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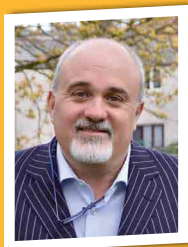
DESERT ISLAND FLICKS

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Ed O'Driscoll
Air in G Administrator

Welcome to AIR in G's season for 2023-24. Inside this guide you'll find all the exciting shows taking place the length and breadth of the County from October 2023 and May 2024.

They're all great but we're particularly delighted to welcome back a couple of old friends including the fabulous **Churchfitters** with their incredible array of amazing musical instruments, and Lempen Puppets with their beautiful new puppet show for younger audiences **Flotsam and Jetsam**. We're also very pleased to welcome **Jazz Dynamos** to the wonderful world of rural touring for the first time. Fresh from Ronnie Scott's this incredible group take well known pop hits from the 70s and 80s and transform them into jazz classics ... try to catch them if you can!

While we've got your attention ... thanks to Arts Council England we are bringing **Found in the Forest Youth Theatre** back to the Forest of Dean this year. If you know of any keen young thespians who would like to meet likeminded spirits be sure to tell them to get in touch with us and we'll let them know how to take part.

We hope we get the chance to see you at another AIR in G event very soon and look forward to raising a glass to celebrate another glorious season of Arts in Rural Gloucestershire ... and remember you can now book tickets for all events via the Air in G website ... so what are you waiting for?

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CABARET

CABARET
WITH CLAWS

Mixing wicked humour and eclectic jazz and cabaret, interspersed with jaw-dropping circus in solo performances and ensemble creations, Charlie's shows receive critical acclaim and, just as importantly, foot-stamping encores. In *'Cabaret with Claws'* Charlie and cohort Louise Innes present twisted takes on familiar themes, with Tim Minchin, Phil Nichols and Bonnie Tyler influences thrown in.



Sheepscombe VH

Sat 25 Nov 2023

"Witty, wanton, wonderful—Charlie Bicknell's new show is cabaret with claws. She's a heady, edgy high octane mix of English rose, vamp and Cruella, shamelessly sexy, murderously funny. You have been warned. Roses have thorns."

SUE ARNOLD THE OBSERVER

CABARET

GRAFFITI
CLASSICS

Sixteen strings, eight dancing feet and four voices, all with one aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and exhilarating for young and old alike. *Graffiti Classics* bursts the elitist boundaries of the traditional string quartet with its hilarious all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy show. It's a classical concert, gypsy-folk romp, opera, stand-up comedy and a dance show all rolled into one! There really is something for everyone; *Graffiti Classics* never fails to get audiences laughing, clapping and singing along.

Taynton &
Tibberton VH

Fri 26 Jan 2024

Box VH

Sat 27 Jan 2024

Kempley VH

Fri 26 Apr 2024

Cranham VH

Sat 27 Apr 2024

Chedworth VH

Sun 28 Apr 2024

"They had the audience falling off their seats with laughter."

WESTERN GAZETTE

DANCE

DESERT ISLAND FLICKS



A blockbuster, adventure and rom com rolled into one, *Desert Island Flicks* sees two leading ladies reimagine, remake and spoof 90 (ninety!) of the most memorable movie moments of all time in just 90 minutes, taking on all the lead roles, stunts, and special effects!

From timeless classics to modern-day marvels, the show celebrates how iconic characters and thrilling plot twists have captured imaginations the world over, bringing people together to laugh, cry, and cheer along in a room full of strangers.

Somewhere between a dance performance, sketch show, a night at the movies and an epic game of charades, *Desert Island Flicks* shines a spotlight on life lessons learnt from the big screen, all set to a sensational soundtrack.

North Nibley VH	Fri 13 Oct 2023
Moreton-in-Marsh Redesdale Hall	Sat 14 Oct 2023
Chipping Campden Cidermill Theatre	Fri 8 Mar 2024
Huntley VH	Sat 9 Mar 2024

"Proper laugh out loud funny, my face hurts from smiling so much. Uplifting, clever and brilliant."

"Mind bogglingly brilliant! Fast-moving, supercharged fun and brilliant performers!"

AUDIENCE REVIEWS FOR
DESERT ISLAND FLICKS

FAMILY

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Flotsam is soft, flexible, laid back – she slides and glides through life on the ice. Jetsam is the opposite – his insectile body is stiff and nervy, alert and watchful, suspicious of all in his forest home. And then comes the weather and they are both cast adrift in a world that is strange to them and full of a range of dangers. Finally washed up on the same island beach they must discover how they can work together. An adventure story about two very different creatures. Visual theatre with original music and delightful puppetry.



Cranham VH

Sat 6 Jan 2024

Winchcombe
Postlip Hall

Fri 8 Mar 2024

Tetbury Goods Shed

Sat 9 Mar 2024

"I thought the show was engaging, colourful ... funny and touching. The professionalism of the puppetry was exceptional."

LAUREN JACKSON, EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR, THE MUNI, COLNE

FAMILY

WILL TELL AND THE BIG BAD BARON

Join plucky heroine, Will (disguised as a knight), as she rides off on her donkey Rosina to rescue her folk hero dad Wilhelm Tell from the wicked Baron Boris's deepest darkest dungeon. Inspired by the exploits of her father and the tales of Robin Hood and Sir Lancelot, But can Will, with just pots and pans for armour and a farm donkey for a steed, rescue Edel and defeat the Big Bad Baron? A fun-filled comic adventure for family audiences woven together with engaging storytelling and catchy songs.



Box VH

Fri 8 Mar 2024

Oxenhall VH

Sat 9 Mar 2024

"A cracking show delivering the right dose of comedy magic. The adults in the audience were laughing as much as the kids."

EDINBURGH LIFE WITH KIDS

MUSIC

CHURCHFITTERS

When your array of instruments includes a motorcycle petrol tank, a musical saw and a Mercedes Benzouki made from hubcaps, there's little point worrying if the name makes sense! Saucepan dulcimer, petrol tank bass, bing-bong machine and magic boots all join other more conventional instruments (fiddle, banjo, sax and whistle to name a few) to back Rosie Short's sublime voice. These three flamboyant characters present their uplifting and entertaining show with a unique dynamism and describe their music as 'Folk Unlimited'.



Moreton-in-Marsh Redesdale Hall	Thu 9 Nov 2023
Westcote VH	Fri 10 Nov 2023
Chedworth VH	Sat 11 Nov 2023
Box VH	Sun 12 Nov 2023
Bledington VH	Fri 1 Mar 2024
Cliffords Mesne VH	Fri 22 Mar 2024
Quenington VH	Sat 23 Mar 2024

"... they were stunning: a packed hall cheered them to the roof slates. Get to see them if you can."

MIKE HARDING

MUSIC

FILKIN'S DRIFT

Filkin's Drift are an energetic folk duo whose fiddle and guitar tunes have been igniting audiences across the UK. Meeting in the multicultural city of Birmingham, *Filkin's Drift* weave together intricate melodies from the folklore of their homes, Wales and Gloucestershire. Their music combines the traditional and the contemporary, blending fiddle, guitar, harmonium and mandolin with their close vocal harmonies. Chris and Seth's multi-instrumental abilities combine with a showmanship gained from touring with Giffords Circus.



Kempeley VH	Sat 10 Feb 2024
Daglingworth VH	Fri 23 Feb 2024
Yorkley Community Centre	Sat 9 Mar 2024

"Exquisite tune playing mixes effortlessly with irresistible grooves and an engaging chemistry."

DAN WALSH, BBC FOLK AWARDS
MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE,
URBAN FOLK QUARTET

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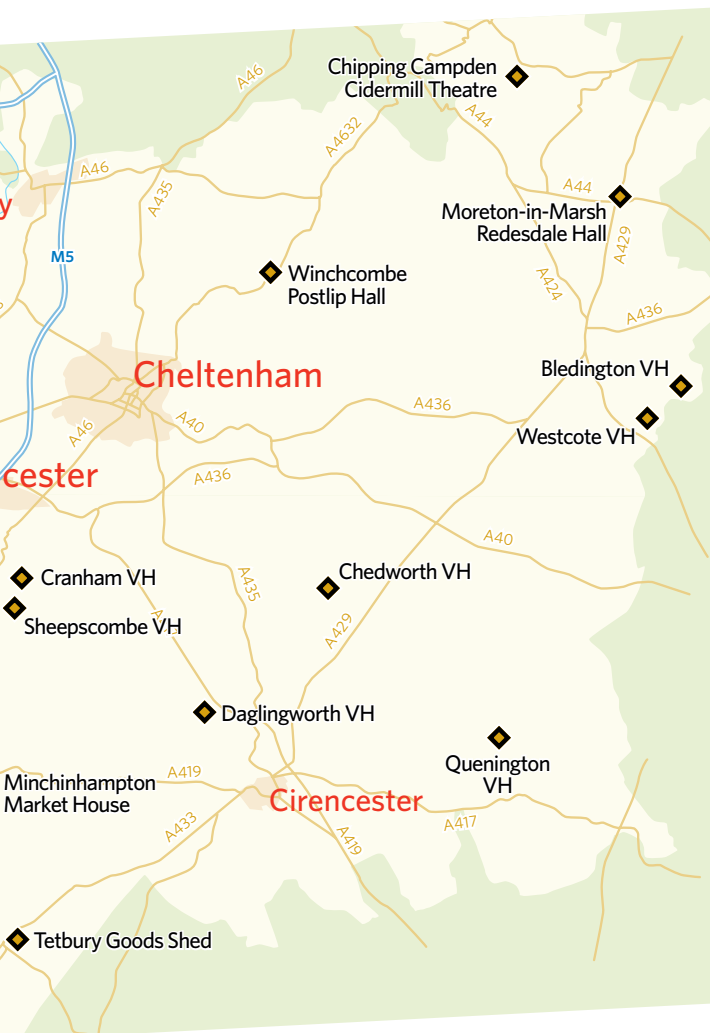
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MUSIC

JAZZ
DYNAMOS

Jazz Dynamos take well known songs from the 70s and 80s, transforming them with a mix of jazz, bossa and samba. Their unique set of exuberant, original contemporary jazz arrangements includes hits by Dolly Parton, Madonna, U2, The Police, A-HA and Britney Spears. Fronted by world class vocalist Lucy Randell, *Jazz Dynamos* have performed sold out shows at the legendary Ronnie Scott's and Pizza Express Jazz Clubs in London as well as festivals in UK, Italy, Sweden, France, Norway and Bulgaria, and at private events for British and Hollywood Royalty.



Moreton-in-Marsh Redesdale Hall	Sat 27 Jan 2024
Hartpury VH	Fri 2 Feb 2024
Oxenhall VH	Sat 3 Feb 2024
Chipping Campden Cidermill Theatre	Sat 18 May 2024

"When I saw you play, you truly
blew me away."

MUSIC EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT

MUSIC

KATHRYN
ROBERTS AND
SEAN LAKEMAN

Kathryn and Sean bring a feeling of inclusivity and informality whilst showcasing a variety of music from old traditional ballads to self penned 'story songs'. Performed to the highest standard on guitar and piano the duo have been twice recognised as 'Best Duo' at the BBC Folk Awards (2016 and 2013). They provide an enjoyable evening's entertainment for all ages and living in a rural area themselves (Dartmoor) they understand the importance of bringing live music to small communities.



Edge VH	Fri 6 Oct 2023
Cliffords Mesne VH	Sat 7 Oct 2023
Brookthorpe VH	Fri 10 Nov 2023
Yorkley Community Centre	Sat 11 Nov 2023
Oxenhall VH	Sun 12 Nov 2023
Westcote VH	Fri 26 Jan 2024

"These guys are something
very special."

ACOUSTIC MAGAZINE

MUSIC

MUMBO-JUMBO



Mumbo-Jumbo have been on the edge of the big time for over 40 years. Writing, performing, touring and entertaining crowds all their lives, our three musical heroes bring all that experience and fun to your village hall. You will hear: the song that nearly made it to the *Eurovision Song Contest* ... but didn't; the song written for the *Mavericks* ... but they didn't record it; why they were twice nominated in the British Blues Awards ... but have yet to win one; how they were asked to write the song for the national VE Day celebrations ... but Covid got them cancelled.

Daglingworth VH	Fri 17 Nov 2023
Cliffords Mesne VH	Fri 19 Jan 2024
Moreton-in-Marsh Redesdale Hall	Fri 23 Feb 2024
Sheepscombe VH	Fri 15 Mar 2024
Taynton & Tibberton VH	Sat 13 Apr 2024

"Excellent music, witty banter and audience participation."
LIVE & LOCAL PROMOTER

"A brilliant evening! Lots of happy folk leaving our village hall last night."
AIR IN G PROMOTER

MUSIC

PAPRIKA

Paprika is the UK's leading Balkan band. It consists of an accordion, violin, guitar, and percussion. This electrifying group fuses together Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and classical music in a whirlwind performance of frenzied virtuosity. Fiery melodies and foot-tapping rhythms are interspersed with lilting laments in high-energy sets from this exciting group. The show guides the audience through the Balkans, showcasing different styles and rhythms with tunes you have to simply dance to, as well as more slow-paced and gentle pieces.



Chipping Campden
Cidermill Theatre

Fri 26 Jan 2024

Tetbury Goods Shed

Sat 27 Jan 2024

"*Paprika's* performance at the Songlines Encounters Festival (2013) caused quite a stir with one audience member in particular, classical Superstar Nigel Kennedy being 'knocked out' by what he heard."

SIMON BROUGHTON (EDITOR IN CHIEF,
SONGLINES WORLD MUSIC MAGAZINE)

THEATRE

CANTERBURY
TALES

Revered as one of the most important works in English literature, *The Canterbury Tales* paints an ironic and critical portrait of English society in the middle-ages. Experience a journey down the foul and fetid footpaths of fourteenth-century England, told with the usual irreverence, wit and silliness from David Mynne. Expect archaic naughtiness and nonsense. Possibly tights, and a codpiece! Definitely medieval swearing! Let's party like it's 1387! This is Chaucer ... but not as you *think* you know it!



Edge VH

Fri 22 Mar 2024

Flaxley School Rooms

Sat 23 Mar 2024

"*Mynne's* performance is exquisite: a masterclass in the telling of tales."

CIARAN CLARKE: ARTS END OF NOWHERE
(ON 'DRACULA')

THEATRE

SHAKESPEARE'S FOOL

Will Kempe was one of the finest performers of the Elizabethan age. Gentleman player, juggling jester, headmaster of Morris dancers and London's finest clown. Until, that is, he fell out with Will 'git-face' Shakespeare. Kempe died alone and poverty stricken, and faded into obscurity. Join him on the streets of London as he gives his final performance to an audience of a mouse and a marotte and tells the tale of his life, his rise to stardom and what really happened between him and William Shakespeare. A bittersweet tale, told by an idiot.



Minchinhampton
Market House

Sat 28 Oct 2023

"Shakespeare's Fool is an economic, classy piece directed robustly by Ben Humphrey and brought to life by a multi-faceted Leetham who embraces the tears of the clown."

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THEATRE

THREE MEN IN A BOAT

Join Jerome as he recounts the hilarious story of his boating holiday along the magnificent River Thames with his two companions and Montmorency the dog. Come and join in the fun as Giles Shenton expertly takes the helm and pilots you through the ridiculous tale of men behaving badly while messing about in boats!



Bledington VH

Fri 2 Feb 2024

Minchinhampton
Market House

Sat 3 Feb 2024

"Skillfully distilled from Jerome K. Jerome's comic masterpiece into 100 minutes of pure delight. A master class in confidence, stagecraft and delivery."

OPENING NIGHT REVIEW

CALENDAR 2023-24

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2023

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Fri 6 Oct	Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman	Edge VH	7.30pm
Sat 7 Oct	Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman	Cliffords Mesne VH	7.30pm
Fri 13 Oct	Desert Island Flicks	North Nibley VH	7.30pm
Sat 14 Oct	Desert Island Flicks	Moreton-in-Marsh Redesdale Hall	8.00pm
Sat 28 Oct	Shakespeare's Fool	Minchinhampton Market House	7.30pm
Thu 9 Nov	Churchfitters	Moreton-in-Marsh Redesdale Hall	8.00pm
Fri 10 Nov	Churchfitters	Westcote VH	7.30pm
Fri 10 Nov	Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman	Brookthorpe VH	7.30pm
Sat 11 Nov	Churchfitters	Chedworth VH	7.00pm
Sat 11 Nov	Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman	Yorkley Community Centre	7.30pm
Sun 12 Nov	Churchfitters	Box VH	7.30pm
Sun 12 Nov	Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman	Oxenhall VH	7.30pm
Fri 17 Nov	Mumbo-Jumbo	Daglingworth VH	7.30pm
Sat 25 Nov	Cabaret With Claws	Sheepscombe VH	7.30pm

2024

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Sat 6 Jan	Flotsam & Jetsam	Cranham VH	3.00pm
Fri 19 Jan	Mumbo-Jumbo	Cliffords Mesne VH	7.30pm
Fri 26 Jan	Graffiti Classics	Taynton & Tibberton VH	8.00pm
Fri 26 Jan	Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman	Westcote VH	7.30pm
Fri 26 Jan	Paprika	Chipping Camden Cidermill Theatre	7.30pm
Sat 27 Jan	Graffiti Classics	Box VH	7.30pm
Sat 27 Jan	Jazz Dynamos	Moreton-in-Marsh Redesdale Hall	8.00pm
Sat 27 Jan	Paprika	Tetbury Goods Shed	7.30pm
Fri 2 Feb	Jazz Dynamos	Hartpur VH	7.30pm
Fri 2 Feb	Three Men in a Boat	Bledington VH	7.30pm
Sat 3 Feb	Jazz Dynamos	Oxenhall VH	7.30pm
Sat 3 Feb	Three Men in a Boat	Minchinhampton Market House	7.30pm
Sat 10 Feb	Filkin's Drift	Kempley VH	7.30pm
Fri 23 Feb	Filkin's Drift	Daglingworth VH	7.30pm
Fri 23 Feb	Mumbo-Jumbo	Moreton-in-Marsh Redesdale Hall	8.00pm
Fri 1 Mar	Churchfitters	Bledington VH	7.30pm
Fri 8 Mar	Desert Island Flicks	Chipping Camden Cidermill Theatre	7.30pm
Fri 8 Mar	Flotsam & Jetsam	Winchcombe Postlip Hall	5.30pm
Fri 8 Mar	Will Tell & The Big Bad Baron	Box VH	4.30pm
Sat 9 Mar	Desert Island Flicks	Huntley VH	7.30pm
Sat 9 Mar	Filkin's Drift	Yorkley Community Centre	7.30pm
Sat 9 Mar	Flotsam & Jetsam	Tetbury Goods Shed	tbc
Sat 9 Mar	Will Tell & The Big Bad Baron	Oxenhall VH	6.30pm
Fri 15 Mar	Mumbo-Jumbo	Sheepscombe VH	7.30pm
Fri 22 Mar	Churchfitters	Cliffords Mesne VH	7.30pm
Fri 22 Mar	Canterbury Tales	Edge VH	7.30pm
Sat 23 Mar	Canterbury Tales	Flaxley School Rooms	8.00pm
Sat 23 Mar	Churchfitters	Quenington VH	7.30pm

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Sat 13 Apr	Mumbo-Jumbo	Taynton & Tibberton VH	8.00pm
Fri 26 Apr	Graffiti Classics	Kempley VH	7.30pm
Sat 27 Apr	Graffiti Classics	Cranham VH	7.30pm
Sun 28 Apr	Graffiti Classics	Chedworth VH	7.00pm
Sat 18 May	Jazz Dynamos	Chipping Camden Cidermill Theatre	7.30pm

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