

# THEATRE & CINEMA CHIPPING NORTON



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**FRIENDS' PRIORITY  
BOOKING OPENS:**  
Tuesday 16th January

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**GENERAL BOOKING  
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Tuesday 23rd January

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# LIFE BEGINS AT 50

**This is not a 50th anniversary where we look back at all the wonderful things that we've done; this is a 50th anniversary where we look forward to a vibrant future.**

**We pledge  
to provide a  
place to belong**

Ignite a love of The Theatre with entertainment and a friendly welcome – for whoever you are, and whatever you're into.

**We pledge  
to support our  
flourishing community**

Build confidence and resilience within our local communities, using creativity to uplift how we all live, work and play.

**We pledge  
to be a hub for  
creative arts**

Make and share extraordinary theatre, music, dance and artistry, championing the arts in North Oxfordshire.



You aren't going to have seen anything like the events we've got planned this year, and we have so many stories we can't wait to tell.

**So, open up to see what's in store!**



For the past 50 years,  
The Theatre has been at the heart  
of the Chipping Norton community.

**But we are not your  
average small town theatre.**

**Help us ensure The Theatre remains  
a hub for creative arts, where everyone  
is welcome by making a donation.**

**Every donation makes a difference.**

**£5** could provide a craft  
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challenge!

**HILARIOUS COMEDY THEATRE**



The very best  
comedy theatre,  
from **Houdini's  
Greatest Escape**  
(May, p.11)  
to our very  
own musical  
whodunit,  
**Murder for Two**  
(Sept, p.20)



**COMEDY NIGHTS**

Non-stop laughter with acts,  
including **The Scummy Mummies**  
(February, p.4), **Omid Djalili**  
(February, now sold out),  
**Sophie Duker** (July, p.18) and a  
triumphant homecoming from  
**Kaleb Cooper** (March, p.6)





# OUR BIGGEST, BOLDEST, BEST SEASON EVER!



**A THEATRE FEAST**

**Pit Kitchen** will be cooking up a storm for a **Theatre Feast**, with **Tweedy** providing chaotic fun. (October, p.21)



## EPIC COMMUNITY PLAYS



## AN AUDIENCE WITH THE STARS



Two immersive community productions, **Lark Rise** and **Barn Dance** (a new play from a multi-Olivier award-winning writer) celebrating rural Oxfordshire. (June, p16)

Famous faces, including acclaimed actor **Juliet Stevenson** (May, p.12), **Bake-Off** superstar **Prue Leith** (March, p.6) and satirical comedian and impressionist **Rory Bremner** (April, p10)



Fri 2nd Feb

# THE HOUSE PARTY

## AT KIRTLINGTON PARK



An otherworldly winter bacchanal.

With creative direction from Scary Little Girls (*In The Footsteps Of The Mitfords*, *Murder in the Village*), experience a host of unique performances. Comedy magic from Vice President of the Magic Circle, *Katherine Rhodes*. Brand new site-specific contemporary dance from *Thomas Page and the Rambert School*. Modern classical singers *Voice Trio* mixing early music with pop classics – with more surprise acts to be discovered on the night!



From 7pm for a 7.30pm start

**Tickets: £125**

Optional bus transport to and from central Chipping Norton: £17 per person

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**WINE FREEDOM**

Sat 27th Jan, 7.30pm

## MARK THOMAS IN ENGLAND AND SON



*England & Son* is a one-man play written specifically for the award-winning political comedian Mark Thomas.

With some deep, dark laughs – and some deep, dark love – along the way, *England & Son* emerges from characters Mark knew in his childhood. Prepare for Mark to take you on a kaleidoscopic odyssey where disaster capitalism, empire, stolen youth and stolen wealth merge into the simple tale of a working-class boy who just wants his dad to smile at him.

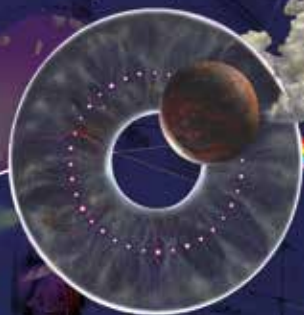
**Tickets: £5-£25 through the Pick A Price scheme.**

**See page 19 for details**

*Suitable for ages 14+*



## ULTIMATE



## FLOYD

Sat 3rd Feb, 7.30pm

Celebrating the greatest hits from this iconic band, from *Shine On You, Crazy Diamond*, *Another Brick in the Wall*, *Money*, *Comfortably Numb* and much more, Ultimate Floyd really is a must see for all fans of Pink Floyd.

This highly authentic show recreates the atmosphere of Floyd live, featuring top-flight musicians, a stunning light show and over two hours of incredible music!

**Tickets: £21**



**"A polished showman and raconteur. An unforgettable evening we can't stop talking about" *The Standard***

Wed 7th Feb, 7.30pm

## JAMES PHELAN MIRACLES

Step into an extraordinary, uplifting world of magic – unlike anything you've ever seen before – with this jaw-dropping new magic show *Miracles*.

Back after a sell-out show in 2022, James Phelan – the magician most infamous for jamming the BBC switchboard after he correctly predicted the lottery – returns with an all new magic show that will leave you full of fire with inspiration, aching from laughter, and dizzy in disbelief.

**Tickets: £20, £17 concs**



Sat 10th Feb, 7.30pm

## ABBA SENSATION

Relive the authentic sounds of the ABBA experience with *ABBA Sensation*!

Widely considered to be one of the best ever Abba Tribute Acts, the band play to packed theatres and festivals throughout the UK and Europe with a great show which combines costume changes, lighting effects and a faithful reproduction of the Abba sound.

From *Waterloo* to *Dancing Queen* they perform all the greatest hits, so expect plenty of audience participation and sing-a-long moments in this perfect night out!

**Tickets: £22**

Tickets  
selling  
fast

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Dance the night away with standing tickets downstairs, or reserved seating upstairs



Fri 16th Feb, 7.30pm

## MATT FORDE INSIDE NO. 10

Tickets  
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fast

Host of hit political podcast 'The Political Party' Matt Forde explores the dark comedy horror that is British politics, ahead of the next election.

Expect the usual cutting-edge wit from the star of *Spitting Image*, *Have I Got News For You*, and *The Last Leg* – plus some silly voices.

**Tickets: £19.50**

Suitable for ages 14+

Tues 20th Feb, 7.30pm

Macbeth is happy. Happy enough. Then he meets three witches and it all goes downhill pretty damn quickly. Bloodshed, treachery, ghostly apparitions and floating daggers all play their part in this frenetic, chilling and innovative retelling of 'the Scottish Play'.

Following the success of their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Out of Chaos* are back with all the drama, intrigue and madness of *Macbeth* in 80 high-octane minutes with 20 characters brilliantly and boldly brought to life by just two actors.



**Tickets: £5-£25**

through the Pick A Price scheme.

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**Fri 23rd Feb, 7.30pm**

## ALFIE MOORE A FACE FOR RADIO

*Tickets  
selling  
fast*

Thirty years of shift-work, and being punched in the face, had left 'Fair Cop' Alfie with a 'face for radio'. A face not so much 'lived in' as inhabited by squatters with little regard to property maintenance!

A surprising career shift turned middle-aged Alfie from street cop to BBC radio star. But when TV fame beckoned could he grasp it or was it past it?

**Tickets: £20**

*Suitable for ages 14+*

**Sat 24th Feb, 7.30pm**

## BOB HARRIS AND COLIN HALL THE SONGS THE BEATLES GAVE AWAY

BBC's Bob Harris and author/music journalist Colin Hall set out upon an intimate tour based around their mutual love and appreciation of The Beatles, including rare archive from Bob Harris' collection of interviews with Lennon & McCartney.

By 1963 the pair had written so many songs they simply couldn't all be accommodated on just their own Beatles releases, so it made artistic and economic good sense to be offered to other artists such as Cilla Black, Billy

J. Kramer and Tommy Quickly. This is the story behind those songs, the hits, the misses and the demos that the group never released.

**Tickets: £22**



**Wed 28th & Thu 29th Feb, 7.30pm**

## SCUMMY MUMMIES GREATEST HITS

For a decade now, the Scummy Mummies have been touring their hit comedy show to sold-out audiences around the country. Now they're bringing all their most-loved songs, sketches, and stand-up together for a night that will make you laugh till you wee.


Guaranteed to make you feel normal about your parenting skills, or very smug about being child-free. Pop a panty liner in, and let's party!

**Tickets: £23**

*Suitable for ages 18+*





 **Tues 5th Mar, 7.30pm**

**RedCape Theatre present**

## ON TRACK

March 2020. Kit is a resourceful working mother of two who thrives in a fast-paced world, but when lockdown hits, her world shrinks. With the walls closing in, two wheels become her sanctuary, and her escape.

Exploring the effects of isolation on mental health and showing how a simple bicycle can become a vehicle to freedom once again, *On Track* will inspire you to pump up your tyres and ride out on a new adventure too.

**Tickets: £5-£25 through the Pick A Price scheme.**

**See page 19 for details**



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**Thu 7th Mar, 7.30pm**

## MARK WATSON: SEARCH

Mark Watson's 12-year-old son has just got a phone. His 70-year-old dad has been through the most frightening experience of his life. Both a dad and a kid himself, around the midpoint of his life, the *Taskmaster* star and multiple award-winner – now also famous as one-third of YouTube cult sensation *No More Jockeys* – returns.

He'll consider the search for meaning that we're all on, with or without Google. There'll be a lot of jokes, and a show that's different every night.

**Tickets: £22**

*Suitable for  
ages 14+*



**Fri 8th Mar, 7pm**

## CHIPPING NORTON MUSIC FESTIVAL YOUTH JAZZ BAND CHALLENGE

The Theatre is delighted to be hosting this opening event of this year's Chipping Norton Music Festival – The Youth Jazz Band Challenge!

Showcasing youngsters from across the county, come and hear small groups and big bands playing blues, jazz and much more in a bid to be awarded 'Best Youth Jazz Band!'

**Tickets: £5**



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 **Mon 11th Mar, 7.30pm**

## THE WORLD ACCORDING TO KALEB COOPER

Shut the gate! Kaleb Cooper, Chipping Norton's finest celebrity farmer and *Sunday Times* bestselling author, who shot to fame starring in Prime Video series, *Clarkson's Farm*, has decided to conquer his fear of the unknown and embark on his first tour.

Fans can expect Kaleb's strong views on many things – including sheep, Jeremy Clarkson, New York and, crucially, sartorial matters such as hairstyles – especially his own! Join us for this very special fundraising evening celebrating Kaleb's triumphant homecoming!

**Tickets: £48**

*Suitable for ages 10+*



**Thu 14th Mar, 7.30pm**

## THE MAGIC OF TERRY PRATCHETT

Join author and comedian Marc Burrows on a journey through the life and work of Sir Terry Pratchett.

Explore Pratchett's life, influences, impact, wit and wisdom, from his days as a school librarian to his time as a trainee journalist to his untimely death from Alzheimers in 2015.

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Discworld and discover the joy, anger, and delicious cock'n'bull stories of one of the greatest storytellers of all time.

**Warning: includes bad puns and unnecessary footnotes.**

**Tickets: £18**



 **Fri 15th Mar, 7.30pm**

## PRUE LEITH NOTHING IN MODERATION

Nothing is off the menu in this frank, revealing and very funny show as Prue Leith takes audiences through the ups and downs of being a successful restaurateur, novelist, businesswoman and *Great British Bake Off* judge – feeding the rich and famous, cooking for Royalty and even poisoning her clients.

In the second half she will be joined on stage by The Theatre's Chairman, Richard Greaves, who will put questions to Prue from the audience, that they've always wanted to ask, making the show a unique night to remember.





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**SHOP, CAFÉ & BEER!**



**Sat 16th Mar, 7.30pm**

*Wi-Fi Wars* returns with the live comedy game show where you all play along!

Log in with your smartphone or tablet and compete in a range of games, puzzles and quizzes to win the show, and prizes!

Hosted by comedian Steve McNeil (team captain on UK TV's hit comedy/gaming show *Dara O'Briain's Go 8 Bit*) and aided by Guinness World-Record-Breaking tech whizz, the award-winning Rob Sedgebeer!

**Tickets: £16, £8 under 26s**

Suitable for ages 12+



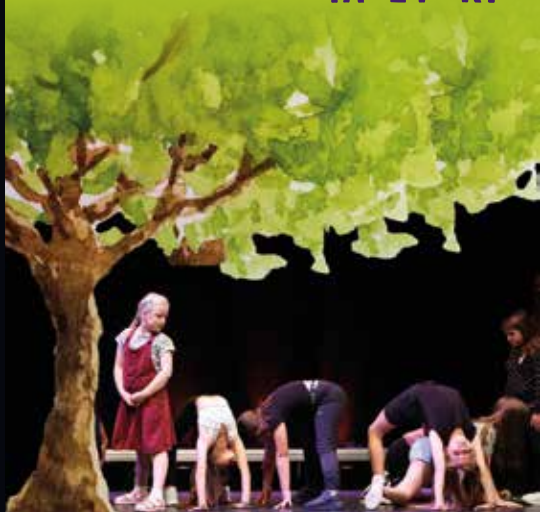
**Mon 18th & Tues 19th Mar, 7pm**

## YOUTH THEATRE SHOWCASE IN FAERIE FOREST

Something is afoot in Faerie Forest, no story is quite what it seems. Did the Pied Piper actually save the town? Did Hansel and Gretel mean to get lost? Join our Youth Theatre as they try to uncover the source of chaos that is changing all our favourite stories.

**Tickets: £7, £5 concs**

**TAKE PART**



**Fri 5th April, 7.30pm**

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN

*The Bar-Steward Sons of Val Doonican* claim to be the UK's hardest working comedy folk band, and with close to 1300 shows under their belts, from Glasgow to Glastonbury, you can see exactly why! This cult-like collective of knit-wear enthusiasts have a talent for creating comedy parodies of famous songs on folk instruments.

They are bringing their anarchic live show to Chipping Norton and they promise that they will rock you... but gently!

**Tickets: £20**

Suitable for ages 14+



*Tickets  
selling  
fast*



Wed 17th April, 7.30pm

## 20 YEARS OF HOT FINGERS



Twenty years ago, two veterans of the jazz scene (Thomas 'Spats' Langham and Malcolm Sked) got together with a very talented local musician ( Danny Blyth ) to play some gypsy jazz and blues and *Hot Fingers* was born.

As more instruments were added to the band (alongside Emily Campbell as singer), the repertoire expanded to cover hot 1920s jazz, swing, ragtime and novelties.

Don't miss an evening of exceptional talent and fun is guaranteed.

**Tickets: £17.50**

LIVE



Fri 19th April, 7.30pm

## I'M SORRY I'LL READ THAT AGAIN... AGAIN

After a sell-out UK tour and a 4-part series on BBC Radio 4, *I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again... Again!* returns to The Theatre for one final tribute show to celebrate the late cast members Tim Brooke-Taylor and Jo Kendall.

It's 60 years since the show was first broadcast, so this is a big celebration full of jokes, songs (and gibbon stuffing!)

Join us for a final celebration of this classic BBC Radio comedy that directly spawned *Monty Python* and *The Goodies*.

**Tickets: £18.50**



Sat 20th April, 7.30pm

Take a trip down memory lane as you re-live the story lines of two cult 80s and 90s films and all the fantastic music of *The Commitments* and *The Blues Brothers* in a full live-band experience.

Plenty of laughs, crazy dance moves and loads of great Soul, Blues, and even a little Country and Western music take you from Dublin Soul meets Chicago Blues. in a night to truly remember.

**Tickets: £21**



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Fri 26th April, 7.30pm

## RORY BREMNER IN CONVERSATION WITH GRAEME GARDEN



Join one of the nation's sharpest and funniest impressionists and satirists, and four-time BAFTA winner, Rory Bremner, for an evening of light hearted conversation, comedy and political take-downs. With a repertoire of over 100 of the best and worst personalities, this very special fiftieth anniversary fundraising event will be the perfect tonic for unsettled times. Rory will be joined on stage by star of *The Goodies* and *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*, Graeme Garden.

**'A one-man opposition party'**

*Daily Telegraph*

**Tickets: £25**



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**Thu 2nd & Fri 3rd May, 7.30pm**  
**Sat 4th May, 2.30pm & 7.30pm**

## HOUDINI'S GREATEST ESCAPE

Harry Houdini is the world's greatest entertainer.

Just as his death-defying escapology stunts have him on the cusp of a career-defining performance for King Edward, he finds himself framed for murder by a gang of criminals in cahoots with the chief of police. Can Harry escape the plot and clear his name? And how is their rival, The Superstar Spiritualist medium, involved?

All will be revealed in this hilarious 39 Steps-esque thriller, played out in Chippy favourite's New Old Friends' (*Crimes on Centre Court, Crimes Camera Action*) inimitable, award-winning style of physical comedy, sparkling wit and just a touch of chaos.

**Tickets: £20, £16 conc**  
*Suitables for ages 12+*



Praise for New Old Friend's  
previous shows:

*Celebrations of  
theatricality...  
worthy of  
The 39 Steps.*

*The Times*



Fri 10th May, 7.30pm

## AN AUDIENCE WITH JULIET STEVENSON

One of our best loved actresses, Juliet Stevenson lets us into the secrets of her craft and tells the story of her glittering career.

Famous for her BAFTA nominated role in *Truly, Madly, Deeply* and her appearances in *Bend It Like Beckham* and *Emma*, she won an Olivier Award for *Death and the Maiden* and is celebrated as much for her time on stage as for her success on screen.

A veteran of the Royal Shakespeare Company and National Theatre, Juliet studied at RADA. Along with colleagues including Alan Rickman, Kenneth Branagh and Imelda Staunton, she was part of the 'new wave' of actors to emerge from the Academy.

**Tickets: Premium £29, Standard £26**



Sat 18th May, various times between 11am and 6pm

FarmED and Chipping Norton Theatre present

## 'AS I WAS A WALKING'

THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND STORIES OF RURAL OXFORDSHIRE



**FarmED**  
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Revel in the past, present and future of the Oxfordshire countryside, with a performance walk around the stunning surroundings of Honeydale Farm – home of the award-winning, not-for-profit organisation, FarmED.

Explore the fields, hedgerows and barns to discover live renditions of local folk songs, stories and poetry, including passages from our forthcoming production of Flora Thompson's *Lark Rise*.

Walks depart at 20 minute intervals between 11am and 6pm, and last around 75 minutes. Locally sourced food and drinks will be available throughout the day in FarmED's acclaimed organic café. Dress for all weathers and bring footwear you can explore in!

**Tickets: £16**

**Location: FarmED, Shipton under Wychwood, OX7 6BJ**







**Thu 16th & Fri 17th May, 7.30pm**  
**Sat 18th May, 2.30pm & 7.30pm**

**CHAOS present**

## EVITA

As Eva Duarte, a child born into poverty, she followed her dreams of becoming an actress. As Eva Perón, she captured the hearts of Argentina's working classes and became one of the most powerful women in the world.

Including some of the most well-known songs written for the theatre such as *Oh What A Circus* and *Don't Cry For Me Argentina*, Chipping Norton Amateur Operatic Society (CHAOS) celebrate 50 years since their first production with their biggest undertaking yet!

**Tickets: £19, £17 matinee**  
*Supporting our local community*



**Sun 19th May, 7.30pm**

## JO CAULFIELD HERE COMES TROUBLE

Hot on the heels of her sell-out Edinburgh Fringe run, Jo Caulfield returns to Chippy with brilliant routines and fantastically embarrassing stories.

Audiences can expect razor-sharp observations and scandalous one liners as Jo gets her claws into everything and everyone. From yelling at strangers on trains, to discussing ridiculous sexual fantasies and annoying her neighbours, Jo doesn't mean to cause trouble; she just has the nerve to say out loud what everyone else is thinking!

**Tickets: £20**  
*Suitable for ages 16+*



**Sat 25th May, 7.30pm**

## BALLET CENTRAL

Experience the magic of live ballet, right on your doorstep as *Ballet Central* return to The Theatre in 2024.

The tour's exciting mixed bill is performed by dance talents from the world-renowned Central School of Ballet and features much-loved classical ballet alongside exciting contemporary pieces and some brand-new work, created especially for you. Each year the *Ballet Central* tour brings the joys of dance to theatres across the country, inviting audiences to an evening of excitement, inspiration, and entertainment.

**Tickets: £18, £15 concs**





Fri 31st May, 7.30pm

## ROSIE HOLT IT'S POLITAINMENT

The worse the political career, the more lucrative the subsequent entertainment opportunities. Matt Hancock may have slaughtered millions but now he's making a killing. So can Rosie Holt's viral hit MP follow "politainers" Dorries, Farage and Rees-Mogg and leap from the pages of *Hansard* to *Heat*?

Following a hugely successful Edinburgh Fringe season, Rosie takes this brand-new show on the road, to tightrope the thin line between politics and entertainment.

**'The Thick of It levels of writing and performance applied to a very current flavour of political bullsh\*t'**

*The Times*

**Tickets: £20**

*Suitable for ages 14+*

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Two epic community theatre productions, bringing together a huge cast of professional and amateur actors and musicians to celebrate fifty years of The Theatre. Both shows are performed in immersive promenade, surrounding you with the action in a transformed theatre auditorium.

# LARK RISE



**Thu 6th & Fri 7th June, 7.30pm  
Sat 8th June, 2.30pm & 7.30pm  
Sun 9th June, 2.30pm**

**By Keith Dewhurst, from the book by Flora Thompson**

A summer's morning at the close of the 19th century. 14 year old Laura, half playful, half astute, journeys through the first day of harvest to meet an extraordinary, eccentric and loveable cast of characters.

From field-workers' chants in golden cornfields to long-lost songs in smoky taverns, the songs, laughter and everyday tragedies of the villagers of *Lark Rise* will immerse you in a forgotten, rural England.

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# BARN DANCE

## TICKETS

One show: £17, under 26 £10

Both shows: £30, under 26 £15

**DOWNSTAIRS:** Immersive promenade standing tickets – you can move around the auditorium to follow the action, with some standing and some temporary seating.

**UPSTAIRS:** Reserved seating (restricted view) – for those unable to promenade.

**ACCESS:** Contact the Box Office for further access information.

**Mon 17th -Thu 20th June, 7.30pm**

**By Mike Bartlett**

A sparkling, touching new play from the multi-Olivier Award winning and BAFTA nominated writer of *King Charles III*, *Press* and *Doctor Foster*.

Echoing the themes of *Lark Rise*, *Barn Dance* traces the imagined history of an Oxfordshire barn and those that work and live there. Across a century of history that begins with the conscription of farmhands to fight in World War II, and ends with installation of a kitchen with underfloor heating, *Barn Dance* is a celebration of Oxfordshire – all that it is, and all that has changed along the way.

**Post-Show Talk: Farming for the future, 17th June**

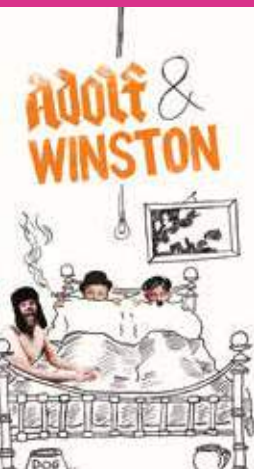
What does the future hold for farming in Oxfordshire? How are farming practices changing and can we regenerate our rural environment? Join expert speakers from FarmEd, Matthews Cotswold Flour and Bruern Farms to discuss what's next for the place we call home.

*Sponsored by Bruern Farms*





# COMING SOON



 **Fri 28th June, 7.30pm**

Chippy favourite's *Living Spit* are back walking the tightrope of taste and decency with another slice of poorly-researched comedic history about two of the most famous leaders of all time.

**Tickets: £5-£25 through the Pick A Price scheme**  
Suitable for ages 16+



 **Sat 6th July, 7.30pm**

## PETE FIRMAN TRIKTOK



*TrikTok* takes Pete's magic from the small screen to the stage and gives audiences a chance to see his critically-acclaimed magical skills in the flesh.

**Tickets: £19.50, £16.50**  
**concs**  
Suitable for ages 11+

 **Tues 2nd July, 7.30pm**

## SOPHIE DUKER AND CHLOE PETTS

**Tickets: £12**  
Suitable for ages 14+

Comedy stars Sophie Duker and Chloe Petts preview their Edinburgh Fringe shows, in a comedy double bill not to be missed!



 **Sun 14th July, 7.30pm**

## THE BOOTLEG SHADOWS

For anyone who loves the sounds of the 60s – and enjoys a few laughs on the way – this is a unique tribute that has audiences humming the tunes and doing the Shadows famous 'walk' long after they have left the Theatre.

**Tickets: £19.50**



 **Fri 5th July, 7.30pm**

## GO YOUR OWN WAY

Fleetwood Mac's rock n roll legacy is beautifully performed by a highly talented and acclaimed ensemble of musicians who will take audiences on a powerful journey through their incredible song book.

**Tickets: £22**



**Thu 25th July, 7.30pm**

## KIRI PRITCHARD-MCLEAN: PEACOCK

Star of *Live at the Apollo*, *Have I Got News For You* and *QI*, Kiri Pritchard-McLean is back with a brand new tour, her funniest and most personal to date.

**Tickets: £17**  
Suitable for ages 14+







# PICK A PRICE

**We at The Theatre Chipping Norton believe passionately that art and entertainment should be for everyone. Therefore, we are proud to be continuing our programme of *Pick A Price* events.**



Whilst we try and keep our ticket prices generally affordable, we know that cost remains a barrier for some (especially in the current circumstances), and the *Pick A Price* model offers people who can afford to pay the recommended price, or more, the chance to support others who can't.

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Thu 26th–Sat 28th & Mon 30th Sept, 7.30pm

Sat 28th, 2.30pm (relaxed performance) 

Tue 1st–Sat 5th Oct, 7.30pm

Thu 3rd & Sat 5th Oct, 2.30pm

**Chipping Norton Theatre presents**

# MURDER

## for Two

A Novel MUSICAL COMEDY

*by Kellen Blair and Joe Kinosian*

**Chippy  
Theatre  
Original**

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## THEY PUT THE *Laughter* IN MANSLAUGHTER

An anarchic musical murder mystery with a twist: one actor investigates the crime, whilst the other plays *all* the suspects! And they both play the piano throughout!

When the body of an acclaimed novelist is discovered at his birthday party, all the guests fall under suspicion. Can local beat-cop and wannabe detective Officer Marcus solve the mystery before the experts arrive?

With non-stop live music from a shared piano, and plenty of murder and mayhem thrown in, *Murder for Two* is impossible to resist.

**Tickets: £18, £15 concs**



Sat Oct 19th, doors open at 7pm

# THE THEATRE FEAST



COME ONE AND COME ALL TO  
CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY WITH  
THE FIRST EVER THEATRE FEAST!

The auditorium and the stage will be set with tables laden with a delicious feast from acclaimed local open-fire wizards, **Pit Kitchen**, who specialise in gourmet, locally sourced, seasonal street food, with plentiful vegetarian and vegan options. The feast will be accompanied by irreverent, colourful entertainment, including some grown-up silliness from everyone's favourite clown, **Tweedy** (*Giffords Circus*).

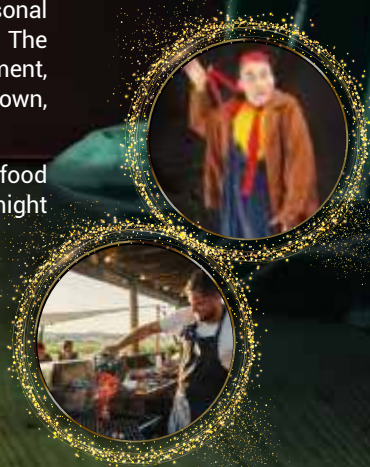
Join theatre staff, friends and supporters for a night of fun, food and fundraising to celebrate our wonderful Theatre... there might even be a birthday cake!

**Tickets: Suggested price £80\***

*All tickets include a 3 course sharing menu from Pit Kitchen, welcome drink and a night of entertainment.*

*\*Minimum ticket price: £60.*

*You are invited to add a suggested donation of £20  
– see website for full details*







# CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FAMILY

Sat 17th Feb, 2.30pm

Box Tale Soup present

## ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND

Follow Alice on her remarkable journey down the rabbit hole, as she comes face to face with her own imagination and perhaps the author of her dreams.

Featuring a dozen colourful handmade puppets, a beautiful set that unfolds from a vintage trunk and magical original music, young and old alike will find magic in Wonderland and make it safely home – the only danger is, you may not want to leave!

**Tickets: £13.50, £11.50 under 16s**

Suitable for ages 3+

Last here  
with *The  
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Willows* in  
2023

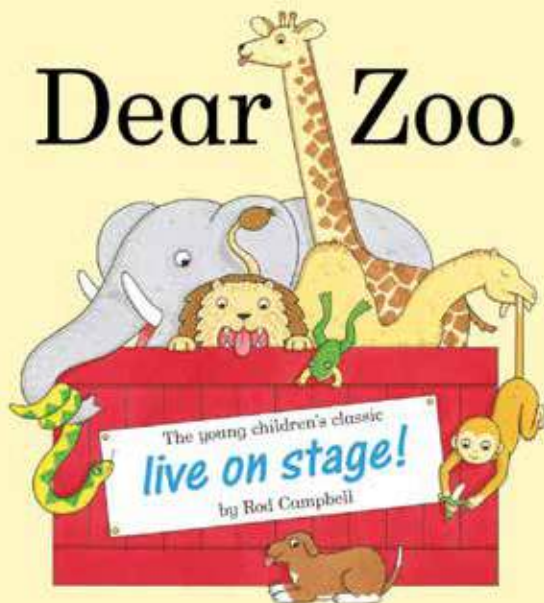


Fri 22nd Mar, 1pm & 4pm (relaxed performance)

Sat 23rd Mar, 11am & 2pm



## Dear Zoo.



Ben and Sally are searching for the perfect pet, but instead the zoo send a far too big elephant, a far too grumpy camel, and a far too jumpy frog. Whatever will they send next!

With lots of laughs and audience interaction, *Dear Zoo* is the perfect introduction to theatre for young children. Join us and find out whether the zoo will send the perfect pet... in the end!

**Tickets: £15.50, £13.50 under 16s**

Suitable for ages 2+



**Fri 5th April, 10am,  
11.30am, 1pm &  
2.30pm**

## The BRICK People™

### Love LEGO®?

Join The Brick People for a series of hour long free-flow LEGO® workshops

Events consist of various LEGO® activity tables, some containing self-building activities such as mosaics, and other tables featuring monitored activities such as a timed speed or tower build, where names of the builders are entered onto a leader board for the day for all to see. There are also a selection of amazing official and unofficial LEGO® creations by The BRICK People and the wider LEGO® hobbyist community.

**Tickets: £7.50 per session**



**Thu 11th April, 11am & 1pm**

## CHOOGH CHOOGH

**All aboard for a delightful train journey through India!**

*Chooch Chooch* is a family-friendly show inspired by the joy for travelling through India on a train. It combines classical Indian dance with contemporary movement, theatre and play, sharing with audiences a world full of colour, invention and flow.

Three artists weave a traveling tapestry with three scarves and original songs evoking the sights, sounds and smells of the train, hawkers, festivals, musicians, rivers, jungles and cities.

Along the way as your train ticket gets checked and imaginary food is sold and shared, this show is an exploration of just how much we can see and imagine, together, as the train chooghs chooghs on.

**Tickets: £9.50**

*Suitable for ages 2+*



**Tues 21st May, 8pm**

## THE SWING NINJAS @ MERRISCOURT

Blending vocal harmonies and a mix of New Orleans' swing and vintage UK jazz, *The Swing Ninjas* provide an authentic, up-to-date approach to the sound of a raucous 1930s band.

100 year-old music is given a breath of fresh air by the highly skilled energetic performance, group vocal harmonies, immaculate dress and tongue-in-cheek charm of the band. This is not stagnant swing and jazz as you know it – the sweat and passion is real.

**Tickets: £24**



**Wed 17th July, 8pm**

## MOSCOW DRUG CLUB @ MERRISCOURT

Imagine having a few to drink and staggering arm in arm into the darkness of an eastern European cobbled street and stumbling into a bar where Django Reinhardt and Tom Waits are having an after-hours jam with the local Tziganes.

Combining their original material with songs by the likes of Jaques Brel, Tom Waits, Leonard Cohen & Eartha Kitt, *Moscow Drug Club* deliver an intoxicating and intimate musical experience.

**Tickets: £24**







Wed 10th July, 7pm

# THE COMEDY OF ERRORS



## @ NEWBARN FARM

Pedalling from venue to venue with all of their set, props and costumes on the back of their bikes, the *HandleBards* are a four-strong troupe of actors who are spending the summer bringing environmentally sustainable Shakespeare to venues across the UK.

Join the troupe at Newbarn Farm for a bicycle-powered production of Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* like you've never seen before. When two sets of estranged twins are brought together on the same island, this classic comedy takes hold, with mistaken identity, music and manic costume changes a plenty.

**Tickets: £20, £16 concs**

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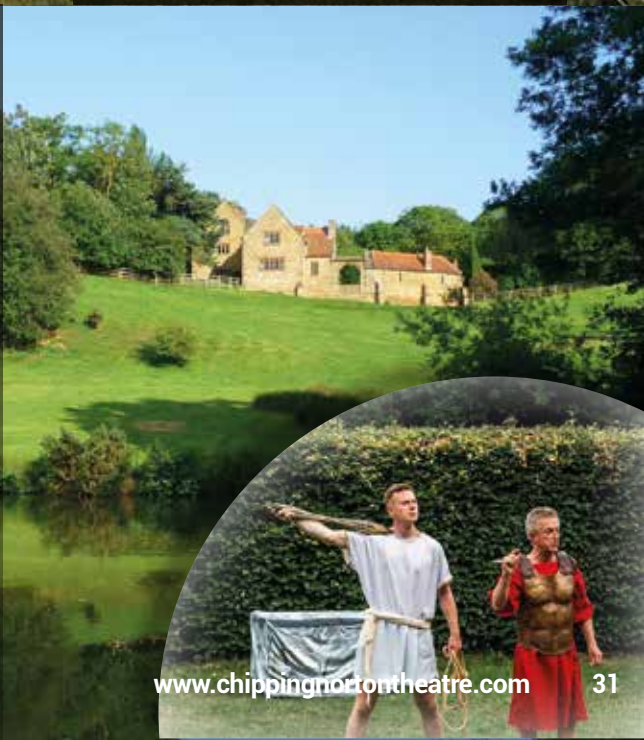
Sat 3rd Aug, 7pm  
Sun 4th Aug, 2pm & 6pm

## THE MIKADO @ HEATH FARM

Chippy favourites *Opera Anywhere* relocate the classic Gilbert and Sullivan opera *The Mikado* to Ancient Rome in a sparkingly clever story with twists and turns at every scene.

Familiar characters, including the Lord High Executioner, Koko and Nanki-Poo, find themselves in a new setting as they compete for the hand of Yum Yum, whilst trying not to fall foul of the emperor's displeasure and lose their head!

**Tickets: £20, £16 concs**



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# FILM

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## Off The Beaten Track

A programme of independent and innovative cinema from across the world. Look out for this symbol for discounted tickets and world-class movies.



## Audio Description

Many of our films are available with audio description for those who are blind or partially sighted. Please check in advance with Box Office whether a film has audio description available.



Sat 6th, Sun 7th, Tues 9th  
& Thu 18th Jan, 7.30pm  
Mon 8th Jan, 7.30pm (subtitled)  
**NAPOLEON (15)**

Ridley Scott, 158 mins

Napoleon is an original and personal look at Napoleon's origins and his swift, ruthless climb to emperor, viewed through the prism of his addictive and often volatile relationship with his wife and one true love, Josephine. Joaquin Phoenix (*Joker*) stars as the extraordinary military leader and war visionary in a film that captures his famous battles, relentless ambition and astounding strategic mind, from visionary director Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*).



Fri 19th Jan, 7.30pm  
Sat 20th Jan 2pm  
Sat 20th Jan, 7.30pm (subtitled)  
Sun 21st Jan, 4pm

**WONKA (PG)**

Paul King, 140 mins

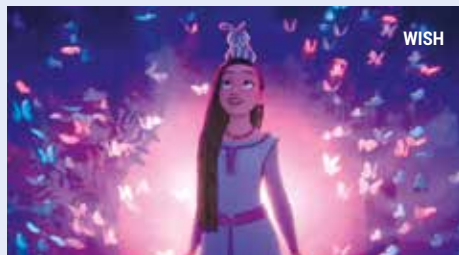
Based on the extraordinary character at the centre of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Wonka tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today. This irresistibly vivid and inventive big screen spectacle will introduce audiences to a young Willy Wonka, chockfull of ideas and determined to change the world one delectable bite at a time-proving that the best things in life begin with a dream.



Sun 21st Jan, 10.30am  
**WISH (PG)**

Chris Buck, 92 mins

Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it is answered by a cosmic force – a little ball of boundless energy called Star. Together, Asha and Star confront a most formidable foe – the ruler of Rosas, King Magnifico – to save her community and prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, astonishing things can happen.





**Fri 26th, Mon 29th, Tues 30th  
& Wed 31st Jan, 7.30pm  
Sun 28th Jan, 7.30pm (subtitled)**

**ONE LIFE (12A)**

**James Hawes, 109 mins**

Johnny Flynn, Helena Bonham-Carter and the great Anthony Hopkins lead a powerful reminder of the power of individual acts in defence of human rights, even when all seems lost. Retiree Nicholas Winton lives with the haunting feeling that he's not made a great difference in the world. Yet, on the eve of the Second World War, Nicholas, along with the help of his firebrand mother and the generosity of the British public, embarked on an ambitious project, saving 669 children from a horrific fate.



**Thu 1st Feb, 7.30pm**

**COMMON GROUND: FILM SCREENING AND  
GREENHAM WOMEN MEMORY SHARE (PG)**

*Women Against the Bomb* is Sonia Gonzalez's prize-winning documentary about the impact of the Greenham Women, reflected through interviews and footage from women who took action and never looked back.

Join us for a film screening followed by a Q&A with Greenham child and author of *Out of the Darkness* Rebecca Mordan as well as other Greenham Women who will discuss their first-hand experiences of Greenham Common.



**Mon 5th Feb, 7.30pm  
MAESTRO (15)**

**Bradley Cooper, 129 mins**

Bradley Cooper (*A Star Is Born*) and Carey Mulligan (*An Education*) star in a glorious symphony of life and art. The great Leonard Bernstein was one of the towering figures of 20th-century American culture. The composer of *West Side Story* and the first American conductor to receive international acclaim, Bernstein was a titan of the classical world. *Maestro* follows his life through the prism of his 30-year marriage to Chilean-American actor Felicia Montalegre, weaving the couple's story into the fabric of American cultural and political life.



**Fri 9th & Sun 11th Feb, 7.30pm  
Tues 13th Feb, 7.30pm (Subtitled)**

**POOR THINGS (15)**

**Yorgos Lanthimos, 141 mins**

From Yorgos Lanthimos (*The Favourite*) comes the incredible tale of Bella Baxter (Oscar-winner Emma Stone), a young woman brought back to life by an unorthodox scientist. Hungry for the worldliness she is lacking, Bella runs off with a slick and debauched lawyer, on a whirlwind adventure across the continents. Free from the prejudices of her times, Bella grows steadfast in her purpose to stand for equality and liberation.





FERRARI



Thu 15th Feb, 7.30pm

## FERRARI (15)

*Michael Mann, 130 mins*

Adam Driver and Penelope Cruz lead the cast of this dramatic sports biopic. In the summer of 1957, ex-Formula 1 racer Enzo Ferrari is in crisis. Bankruptcy threatens the factory he and his wife, Laura built from nothing and their volatile marriage has been battered by the loss of their son a year earlier. Meanwhile, his passion to win pushes them to the edge as they launch into the treacherous 1,000-mile race across Italy, the Mille Miglia.

**"An electrifying ride" ★★★★★** *Telegraph*



PRISCILLA



Sun 25th Feb, 7.30pm

## PRISCILLA (15)

*Sofia Coppola, 113 mins*

When teenage Priscilla Beaulieu meets Elvis Presley at a party, the man who is already a meteoric rock-and-roll superstar becomes someone entirely unexpected in private moments. Through Priscilla's eyes, the film tells the unseen side of a great American myth in Elvis and Priscilla's long courtship and turbulent marriage, from a German army base to his dream-world estate at Graceland, in this deeply felt and ravishingly detailed portrait of love, fantasy, and fame.



Fri 1st & Sat 2nd Mar, 7.30pm

## ALL OF US STRANGERS (15)

*Andrew Haigh, 105 mins*

One night in his near-empty tower block in contemporary London, Adam has a chance encounter with a mysterious neighbour Harry, which punctures the rhythm of his everyday life. As a relationship develops between them, Adam finds himself drawn back to the suburban town where he grew up, and the childhood home where his parents appear to be living, just as they were on the day they died, 30 years before.

**"Andrew Scott and Paul Mescal's chemistry is off the charts" *Telegraph***



Sat 17th & Wed 21st Feb, 7.30pm

## THE HOLDOVERS (15)

*Alexander Payne, 133 mins*

With nowhere to go for Christmas, teacher Paul Hunham remains at school to supervise students unable to journey home. After a few days, only one remains – a trouble-making 15-year-old named Angus. Joining them is head cook Mary – a woman whose son was recently lost in Vietnam. They form an unlikely trio, helping one another understand that they are not beholden to their past, and they can choose their own futures.



THE HOLDOVERS



ALL OF US STRANGERS



THE COLOR  
PURPLE



**Sun 3rd & Wed 6th Mar, 7.30pm**

## THE COLOR PURPLE (12A)



*Blitz Bazawule, 140 mins*

Torn apart from her sister and her children, Celie faces many hardships in life, including an abusive husband. With support from a sultry singer named Shug Avery, as well as her stand-her-ground stepdaughter, Celie ultimately finds extraordinary strength in the unbreakable bonds of a new kind of sisterhood.

Based on the musical adaptation of the hit 1985 Steven Spielberg movie, *The Color Purple* is a decades-spanning tale of love and resilience.



**Sun 17th & Wed 20th Mar, 7.30pm**

## THE ZONE OF INTEREST (15)

*Jonathan Glazer, 106 mins*

*In German with English subtitles*

An Auschwitz commandant and his wife strive to build a good life for their small family in a pavilion with a garden not far from the camp. When a mutation comes to threaten everything they have built, his wife refuses to leave the house of their dreams. Based on the best-selling book by Martin Amis, *The Zone of Interest* explores how evil can flourish in the most mundane circumstances.

**"Devastating and vital" ★★★★★** *Telegraph*



THE ZONE OF  
INTEREST



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**Sat 9th Mar, 7.30pm**

## A SCREENING OF MICHAEL PALIN IN CONVERSATION WITH GRAEME GARDEN

Spend an evening watching one of Britain's national treasures, Sir Michael Palin, as he shares stories from his remarkable life with his old friend, Graeme Garden.

Best known for being a member of *Monty Python*, Michael is a successful actor, travel writer and author and was Knighted in 1919 for services to travel, culture and geography. Graeme Garden perhaps most famously wrote and starred in *The Goodies*, and was appointed OBE in 2011 for services to light entertainment.



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for more info.*

**Tickets: £21**

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WICKED LITTLE LETTERS



**Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd Mar, 7.30pm**  
**Sun 24th Mar, 7.30pm (subtitled)**

### WICKED LITTLE LETTERS (15)

*Thea Sharrock, 102 mins*

Rose Gooding has little in common with Edith Swan, aside from them being neighbours in the seaside town of Littlehampton. But one day, Edith starts receiving scandalous letters written with foul language, and she immediately accuses Rose of being behind them. As Rose stands to lose the custody of her daughter, and outrageous letters continue to blight the town, the police suspect something is amiss - causing the women of the town band together to catch the real culprit..



DUNE PART II



**Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd April, 7.30pm**  
**DUNE PART II (15)**

*Denis Villeneuve, 150 mins*

*Dune Part II* will explore the mythic journey of Paul Atreides as he unites with Chani and the Fremen while on a warpath of revenge against the conspirators who destroyed his family. Facing a choice between the love of his life and the fate of the known universe, he endeavours to prevent a terrible future only he can foresee. Timothee Chalamet and Rebecca Ferguson return for the next instalment of the epic saga, alongside newcomers Florence Pugh and Christopher Walken.



**Wed 27th Mar, 7.30pm**  
**THE TASTE OF THINGS (12A)**

*Anh Hung Tran, 145 mins*

*In French with English subtitles*

*The Taste of Things* follows the relationship between Eugenie (Juliette Binoche), an esteemed cook, and Dodin, the gourmet she has been working for over the last 20 years. As they grow fonder of one another, their bond turns into a romance and gives rise to delicious dishes that impress even the world's most illustrious chefs. When Dodin is faced with Eugenie's reluctance to commit to him, he decides to start cooking for her.



**Sat 11th May, 7.30pm**  
**ROCKETMAN WITH WINE**

The Theatre team up with The Wine Events Company once again to present a fun and unique showing of the musical hit *Rocketman*.

Tony Elvin hosts this taste-along screening of the hit musical fantasy about the story of Elton John's breakthrough years, featuring five delicious 'Elton themed' wines and some fun movie trivia served at appropriately timed moments throughout the movie.

**Tickets: £28.50**  
**Over 18s only**



THE TASTE OF THINGS



ROCKETMAN



## CINEMA BAMBINO

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A film club for parents & carers  
and their babies.

**Tickets: £5.00, bambino free.**

**Thu 25th Jan, 10.30am**

**WONKA (PG)**

**Thu 8th Feb, 10.30am**

**ONE LIFE (12A)**

**Thu 22nd Feb, 10.30am**

**POOR THINGS (15)**

**Thu 28th Mar, 10.30am**

**WICKED LITTLE LETTERS (15)**



## RELAXED SCREENINGS

Open to all but with changes made  
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**Tickets: £5.00, carer free.**



**Mon 22nd Jan, 10.30am**

**WONKA (PG)**

**Mon 5th Feb, 10.30am**

**ONE LIFE (12A)**

**Mon 4th Mar, 10.30am**

**THE COLOR PURPLE (12A)**



## SCREENINGS

**All tickets £18.50 (unless otherwise stated)**



**Wed 24th Jan, 6.45pm**

**RUSALKA (12A)**

*Ann Yee & Natalie Abrahami, 225 mins*  
*Sung in Czech with English subtitles*

Rusalka, a water spirit, lives with her family in the pure waters of the forest lake. When she falls in love with a Prince, she sacrifices her voice and leaves her home in the hope of finding true love in a new world – a world that does not love her back. Natalie Abrahami and Ann Yee create a poetic, contemporary new staging of Dvořák's lyric fairy tale, revealing our uneasy relationship with the natural world and humanity's attempts to own and tame it.



**Thu 25th Jan, 7pm**

**Sun 28th Jan, 2pm**

**DEAR ENGLAND (15)**

*Rupert Goold, 160 mins*

With the worst track record for penalties in the world, Gareth Southgate knows he needs to open his mind and face up to the years of hurt, to take team and country back to the promised land.

Joseph Fiennes (*The Handmaid's Tale*) plays Gareth Southgate in James Graham's (*Sherwood*) gripping examination of nation and game.



**Sun 4th Feb, 7pm**

## **KINKY BOOTS THE MUSICAL (12A)**

*Jerry Mitchell, 132 mins*

Charlie is a factory owner struggling to save his family business, and Lola is a fabulous entertainer with a wildly exciting idea. With a little compassion and a lot of understanding, this unexpected pair learn to embrace their differences and create a line of sturdy stilettos unlike any the world has ever seen!

This unmissable musical theatre event celebrates a joyous story of British grit, taking you from the factory floor of Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan!

**Tickets: £18.50, £13.50 concs**



**Wed 14th & Sun 18th Feb, 7pm**

## **MY FAVOURITE THINGS (12A)**

*Christopher Gattelli, run time tbc*

Don't miss the official celebration of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, which will showcase stars such as Michael Ball and Audra McDonald performing the most iconic songs from *Oklahoma!*, *The Sound of Music* and many more.

This landmark event also features a 40 piece orchestra, a West End chamber choir and surprise guest appearances – the perfect treat for all musical theatre fans!

**Tickets: £18.50, £13.50 concs**



**Sun 11th Feb, 2pm**

## **MANON (12A)**

*Kenneth Macmillan, 195 mins*

This adaptation of Abbé Prévost's novel embodies Kenneth MacMillan at his best, his acute insight into human psychology and his mastery of narrative choreography finding full expression in the impassioned duets of the central couple, visceral and urgent in their desire. The heroine's struggle to escape poverty make Manon one of the most dramatic and devastating of ballets, emphasized by Nicholas Georgiadis' evocative designs that reflect the juxtaposition between Manon's impoverished origins and the lavish world she longs to inhabit.



**Thu 22nd Feb, 7pm**

**Sun 25th Feb, 2pm**

## **VANYA (15)**

*Sam Yates, 110 mins*

Hopes, dreams and regrets are thrust into sharp focus in this one-man adaptation which explores the complexities of human emotions.

Andrew Scott (*Fleabag*) brings multiple characters to life in Simon Stephens' (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*) radical new version of Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*.

**"Andrew Scott is astonishing"**

★★★★★ *Time Out*



**Sun 10th Mar, 7pm**

## **TITANIC THE MUSICAL (12A)**

*Thom Southerland, 160 mins*

Winner of 5 Tony Awards (including Best Musical), *Titanic The Musical* is a stunning production focusing on the hopes and dreams of the passengers who each boarded with stories and personal ambitions of their own. All innocently unaware of the fate awaiting them, the Third Class immigrants dream of a better life in America, the Second Class imagine they too can join the lifestyles of the rich and famous, whilst the millionaire Barons of the First Class anticipate legacies lasting forever.

**Tickets: £18.50, £13.50 concs**



**Thu 18th April, 7pm**

## **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS THE MUSICAL (PG)**

*Christopher Wheeldon, 155 mins*

Jerry Mulligan is an American GI striving to make it as a painter in a city suddenly bursting with hope and possibility. Following a chance encounter with a beautiful young dancer named Lise, the streets of Paris become the backdrop to a sensuous, modern romance of art, friendship and love in the aftermath of war...

With a record-setting 28 five-star reviews from critics, *An American in Paris* is coming from London's West End back to the big screen for one night only!

**Tickets: £18.50, £13.50 concs**



**Tues 26th Mar, 7.15pm**

## **MADAMA BUTTERFLY (12A)**

*Moshe Leiser & Patrice Caurier, 195 mins*  
*Sung in Italian with English subtitles*

When the young geisha, Cio-Cio-San, marries American Naval Officer Pinkerton, she believes she is entering a real, binding marriage for life. Forsaking her religion and community, she learns all too late that for Pinkerton, their marriage is merely an illusion – with tragic consequences. With a soaring score, Giacomo Puccini's opera is entrancing and ultimately heart-breaking.

## **SCREENINGS ALSO ON SALE**

**Sun 14th April, 2pm**

### **ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: MACMILLAN CELEBRATED (12A)**

**Wed 24th April, 7.15pm**

### **ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: SWAN LAKE (12A)**

**Wed 1st May, 6.45pm**

### **ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: CARMEN (12A)**

**Tues 21st May, 7pm**

**Sun 26th May, 2pm**

### **42ND STREET THE MUSICAL (12A)**



Financial assistance is available for Take Part activities through the Tony and Judith Yarrow Bursaries. Please contact 01608 649112 for more information.

# TAKE PART

WITH THE THEATRE CHIPPING NORTON

## LITTLE LIMELIGHTS

**Wednesdays, 10am – 11am**

**6 months – 5 years**

Discover the magic of creativity for your little one! Join our NEW early years group for fun, games, stories and song to dive into the world of Theatre!

**Tickets: Five-week term £32.50**



Little Limelights



## YOUTH THEATRE

**Mondays – Fridays, from 4.15pm**

**7-18 years**

Our renowned Youth Theatre has been running for over 30 years! Our groups meet weekly during term time and sessions aim to develop performance skills, imagination and creativity whilst also improving self-confidence and well-being. All members have the tremendous benefit of meeting at our professional theatre venue with access to experienced practitioners and professional technicians. There is no audition process in order to take part and we are fully inclusive of experience and ability. Members have the wonderful opportunity to perform in an annual showcase on The Theatre's stage.

**Tickets: Ten-week term £85**



## YT OPEN

**Tuesdays, 3.45pm – 5.15pm**

*7-14 year olds*

YT Open is a new youth theatre for young people who might need a little extra support. If your child has additional needs, anxiety or any other form of support need, or if you think a more relaxed group would be the right fit for them, please get in touch with Clare O'Hara Head of Outreach at [cohara@chippingnortontheatre.com](mailto:cohara@chippingnortontheatre.com) or on 01608 649112 to find out more about YT Open. Free to access.

## YOUTH MUSICAL THEATRE

**Mondays, 4.15pm–5.15pm** *5–7 years*

Tickets: Ten-week term £82

**Mondays, 5.15pm–6.15pm** *8–10 years*

Tickets: Ten-week term £82

**Thursdays, 4.15pm–5.45pm** *11–16 years*

Tickets: Ten-week term £86

These weekly sessions concentrate on singing and dancing, offering young people a taste of musical theatre and the chance to work as part of an ensemble. Helping to develop performance techniques whilst also promoting exercise, improving self-confidence and collaborative skills these sessions offer each member the opportunity to perform on The Theatre's stage.



## SATURDAY DRAMA

**Saturdays, 10.45am–11.45am**

*5-7 years*

These fun and collaborative sessions introduce our youngest members to the magical world of theatre where they will learn all the basic skills along the way. The sessions aim to build confidence and creativity whilst exploring improvisation, mime, storytelling and character development.

Tickets: Ten-week term £78





### CREATIVE WRITERS

**Mondays, 10.30am–12.30pm & 1pm–3pm**

These sessions are aimed at writers of all levels. Using creative prompts and exercises, participants are encouraged to write and share their work with the group, in a friendly and supportive environment. The emphasis is very much on enjoying the craft of writing where participants have the opportunity to explore a wide range of genres and spend time considering different literary forms, including poetry, drama and prose.

**Tickets: Ten sessions £86**

### ADULT DRAMA

**Tuesdays, 7pm–8.30pm**

These sessions focus on a wide range of drama skills including breath and voice work, exploring plays, improvisation and characterisation. Adult Drama is suitable for those who wish to enhance their acting skills and experience as well as those who are complete beginners and would like to take up a new interest and improve their self-confidence. Members also have the opportunity to perform on the Theatre's stage.

**Tickets: Ten sessions £76**



### GREAT COMPANY

**Wednesdays, 1.30pm–3pm**

*For adults who identify as neurodivergent or have a learning disability.*

Join us for weekly sessions using drama to develop confidence, movement and character. A great opportunity to make new friends, with lots of fun and laughter along the way!

**Tickets: Ten sessions £35 or £6 per session**  
*Booking essential. Accompanying carer free.*

### DANCE 50

**Wednesdays, 9.45am–10.45am & 11am–12pm**

In these weekly sessions, dance instructor Sarah Hartley invites all who are 50+ years to have fun exploring new dance moves whilst improving strength, mobility and coordination. All abilities are welcome and no previous dance experience is required. Taster sessions are available to book.

**Tickets: Ten sessions £82. Please note some terms vary in length between 10–14 sessions which will be reflected in the price.**





## MENTAL HEALTH PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month during term time**

Free monthly craft workshops for up to 12 parents whose children are struggling with mental health. At these get togethers we have tea, coffee, chat and learn a new craft together as we share ideas and support each other. Come and enjoy our relaxed art activities with our friendly arts practitioner as we built a community together.

To register your interest and find out more please contact Clare O'Hara, Head of Outreach at [cohara@chippingnortontheatre.com](mailto:cohara@chippingnortontheatre.com) or call 01608 649112.

**Tickets: Free, places are limited so please book online or by contacting the Box Office on 01608 642350.**

## SEN PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our free monthly parent-led Support Group for parents & carer of young people with additional needs. With support from Ellie Latham-Mollart, autism practitioner and SEN parent, and Sarah Phelan, neurodevelopmental specialist and SEN parent. At the group, we have teas, coffees and hot chocolate, optional arts and crafts to support our creativity and keep our hands busy, and most of all it is a space to share experiences and support each other.



## CHIPPING NORTON SINGERS

*16-116 years (12+ if accompanied by an adult)*

**Thursdays, 7.30pm–9pm**

Led by Lizzie Soden, this group sings a wide repertoire, from pop classics to traditional folk songs and world music. There are no auditions; you don't need to be able to read music, just come along and enjoy yourself!

**Tickets: Ten sessions £65. Please note that each term varies in length between 10–14 sessions which will be reflected in the price. Taster sessions are available to book.**

## CAN SING!

*Short singing courses for beginners. Ages: 16+ yrs.*

**Thursdays, 6.25pm – 7.25pm**

**Course 1 (5 weeks): 11th Jan – 8th February. Tickets: £32.50**

**Course 2: (6 weeks) 22nd Feb – 28th March. Tickets: £39**

Can Sing is for total beginners and less confident singers. These sessions are a safe place for anyone who LOVES to sing, but may be shy or has been told that they 'can't sing'.

Come and sing your heart out without any kind of judgement. Our fabulous Choir Director Lizzie will help you to improve while singing familiar and new songs!



### PLAY IN TWO DAYS

Join us in the school holidays for two days of practical workshops, during which you will participate in drama games, improvisations and devise a play. You will learn how a performance is devised from scratch and experience the excitement of performing on a professional stage to an audience of family and friends!

### February Half Term

8–12 years

**Monday 12th – Tuesday 13th February, 10am–4pm**

performance at 3.45pm on the Tuesday.

**Tickets: £55**

5–7 years

**Thursday 15th – Friday 16th February, 10am–1pm**

performance at 12.45pm on the Friday.

**Tickets: £45**

### Easter

8–12 years

**Tuesday 2nd – Wednesday 3rd April, 10am–4pm**

performance at 3.45pm on the Wednesday.

**Tickets: £58**

5–7 years

**Wednesday 3rd – Thursday 4th April, 10am–1pm**

performance at 12.45pm on the Thursday.

**Tickets: £48**



### 3 DAY MUSICAL MAYHEM

An exciting new fast paced 3 day workshop full of singing, dancing and drama where you will build skills and confidence and will learn some well-known musical numbers!

### Easter

6–11 years

**Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th April, 10am–1pm**

performance at 12.45pm on the Wednesday.

**Tickets: £78.50**

## SUMMER 3 DAY DRAMA

5–7 years

**Monday 29th – Wednesday 31st July**  
**10am–1pm (sharing at 12.45pm on**  
**Wednesday)**

This interactive workshop aims to build confidence, creativity and imagination. Improvisation, mime and storytelling will be explored in this fun and exciting experience. Participants perform on the stage on Wednesday.

**Tickets: £78.50**



## ACTING SUMMER SCHOOL

8–14 years

**Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August**  
**10am–4pm (7.30pm on Friday)**

**Monday 5th – Friday 9th August**  
**10am–4pm (7.30pm on Friday)**

Working with a theatre professional, participants will develop a piece of theatre together and learn how performances transfer from the rehearsal room to the stage. Each week culminates in a performance on our stage at 6pm on Friday\*.

**Tickets: £140 per week**

## 3 DAY MUSICAL THEATRE

5–7 years

**Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th August**  
**10am–1pm (sharing at 12.45pm on**  
**Wednesday)**

Working with creative practitioners, this high-energy workshop provides a chance to sing songs and learn some dance routines which participants will perform on the stage at 12.45pm on Wednesday.

**Tickets: £78.50**



## WEST END SUMMER SCHOOL

8–14 years

**Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August**  
**10am–5pm (7.30pm on Friday)**

**Monday 5th – Friday 9th August**  
**10am–5pm (7.30pm on Friday)**

Working with professional theatre practitioners, this week provides a chance to create a musical theatre show. After intensive rehearsals, participants perform their show on The Theatre's stage at 6pm on Friday\*.

**Tickets: £155 per week**

\*Tickets for Friday evening performances are available from the Box Office and can be booked in advance. £7, £5 conc.



# HOW TO BOOK & OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

## BOX OFFICE

01608 642350

[www.chippingnortontheatre.com](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com)

Registered address: The Theatre  
2 Spring Street, Chipping Norton,  
Oxfordshire OX7 5NL

## Goddard's Lane Box Office:

Tue-Fri 12pm-6pm

Sat 10am-1pm

## Pre Show Box Office:

Will open approximately 30 minutes  
prior to every performance for door  
sales and ticket collections only.

## GENERAL ENQUIRIES

01608 642349

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## CONCESSIONS & GROUPS

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card holders, NHS workers, Pension  
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a reduced rate for school bookings.  
Buy ten tickets and get the eleventh  
free (Some exclusions apply).

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facilities aimed at improving  
the theatre experience for all audience  
members. Familiarisation visits are  
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642350 for more information. This  
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range of formats. Please advise of any  
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Full access information available on  
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with bar stool,  
leaning rail and  
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## PARKING

Spring Street is a residential street,  
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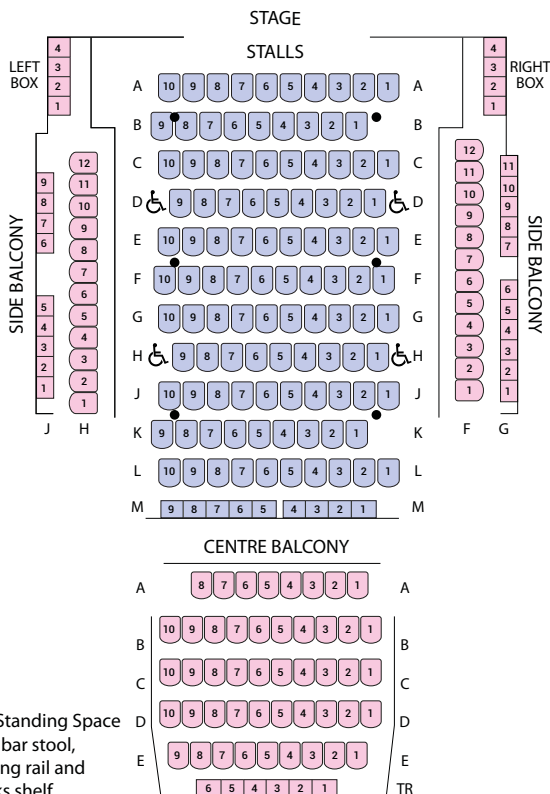
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## BOOKING FEES

All ticket prices shown include any  
booking fees (usually £2) which may  
not apply when we are acting as an  
agent for external events.

## CARERS

The Theatre will provide a free ticket  
for a Carer or Personal Assistant when  
the visitor's disability means that they  
wouldn't be able to attend without the  
active support of another person. This  
will apply to all events at The Theatre  
or promoted by The Theatre. This does  
not include parents accompanying  
children except in the case of access  
requirements. These must currently be  
booked in person or with the Box Office  
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# 2024 DIARY

## January 2024

Thu 18	Napoleon	26
Fri 19-Sun 21	Wonka	26
Sun 21	Wish	26
Mon 22	Relaxed Screening: Wonka	31
Wed 24	Royal Opera House: Rusalka	31
Thu 25	Cinema Bambino: Wonka	31
Thu 25 & Sun 28	NT Live: Dear England	31
Fri 26 - Wed 31	One Life	27
Sat 27	England And Son	2

## February 2024

Thu 1	Common Ground Film & Q&A	27
Fri 2	The House Party @ Kirtlington Park	1
Sat 3	Ultimate Floyd	2
Sun 4	Kinky Boots	32
Mon 5	Relaxed Screening: One Life	31
Mon 5	Maestro	27
Tues 6	Omid Djalili and Friends - sold out	
Wed 7	James Phelan: Miracles	2
Thu 8	Cinema Bambino: One Life	31
Fri 9-Tues 13	Poor Things	27
Sat 10	ABBA Sensation	3
Sun 11	Royal Opera House: Manon	32
Wed 14 & Sun 18	My Favourite Things	32
Thu 15	Ferrari	28
Fri 16	Matt Forde: Inside No 10	3
Sat 17	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	22
Sat 17 & Tues 21	The Holdovers	28
Tues 20	Macbeth	3
Thu 22	Cinema Bambino: Poor Things	31
Thu 22 & Sun 25	NT Live: Vanya	32
Fri 23	Alfie Moore: A Face For Radio	4
Sat 24	Bob Harris and Colin Hall	4
Sun 25	Priscilla	28
Wed 28 & Thu 29	Scummy Mummies Greatest Hits	4

## March 2024

Fri 1 & Sat 2	All Of Us Strangers	28
Sun 3 & Wed 6	The Color Purple	29
Mon 4	Relaxed Screening: The Color Purple	31
Tues 5	On Track	5
Thu 7	Mark Watson: Search	5
Fri 8	Youth Jazz Band Challenge	5
Sun 9	Michael Palin in Conversation with Graeme Garden	29
Sun 10	Titanic The Musical	33
Mon 11	The World According To Kaleb Cooper	6
Thu 14	The Magic of Terry Pratchett	6
Fri 15	Prue Leith: Nothing In Moderation	6
Sat 16	Wifi Wars	8
Sun 17 & Wed 20	The Zone of Interest	29
Mon 18 & Tues 19	Youth Theatre Showcase: In Faerie Forest	8

● Fri 22 & Sat 23

● Fri 22-Sun 24

● Tues 26

● Wed 27

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## April 2024

Tues 2 & Wed 3	Dune Part II	30
Fri 5	The Brick People	23
Fri 5	The Bar-Steward Sons of Val Doonican	8
Thu 11	Choooh Choooh	23
Sun 14	Royal Opera House: MacMillan Celebrated	33
Wed 17	20 Years of Hot Fingers	9
Thu 18	An American In Paris The Musical	33
Fri 19	I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again...Again	9
Sat 20	The Ultimate Commitments & Blues Brothers Experience	9
Wed 24	Royal Opera House: Swan Lake	33
Fri 26	Rory Bremner in conversation with Graeme Garden	10

## May 2024

Wed 1	Royal Opera House: Carmen	33
Thu 2-Sat 4	Houdini's Greatest Escape	11
Fri 10	An Audience with Juliet Stevenson	12
Sat 11	Rocketman With Wine	30
Thu 16-Sat 18	CHAOS: Evita	13
Sat 18	As I Was A Walking	12
Sun 19	Jo Caulfield: Here Comes Trouble	13
Tues 21	The Swing Ninjas @ Merriscourt	24
Tues 21	42nd Street The Musical	33
Wed 22	Royal Opera House: The Winter's Tale	
Sat 25	Ballet Central	13
Sun 26	42nd Street The Musical	33
Thu 30	Royal Opera House: Message In A Bottle	
Fri 31	Rosie Holt: It's Politainment	14

## June 2024

Thu 6-Sun 9	Lark Rise	16
Mon 17-Thu 20	Barn Dance	17
Fri 28	Adolf and Winston	18

## July 2024

Tues 2	Sophie Duker and Chloe Petts	18
Fri 5	Go Your Own Way	18
Sat 6	Pete Firman: Triktok	18
Wed 10	The Comedy of Errors @ Newbarn Farm	25
Sun 14	The Bootleg Shadows	18
Wed 17	Moscow Drug Club @ Merriscourt	24
Wed 25	Kiri Pritchard-McLean: Peacock	18

## August 2024

Sat 3 & Sun 4	The Mikado @ Heath Farm	25
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## September 2024

26th Sept-5 Oct	Murder For Two	20
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## October 2024

Sat 19	The Theatre Feast	21
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● Live ● Children & Family ● Film ● Screening ● Al Fresco