

This is a quote from the back of the Beatles 4th album.

With sheer joy and energy Upbeat Beatles will take you on a journey through the earth-shattering sounds of the FAB 4!

Throw away all your inhibitions! No band does it better than the Upbeat Beatles.

Performance details:

DATE: Saturday 23rd May | **TIME:** 7.30pm

TICKET PRICE: £28.50

Event cinema

Bonnie & Clyde (12A)



Starring Tony-Nominee Jeremy Jordan and Oliver-Nominee Frances Mayli McCann, this award-winning production (including Best New Musical – What's On Stage Awards 2023) re-tells the unbelievable true story of America's most infamous couple, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. Recorded live at London's Theatre Royal Drury Lane, discover the electrifying story of love, adventure and crime that captured the attention of an entire nation.

DATE: Thursday 18th September | **TIME:** 7:30pm

TICKETS: Standard £16.50/Friends £15/Under 21 £10

Inter Alia (14+)



– A new play by Suzie Miller

Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike (*Gone Girl*, *Saltburn*) is Jessica in the much-anticipated next play from the team behind *Prima Facie*.

Jessica Parks is a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright?

Writer Suzie Miller and director Justin Martin reunite following their global phenomenon *Prima Facie*, with this searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity.

DATE: Thursday 9th October | **TIME:** 7pm

TICKETS: Standard £13.50/ Friends £11/Under 21 £10

Titanic (12A)



Winner of 5 Tony Awards (including Best Musical), based on the real people aboard the most legendary ship in the world, *Titanic The Musical* is a stunning and stirring production focusing on the hopes, dreams and aspirations of her passengers who each boarded with stories and personal ambitions of their own.

DATE: Thursday 16th October | **TIME:** 7.30pm

TICKETS: Standard £16.50/Friends £15/Under 21 £10

Event Cinema is pre recorded shows, unless indicted 'Live'.

Due to release dates, for up to date listings of our extensive cinema showings, please look out for our Forthcoming Events flyers or visit our website:

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Event cinema

Mrs. Warren's Profession (12)

By Bernard Shaw, Directed by Dominic Cooke

Five-time Olivier Award winner Imelda Staunton (*The Crown*) joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter (*Bridgerton*) for the very first time, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic.

Vivie Warren is a woman ahead of her time. Her mother, however, is a product of that old patriarchal order. Exploiting it has earned Mrs. Warren a fortune – but at what cost? Filmed live from the West End, this new production reunites Staunton with director Dominic Cooke (*Follies*, *Good*), exploring the clash between morality and independence, traditions and progress.

DATE: Thursday 23rd October | **TIME:** 7pm

TICKETS: Standard £13.50/ Friends £11/Under 21 £10



The Fifth Step (15)

By David Ireland, Directed by Finn den Hertog

Olivier Award-winner Jack Lowden (*Slow Horses*, *Dunkirk*) is joined by Emmy and BAFTA-winner Martin Freeman (*The Hobbit*, *The Responder*) in the critically acclaimed and subversively funny new play by David Ireland.

After years in the 12-step programme of Alcoholics Anonymous, James becomes a sponsor to newcomer Luka. The pair bond over black coffee, trade stories and build a fragile friendship out of their shared experiences. But as Luka approaches step five – the moment of confession – dangerous truths emerge, threatening the trust on which both of their recoveries depend.

Finn den Hertog directs the provocative and entertaining production filmed live from @sohoplace on London's West End.

DATE: Thursday 27th November | **TIME:** 7pm

TICKETS: Standard £13.50/ Friends £11/Under 21 £10



Hamlet (12)

By William Shakespeare, Directed by Robert Hastie

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera (*Life of Pi*) is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy.

Trapped between duty and doubt, surrounded by power and privilege, young Prince Hamlet dares to ask the ultimate question – you know the one.

National Theatre Deputy Artistic Director, Robert Hastie (*Standing at the Sky's Edge*, *Operation Mincemeat*) directs this sharp, stylish and darkly funny reimagining.

DATE: Thursday 22nd January | **TIME:** 7pm

TICKETS: Standard £13.50/ Friends £11/Under 21 £10



Booking information

Booking your tickets

In person: Visit our Box Office:

Frogmore Road, Market Drayton, TF9 3AX

We accept payment by cash, Centre gift voucher, credit or debit card.

By phone: Purchase your tickets by calling the Box Office on 01630 654444

Online: Tickets can be booked at www.festivaldraytoncentre.com

Booking fees: A £2 booking fee will be incurred per transaction for tickets booked online.

Opening times: 45 minutes prior to all screenings and performances.

Monday: 9.30am – 4pm and 6pm – 8pm, **Tuesday:** 9.30am – 8.30pm

Wednesday: 9.30am – 3pm and 5.30pm – 8pm, **Thursday:** 9.30am – 2.30pm

Friday: 9.30am – 2pm, **Saturday:** Only if there is an event on.

Pricing policy: Where offered, a family ticket consists of 2 adults and 2 children under the age of 16. Cinema admissions cost £8.00, Friends £7.00 and a child under 12 £6.00.

Seat reservations: Seats cannot be reserved without payment.

Refunds & Exchanges: All tickets are non-refundable except in the event of a cancelled performance/screening. Ticket exchange for the cinema will only be offered for another performance subject to availability and without financial detriment to the centre.

Resale: Tickets may be returned to the Box Office for resale for sold out live performances only. We will endeavour to resell your tickets but offer no guarantee. There will be a £4.00 charge for this service.

Access for All: To ensure our customers' needs are met, we ask that all patrons who use a wheelchair or have specific seating/hearing requests contact the Box Office direct. The Auditorium is equipped with a Dolby Fidelio hearing system for the hard of hearing; headsets or neck loops are provided.

Parking: There is free parking opposite the Centre after 6pm. All day parking is available next to the Towers Lawn bus station, just a 5 minute walk away.

Restrictions: Glass, alcohol and pushchairs are not permitted in the Auditorium. For the comfort and enjoyment of others, please switch off all mobile phones prior to the event. The use of cameras or recording equipment is forbidden unless some Live Acts allow.

Babes in Arms: For children's shows and screenings, children under 2 may sit on a parent's lap free of charge (unless otherwise stated). If the child is able to safely occupy a seat, a ticket must be purchased.

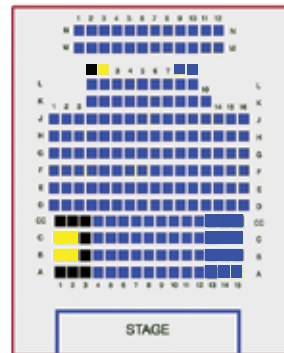
Children: The Box Office team will be able to advise if a performance is suitable.

Latecomers: Latecomers will not be admitted until the interval or until a suitable break in the performance; alternative seats may need to be occupied.

Free mailing list: To receive information about forthcoming events please call the Box Office on 01630 654444 or request inclusion via our website.

Disclaimer: Information and prices in this brochure are correct at the time of going to press. Unforeseen circumstances, however, may result in changes to the published programme.

Terms & Conditions: A full list of these can be found on our website.



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Weekly activities...

There are various arts and leisure activities that you can participate in at the Centre, from karate to French conversation. With experienced professionals as instructors and co-ordinators, you can be assured of quality sessions in your chosen pursuit.

Monday			
9.30 – 10.30am	Ladies Keep Fit	Jennifer Goodwin	07921 252020
10.00 – 11.30am	French Conversation	Helene Herring	01630 661512
11.15 – 12.15pm	Gentle Pilates	Christine Findlay	07483 854648
12.30 – 1.30pm	Pilates (Improvers/Intermediate)	Christine Findlay	07483 854648
2.00 – 3.00pm	Improvers Pilates	Christine Findlay	07483 854648
6.15 – 7.15pm	Intermediate Pilates	Christine Findlay	07483 854648
7.30 – 8.30pm	Beginner Pilates	Christine Findlay	07483 854648
7.15 – 8.15pm	Body Toning	Sandy Orrett	07903 888007

Tuesday			
11.30am – 1.00pm	Yoga	Lyndsay Roberts	07722 214236
3.30 – 8.30pm	Street Dance/ Dancercise	Lyndsay Wright	07773 79462
6.30 – 8.00pm	Ataru Shotokan Karate	Otto Blank	07976 730052
7.00 – 8.30pm	Yoga	Lyndsay Roberts	07722 214236
7.30 – 8.30pm	Little Footprints Support Group	Katharine Williams	Email for info

Wednesday			
5.30 – 7.30pm	Junior Theatre Workshop	Elaine Cook	Email: Membership.mdaods@gmail.com
5.30 – 6.30pm	Mindfulness & Meditation	Jo Flynn-Gamble	07359 845789
7.00 – 8.00pm	Body Toning	Sandy Orrett	07903 888007
8.00 – 9.30pm	Line Dancing	Jayne Howes	01630 655334

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Thursday			
9.15-10.15am	Yoga	Jennifer Goodwin	07921 252020
10.30 – 11.30am	Intermediate Pilates	Christine Findlay	07483 854648
11.00 – 2.00pm	Age UK Day Centre	Mary Sanders	01630 653102
12.00 – 1.00pm	Improvers Pilates	Christine Findlay	07483 854648
1.15 – 2.15pm	Beginners Pilates	Christine Findlay	07483 854648
2.00 – 3.00pm	U3A (3rd Thursday of every month)	Alan Cartwright	01630 296126
6.30 – 7.30pm	Intermediate Pilates	Christine Findlay	07483 854648
6.40 – 8.40pm	SOSA Dance /Adult Irish Dance	Julia Holding	07957 429156

Friday			
10.15 – 11.15pm	Line Dancing U3A	Suzanne Edwards	01630 698088
10.00 – 11.00am	Baby Massage	Hayley Summers	07816 877431
1.00 – 2.00pm	Baby Yoga	Hayley Summers	07816 877431

Saturday			
9.00am – 1.00pm	Stepz School of Dance	Kerry Mansfield	07598 169692

Sunday			
10.30am – 12.00pm	Freedom Church Market Drayton	Mark Lawrence	07903 533058
6.00 – 7.30pm	Ataru Shotokan Karate	Otto Blank	07976 730052



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No matter who you ask, everybody will tell you there are so many positives to volunteering and the rewards that can be reaped from it.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

At the community owned voluntary run Festival Drayton Centre we are always looking for friendly, enthusiastic and reliable volunteers to join our welcoming team and help to continue our 40 plus year success story.

There are numerous ways to get involved at the Centre. Our bustling coffee shop currently opens its doors to the public five days a week, so there is always a need for additional support in this department whether its cooking and preparing food, taking orders from customers or operating the dishwasher.

The Centre also holds frequent live events and cinema shows in our Auditorium. You can help by selling tickets through our volunteer manned box office, assisting our bar stewards, becoming part of our smiley front of house team, joining our highly skilled sound, light and projection team or gardening and other general everyday supportive roles.

Please get in touch with us on **01630 654444** or email **manager@festivaldraytoncentre.com** for some more information about what opportunities we have available at the Centre and where you might like to get involved.

We would love to hear from you.

