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2024



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As a charity, The Kenton depends on its team of volunteers to keep the shows coming and the theatre alive.

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- Stage Management
- Technicians
- Marketing
- Maintenance and Facilities

Volunteering with us is a great way to learn new skills and make friends.

Other benefits include:

- Social events
- Training opportunities
- Valuable work experience
- Mental well-being
- Improved confidence
- Connecting with the community
- Watching shows at the theatre

To join our friendly team, please visit our website www.thekenton.org.uk for more details.



Welcome

On 29 February this year we launched our long-awaited new website, shining a light on our new visual identity as well as demonstrating significantly improved technology and integration with our Box Office ticketing system. The website has been made possible by donations from the Anthony (Tony) Lane Foundation and one of our members, Simon Clarke.

In February, we also welcomed Christopher Biggins to the theatre for our first fundraiser of this year. Following the success of this evening, we are delighted that, fresh off the back of his sold out live show *WILD*, globetrotting adventurer and award-winning broadcaster, Ben Fogle, is bringing his inspiring and uplifting tales of self-discovery to Henley this May for our next *Evening With...* fundraiser for The Kenton.

We are proud to continue supporting local community groups - in our Spring/Summer programme we will be welcoming back Henley Drama Festival, The Chiltern Centre, Henley Children's Theatre, Henley College, Woodley Light Operatic and a new hirer, Rare Productions.

If you loved Silly Si in our 2023 pantomime as much as we did, you will be very pleased to hear that pantomime comic, Dan Whitley, is back at The Kenton this May half term with his own show - *Dantastic's Magical Adventure*. This show is perfect for children aged 3-8 years and you can expect a wonderfully high energy, interactive, musical comedy show to keep children entertained throughout. Dan will then be returning again in August for a jam-packed, week of fun at his *Dantastic Summer Camp*.

And, as usual, we are bringing you a great selection of shows over the next few months including plenty of comedy, live music, drama and family-fun including the incredibly talented Cillian O'Connor - finalist in *Britain's Got Talent* last year.

So, do check out our new website, book some tickets and come and enjoy a show at The Kenton whilst continuing to support the fourth oldest working theatre in the country.

The team and all our wonderful volunteers look forward to welcoming you to The Kenton very soon.

Best wishes

Lottie

Lottie Pheasant
Theatre Manager



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VOLUNTEERS

And our incredible front of house team of volunteers for their time and commitment to The Kenton.

FAMILY

The Greatest Magician



A critically acclaimed, intimate glance at one of the world's most engaging artforms. Presented by the magician most infamous for jamming the BBC switchboard after he correctly predicted the lottery.

This dazzling, five-star rated magic show will leave you aching with laughter and dizzy in disbelief.

James Phelan is **The Greatest Magician**.



"One of the most endearing factors is seeing amazed faces young and old. This show has many moments like that"

BBC SOUNDS

MUSIC

Sinatra: Raw



Multi-award-winning show **Sinatra: Raw** brings to life the man who defined an era and whose musical legacy will never die.

Palm Springs, 1971 – Frank Sinatra prepares for his last pre-retirement show. But his blue eyes are red rimmed with memories and regret. This is the 2am Sinatra you dream of meeting – dangerous, unpredictable, brilliant!

Despite it all, Sinatra emerges triumphant in a belting rendition of *That's Life!*, summing up the substance of the man, and we see what made him such an enduring icon.

"Richard Shelton's masterful take on Ol' Blue Eyes is a must see."

THE TIMES

FRI 19 APR

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

SAT 20 APR

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

COMEDY

Coppers and Gold!



A double bill of short comedies based on the infamous Brinks-Mat robbery of 1983 when £26 million was stolen and never recovered.

Coppers is set in a fictional Home Office, where the Minister and the Chief of Police grapple with the embarrassment of having rings run around them by a criminal gang.

The second part of the evening is **Gold!**, a sharp new comedy with a big heart and loads of cracking pop hits from the 1980s. Julie and Dave are a normal suburban middle-aged couple living a quiet life but hiding a big secret: a huge stash of gold bars stolen from some very bad men four decades ago.

THU 25 APR

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

Rock for Heroes



Classic rock anthems, incredible musicians, sensational vocalists and a ROCKTACULAR experience with a lot of laughs thrown in. All the ingredients that make up the phenomenal **Rock for Heroes**.

Performed by a superb seven-piece band, the show breathes new life into the music of Guns 'N' Roses, Bon Jovi, Van Halen, Dire Straits, Fleetwood Mac, Queen and more.

Jump at your chance to get your tickets today! Let **Rock for Heroes** take you back that *Summer of '69* and join us for the BIGGEST celebration of the heroes of rock!

FRI 26 APR

7.30pm

Tickets: £26

COMEDY

Comedy Ladder



If you're looking for a night of laughter and good times, look no further. **Comedy Ladder** at The Kenton features the best comedians in the UK & some you'll even recognise off the telly.

Each show offers a diverse range of comedy styles, from observational humour to surreal satire, from dry wit to physical comedy –whatever floats your funny boat, we've got you covered.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience the very best comedy in Henley - book your tickets and get ready to laugh until it hurts!

SAT 27 APR

8pm

Tickets: £17.50

LITERATURE

Dr Louise Newson

Henley Literary Festival



Dr Louise Newson, widely regarded as the UK's leading medical expert on menopause, will be discussing her bestselling book *The Definitive Guide to the Perimenopause and Menopause*. In it she covers the key facts about hormones, their importance and their effects on our bodies. It explores family histories and their effects on menopause, the complete guide to HRT, libidos, mental and physical health, how menopause affects our careers and relationships and so much more.

Join us to listen to Louise continue her campaign to educate everyone – including men – about the menopause and to improve the future health and wellbeing of women.

THU 2 MAY

8pm

Tickets available at
henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk

MUSIC

Strictly Tommy Blaize



Tommy Blaize has one of the most recognisable voices in the UK. As the lead singer on *Strictly Come Dancing* for 20 glorious years, he's sung live each week to up to 12 million people.

In a remarkable career spanning 50 years, Tommy has worked with some of the world's most legendary artists, from Diana Ross to Queen, from The Beach Boys to Amy Winehouse, and from Stevie Wonder to Robbie Williams.

Now it's time for the man with the golden voice to step out in his first major solo tour. Singing songs everyone knows and loves, and telling stories about the legends he's worked alongside. Expect a *Strictly* incredible evening.

FRI 3 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £28.50

COMEDY

Punt and Dennis



Hugh Dennis and Steve Punt are back on tour for the first time in 10 years. Older but not really much wiser, they are returning to what they do best; sitting in traffic jams wondering if a different route would have been better, and then in the evening, presenting their new live show.

What have they learned from a decade of following the news for *Mock the Week* and *The Now Show*? What wisdom has experience taught them? And have they learned any new jokes? Let's hope so. They promise they have.

SAT 4 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £32

LOCAL THEATRE

52nd Henley Drama Festival



Variety, prizes, professional appraisal – Henley Drama Festival returns with an outstanding programme for 2024.

No fewer than four all-women casts: *You and Me*, *Stratford Boy* and *And Go to Innisfree* are joined by John Godber's hilarious and now classic modern comedy *Shakers*. There are at least two 'world premiers' of original pieces by local writers. Plus the chance to savour two classics of world drama: Georg Büchner's dazzling and rarely-staged expressionist drama *Woyzeck* and Anton Chekov's timeless *Marriage Proposal*.

WED 8 - SAT 11 MAY

Tickets: £12

Details on times and concessions available online.

MUSIC

The Jimi Hendrix Experience



In 2018 guitarist Denny Ilett – a lifelong Hendrix devotee – formed the Electric Lady Big Band to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the release of Jimi's 1968 masterpiece *Electric Ladyland*.

The group then recorded and released their take on *Electric Ladyland*, Hendrix's unique mix of blues, rock, funk, jazz and psychedelia.

Following on from two more sold out shows at Ronnie Scott's in February 2024, we proudly bring you the Electric Lady Big Band as they interpret the music of Jimi Hendrix with power, precision, passion and deep respect.

THU 16 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

COMEDY

Alfie Moore: A Face for Radio



Alfie Moore was told to stop messing about in class before being 'encouraged' into the grinding, grimy world of an apprenticeship in the Sheffield steelworks. When recession hit he traded steel for copper by joining Humberside Police.

But in his 40s Alfie made a bid for showbiz success. Unfortunately 30 years of shift-work and being punched in the face quite a lot, had left him with 'a face for radio'. A face not so much 'lived in' as inhabited by a settlement of squatters with little regard to property maintenance and repair.

This is the true story of *Fair Cop* Alfie's big plan to transition from the BBC radio waves to TV star. Could it be done? Or had Father Time decided that his time had passed?

FRI 17 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £23



KENTON FUNDRAISER

An Evening with...

Ben Fogle

"Adventures, expeditions, and journeys have helped shape and mould me. They have strengthened me emotionally, physically, and mentally and armed me with the skills for life." Ben Fogle

Fresh off the back of his sold out live show *WILD*, globetrotting adventurer and award-winning broadcaster, Ben Fogle is bringing his inspiring and uplifting tales of self-discovery to Henley this May for **An Evening With...** fundraiser for The Kenton.

Ben is globally recognised for his feats of endurance, including climbing Mount Everest, rowing across the Atlantic, racing across Antarctica to the South Pole and a 160-mile, six-day trek across the Sahara Desert in the Marathon De Sables. His legend-worthy adventures inspire audiences to live more exciting lives and his tales of hope, possibility, and positivity will leave you enchanted, enlightened and entertained.

A limited number of VIP tickets are available which include a meet and greet drinks reception after the event.

SAT 18 MAY

7pm

Tickets from £30

DRAMA

Where is Mrs Christie?



In 1926 Agatha Christie was at the centre of a mystery as perplexing as any of her fiction; a series of events which sparked one of the biggest and most extensive police hunts in history. Her crashed car was discovered in Surrey and the famous author was missing, presumed dead by many, for eleven days. She was eventually found at a luxury hotel in Harrogate. She claimed then, and for the rest of the life, that she was suffering from amnesia and remembered nothing. Neither the press nor the police believed her.

Actor Liz Grand presents her one-woman show **Where is Mrs Christie?** Did she suffer from amnesia? Was it a publicity stunt? Or was there a darker secret involved? In true thriller style, all will be revealed.

THU 23 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £20

MUSIC

The Elton John Show



The Elton John Show is the UK's newest and most exciting Elton John tribute show to hit the stage.

With over 300 million records sold, Sir Elton John is the most successful singer-songwriter of his generation. A flamboyant mega-star, with a never ending back catalogue of incredible songs! From *Rocket Man* to *Tiny Dancer*, **The Elton John Show** brings "Young Elton" back to the stage at his energetic best.

FRI 24 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £26.50

MUSIC

Ahh...Freak Out!

The World's Biggest Disco Hits!



Step into the glittering time machine and journey back to the dazzling 1970s, as we turn back the clock and bring the disco inferno back to life, LIVE on stage!

Boogie the night away as we take you on a magical journey delivering non-stop, chart-topping disco hits alongside our world class live band! We're talkin' Donna Summer's sultry vibes, Earth, Wind & Fire's cosmic funk, the Bee Gees' silky harmonies, and Gloria Gaynor's fierce diva power – all in one mind-blowing show.

So, dust off your bell-bottoms, slip into your shiniest platforms and join us for a disco extravaganza that'll make you boogie all night long.

SAT 25 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £24.50

HALF TERM SHOWS

FAMILY

Dantastic's Magical Adventure!



The hilarious pantomime comic Dan Whitley is returning to The Kenton with his high energy, interactive, musical, comedy show: **'Dantastic's Magical Adventure!'**

Join Dantastic and friends on a magical mission into the jingle jangle jungle to help 'Cheeky' the monkey save the day! Expect plenty of singing, dancing, magic, comedy characters, pantomime style slapstick fun and audience interaction.

Get ready for a non stop, action packed hilarious show with guaranteed laughter and surprises – Dantastic style!

Great for ages 3-8 years.

SUN 26 MAY

11am, 1.30pm & 4pm

Tickets: £15

FAMILY

West End Magic



London's longest-running theatre magic show, direct from the Leicester Square Theatre, presents some of the most exciting names in magic & variety in the UK. An exciting, family-friendly show offering an amazing mixture of magic, comedy and variety acts, featuring British Champion of Magic, Oliver Tabor and magical compere, Wayne Trice plus special guest acts.

Since 2013, the regular London based show runs throughout the year featuring incredible award-winning magic, mind reading mysteries, hilarious comedy and can include ventriloquism, juggling and crazy stunts.

The perfect treat for all the family. Guaranteed to deliver the best in magic, illusion, comedy and variety.

"Oliver was so good it made me realise the true value of going to see a live magic show"

THE SUN

WED 29 MAY

2.30pm

Tickets: £17.50

Under 16: £14.50

COMEDY

Sherlock's Excellent Adventures



Our Star Theatre Company present their acclaimed comedy, following sell-out runs at Brighton and Edinburgh Fringes, and three UK-wide tours. Follow Sherlock Holmes and his incomparable sidekick Dr John Watson on this riveting, hitherto unpublished case...

Damsel in distress Lucy Matravers engages Arthur Conan Doyle's famous sleuth Holmes and his partner Watson to resolve a dispute over a family will. Little do they know that this small case brings Holmes straight into the clutches of his arch enemy, James Moriarty!

This riotous spoof is taken on by four actors, minimal furnishings and a ton of jolly-good fun!

FRI 31 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £19

Concessions from £13

COMEDY

Simon Evans



Simon Evans is one of the UK's most respected and established comedians. Fearless, provocative and ruthlessly intelligent, he's a regular on TV and radio.

His TV credits include BBC One's *Live at the Apollo* and *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow*, BBC Two's *Mock the Week*, and was a regular on Channel 4's *Stand Up for the Week*.

Simon's BBC Radio 4 series *Simon Evans Goes to Market* has audiences delighting in his witty and insightful take on the unpromising comic territory of commodities, trading and wealth.

SAT 1 JUN

7.30pm

Tickets: £21.50

MUSIC

Blake's Heaven Big Band



Blake's Heaven Big Band is a 17-piece modern Big Band ensemble delivering funk, pop, jazz and swing styles influenced from all genres of music. Their repertoire ranges from classic big band to fun cartoon, TV and film themes and popular time-honoured hits from the 60s through to the 90s and beyond plus a choice assortment of original offerings.

Featuring Fleur Stevenson, one of the UK's finest jazz vocalists, **Blake's Heaven Big Band** is the 21st century Big Band that guarantees to deliver smiles and goosebumps!

THU 6 JUN

7.30pm

Tickets: £00

COMEDY

Russell Kane: Hyperactive



Whirlwind, FitBit-breaking comedian, presenter, actor and author Russell Kane is out on the road again, setting it on fire with his unique recipe of sharp wit and “*storming physical comedy*” (Mail on Sunday).

The brand-new tour for 2024 and 2025 comes with a safety warning: wear strong underwear – pants will be spoiled. Russell is high-energy, high-octane and hyper-active!

**“Fierce, funny and heartfelt...
a thrilling reminder of what comedy can do”**
THE GUARDIAN

**“An evening-long fix of stand-up espresso...
one of the quickest, most stimulating stand-ups
in the land”**
THE TIMES

FRI 7 JUN

7.30pm

SOLD OUT

MUSIC

Voodoo Brass Band



Through humble beginnings at the Guildhall School of Music and a shared passion for the modern New Orleans scene, this nine-piece collective blends distinctive elements of groove music, funk, jazz, soul, free improv and world beats to deliver unforgettable brass performances with original compositions and imaginatively arranged covers.

2023 was quite the year for this young and impassioned group. After the release of *Due South*, their largest record project to date, they were featured on international news networks, with appearances back home on the Radio 1 Breakfast Show, Capital Breakfast, and Radio London. They toured from Brighton to Manchester, from Isle of Wight Festival and Kendal Calling to Leyburn Jazz, whilst selling out performances all over the competitive London circuit.

With over half a million followers on TikTok and Instagram, and videos reaching 50 million views, **Voodoo Brass Band** bring their new show to The Kenton for an exciting night not to be missed.

SAT 8 JUN

7.30pm

Tickets: £25



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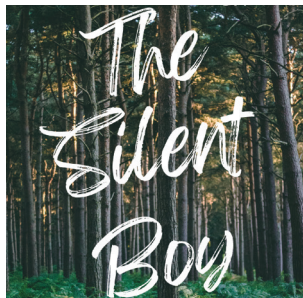


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The Silent Boy

The Chiltern Centre



On the back of a well-received performance of *Bahdoon* last year, the Chiltern Centre bring you **The Silent Boy**, the story of a boy, in a land in the distant future, who chooses to remain silent. Falling asleep in front of a village campfire, his dream takes him on a journey far away from his loved ones and through many challenges, until he discovers a mysterious box...

The Silent Boy is a story of triumph over adversity, suitable for the whole family. It is performed by an enthusiastic and confident cast of Buddies Group members, who would thrive with a full and friendly audience.

Come and show your support for your local short break and day care centre for people with learning disabilities, as it celebrates 20 years!

SUN 2 JUN

2pm

Tickets: £11.50

Under 18: £6.50

Little Shop of Horrors

Woodley Light Operatic Society



Based on the film by Roger Corman and screenplay by Charles Griffith, Woodley Light Operatic Society presents **Little Shop of Horrors**.

On 21 September, not so long ago, creatures from outer space invaded our galaxy intent on world domination. Some of them took the form of plants. Seymour purchased one of the plants and brought it back to Muschnik florists shop on Skid Row where he worked. He tended the plant lovingly naming it Audrey II after his fellow assistant, Audrey.

Audrey II proves to be a draw in the shop which starts to attract many visitors. The major problem, however, is that Audrey II's food happens to be blood – fresh blood!

WED 12 - SAT 15 JUN

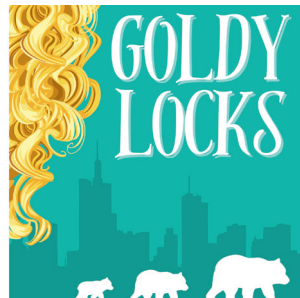
7.45pm

Tickets: £25 - 3 tickets for £54

Under 16: £15

Goldylocks

Henley Children's Theatre



It's Goldilocks, but not as we know it! HCT have developed this traditional tale to create a fun rendition that encompasses all the prerequisites of a children's story and more.

Goldy takes a walk and encounters a home of elderly bears, but she doesn't enter uninvited (rude!) and certainly doesn't eat their breakfast (even more rude!). All fairy tales need a happy ending and reliably, this modern interpretation leads us to a joyful, if unexpected, denouement. Expect normal HCT humour, great music and dance from an adorable cast of tiny bears, witches, school children and a plethora of recognisable characters.

A fun, entertaining show featuring a cast of local children aged 4-15 years.

SUN 16 JUN

1pm & 5pm

Tickets: £15

Under 16: £13

A Night at the Movies!

The Henley College



Lights, Camera, Action!

The Henley College is proud to present **A Night at the Movies!**

Join us as we celebrate the soundtracks from some of the most popular movies through a variety of dance, from Classical Ballet to West End Jazz.

The work has been created and performed by the college students who are studying Dance and Performing Arts under the direction of Victoria Harley. The innovative and creative choreography showcases the talent of the young local performers and guarantees an evening of diverse and original work that will leave you entertained and inspired.

FRI 28 JUN

7.30pm

Tickets: £12

Under 18: £7

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Les Misérables Schools Edition

RARE Productions



In nineteenth century France, Jean Valjean is released from years of unjust imprisonment, but finds nothing in store for him but mistrust and mistreatment. He breaks his parole in hopes of starting a new life, initiating a lifelong struggle for redemption as he is relentlessly pursued by police inspector Javert, who refuses to believe Valjean can change his ways. Finally, during the Paris student uprising of 1832, Javert must confront his ideals after Valjean spares his life and saves that of the student revolutionary who has captured the heart of Valjean's adopted daughter.

RARE Productions brings children and young people from the local area to present this all-time classic show.

THU 11 - SAT 13 JUL

7.30pm on THU 11 & FRI 12 JUL

1.30pm & 6.30pm on SAT 13 JUL

Tickets: £21.50; Senior: £20.50; Under 16: £19.50

MUSIC

Bye Bye Baby



Following their sell-out shows last year at The Kenton, **Bye Bye Baby** are back with their jaw dropping tribute to the musical phenomenon *Jersey Boys* and the timeless, iconic music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.

Incredible four-part harmonies, roof raising falsetto complete with energetic and stylish choreography ensures that **Bye Bye Baby** is a show that will make it a night remember!

Includes 31 of Valli's greatest hits including *Sherry*, *December '63 (Oh What A Night)*, *Grease*, *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*, *Beggin'*, *Working My Way Back To You*, and many more!

SAT 22 JUN

7.30pm

Tickets: £30

COMEDY

Mark Simmons: Quip off the Mark



As seen on *Mock The Week*, BT Sport and ITV, 'Master of one-liners', and social media phenomenon Mark Simmons brings us his sell-out tour show **Quip Off the Mark**.

This isn't your average one-liner show as there is the running theme throughout. This year Mark's parents have sold the house he grew up in and he has to collect his box of stuff from the loft. Come discover what's in the box in this top-level one-liner show structured in a way you've never seen before.

**"One of the UK's pre-eminent pun merchants...the
quickest quipster in showbusiness."**

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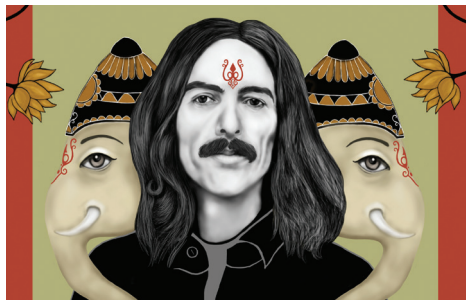
THU 27 JUN

7.30pm

Tickets: £19.50

MUSIC

The Music of George Harrison



The All Things Must Pass Orchestra is a 10-piece band devoted to bringing to the stage the music of George Harrison in all its ingeniously kaleidoscopic and inspirational glory.

To celebrate their 10-year anniversary this year, the band, led by singer and multi-instrumentalist Alex Eberhard, has assembled a set consisting of a fascinating selection of songs mainly drawn from the album *All Things Must Pass*, but also featuring other material from Harrison's incredibly diverse musical output, such as the celebrated masterpieces *Something*, *While My Guitar Gently Weeps*, *Here Comes The Sun*, and the anthemic *My Sweet Lord*. Musical gems from four decades of sublime songwriting – all hand-picked and performed with love and attention to detail by the All Things Must Pass Orchestra.

Featuring luscious three-part harmony vocals, electric and acoustic guitars, a superb horn section and a super-tight rhythm section, the band is able to interpret and bring to life the "Quiet Beatle's" richly textured music.

SAT 29 JUN

8pm

Tickets: £26

Concessions: £24

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FAMILY

Cillian O'Connor: My World of Magic



Cillian O'Connor is bringing his first ever live stage show on tour to the UK and Ireland in 2024.

Cillian literally burst onto an unsuspecting world during *Britain's Got Talent* in 2023 and immediately captivated the hearts of the entire nation, reaching the top three in the final. His performances online have now been the most watched of the entire series reaching over 500 million views in just a few weeks.

Cillian promises to enchant and amaze audiences across the UK and Ireland with a show for the entire family.

"An incredible talent."

SIMON COWELL

FRI 26 JUL

7.30pm

Tickets: £20

Concessions: £18

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COMING SOON!

MUSIC

Totally Blondie



Totally Blondie are a group of fantastic musicians fronted by a stunning and charismatic Debbie Harry lookalike. Between them, they've worked with some of the biggest names in the business – artists like Katrina (And The Waves), Craig David, John Legend, Beverley Knight, Ronan Keating, Chris De Burgh, The Feeling, and D-Ream, to name but a few.

Blondie were one of the most iconic bands to emerge in the Seventies, and have continued to turn out hits and great music to this day. **Totally Blondie** celebrate this whole, rich history, with a selection of material from the very first eponymously titled album 'Blondie' right up to the latest songs.

So, treat yourself to an exciting, passionate, high energy show – it's totally authentic, totally awesome and **Totally Blondie!**

FRI 6 SEP

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

MUSIC

Mike Hurst – With a Little Help from his Friends



Like many others I have Parkinsons, and have done for the last three years, but like many we are not sure what it is! Parkinsons can affect you in different ways: movement, tremors, memory, voice control, to name a few. There is no cure, but as Winston Churchill said, 'we keep buggering on'.

I have asked music legends I have worked with all my life if they would help. Shakin' Stevens, Sir Tim Rice, P P Arnold, Mike D'Abo, and others agreed to take part.

All proceeds from ticket sales and donations will go to Parkinsons UK.

My family have been a part of The Kenton's history for over half a century, and they have all helped to put the shows together. So please come to The Kenton on September 7th and 8th to support a worthy cause.

My thanks,
MIKE HURST

SAT 7 & SUN 8 SEP

7.30pm

Tickets: £65

VIP: £125

MUSIC

Looking For Me Friend: The Music of Victoria Wood



"The most feel-good show in town" (Daily Mail) has spread nostalgia and laughs throughout the UK and has the seal of approval from Victoria's own colleagues and school-chums.

Featuring the star of BBC1's *All Together Now*, Paulus The Cabaret Geek with Michael Roulston (Fascinating Aida) on piano, it's an evening of pure joy filled with Victoria's best-loved songs.

This show is for fans of Victoria and for those yet to discover her, to come together and relish her breathtaking wizardry with words.

So, pair your stilettos with your oven glove, zip-up your cocktail slacks and get booking!

THU 12 SEP

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

COMEDY

Dad's Army Radio Show



Two actors, two microphones, over twenty-five characters - and lots of sound effects! The nation's favourite sitcom, *Dad's Army*, returns newly minted in this highly-acclaimed production.

Three episodes of the hugely popular television series will be brought gloriously to life; hilariously and lovingly enacted by two master performers.

David Benson (*Goodnight Sweetheart* and *One Man, Two Gunners*) and Jack Lane (*Wisdom of a Fool* and *7 Days*) transport the audience right back to Walmington, working from original scripts newly adapted for the stage – complete with sound effects, vintage music and all of Perry and Croft's beloved characters and catchphrases.

FRI 13 SEP

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

COMING SOON!

MUSIC

Voodoo Room: A Night of Hendrix, Clapton & Cream



Voodoo Room pay tribute to Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Cream. This stunning power trio feature some of the UK's finest musicians who perform an incredible show in the true spirit of these legendary superstars. No wigs, no gimmicks – simply great music played by great musicians!

Members of Voodoo Room have recorded and toured with Stevie Winwood, Massive Attack, Arthur Brown, Fish, Thunder and many other high profile artists.

With standing ovations the norm, the word on the street is Voodoo Room are – NOT TO BE MISSED!

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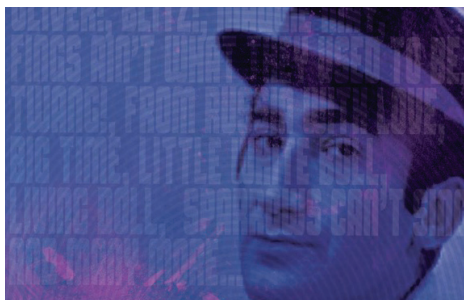
THU 19 SEP

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

It's a Fine Life!



It's a Fine Life! is a mesmerising musical play that traces the meteoric rise and subsequent fall of the legendary songwriter, Lionel Bart.

In the 1960's Lionel Bart was earning in a minute what the average person earned in a week, he was the toast of the West End as well as writing hit after hit songs that topped the charts, but then things went wrong... very wrong.

Prepare to be enthralled by a gripping narrative that delves into the complexities of Bart's life, his creative genius and the cost of fame. **It's a Fine Life!** takes you on a transformative journey through the heights of Bart's success, where his infectious melodies and heartfelt lyrics captivated audiences around the globe; from the unforgettable *Oliver!* to a repertoire of timeless classics, such as *Living Doll*, *From Russia with Love*, *Little White Bull* and musicals such as *Blitz!*, *Maggie May* and *Fings Ain't Wot They Used To Be*.

FRI 20 SEP

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

COMING SOON!

MUSIC

Legends of Motown



Legends of Motown is a high energy tribute show jam packed with all of Motown's biggest hits; with stunning vocals and amazing live band, celebrating the music of this iconic and timeless era.

Get ready to be wowed with a song list that won't fail to have you up and out of your seats and dancing in the aisles. Make it a night to remember with the music authentic to the Motown label from artists such as Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, The Temptations, Jimmy Ruffin and many more!

SAT 21 SEP

7.30pm

Tickets: £26

HISTORY

The Da Vinci Michelangelo Experience



Revel in an unforgettable journey through the Renaissance and rediscover the most exceptional artistic period in history.

Now in its ninth season, **The Da Vinci Michelangelo Experience** has played across the United States and most recently a nine-month run Off-Broadway.

Rodgers' energy and passion are infectious, and you will quickly find yourself immersed in the inspirational world of The Italian Renaissance. The performance showcases these two legendary geniuses at their very best and looks at their work through a contemporary lens.

THU 26 SEP

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

WOW! That's What I Call the Nineties!



Everyone knows it was the greatest decade EVER, so why not let **Wow! That's What I Call The 90s** take you back?! Back to a purer time where distractions were fewer, human connections were real and music ruled the landscape. For a glorious evening, our magnificent six-piece band will take you on a nostalgic joyride through the sights and sounds of the 1990s, from Girl Power to the Gallaghers, Boybands to BritPop, and everything in between. There's no better way to sample the sounds and relive the emotions of an untouchable time in music and culture, than with **Wow! That's What I Call The 90s**.

SAT 28 SEP

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

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MUSIC

The Dung Beatles



High-energy, top-drawer musicianship and precise vocal harmonies, all capturing the very essence of Beatles music – among the reasons why so many ‘hard-core’ Beatles fans come to see **The Dung Beatles** time and again.

Referring to themselves as “a Beatles rock band rather than tribute” (no wigs, costumes or backing tracks!), their extensive repertoire includes the hits, album gems, and songs never performed live by the Beatles themselves.

For this special show the band and their four-piece horn section will play a set that ranges from early to late Beatles, plus a medley of songs from the early ‘70s. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

SAT 12 OCT

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

Fire and Rain & American Pie



A heart-warming, musical homage to the great American singer-songwriters of the late 60’s and early 70’s, featuring beautiful timeless songs from James Taylor, Carole King, Simon & Garfunkel, Joni Mitchell, Don McLean, Bread, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, America, The Byrds, Mamas and Papas, Carly Simon and more!

The first class five-piece band will bring you classic songs from this golden era when American Folk-pop topped the charts in U.K. and U.S. including *You’ve got a Friend*, *You’re So Vain*, *Leavin’ On A Jet Plane* and more.

With an intimate narrative including images, the show is at times poignant, sometimes amusing, always delightful.

SAT 2 NOV

7.30pm

Tickets: £24

MUSIC

A Head Full of Coldplay



A celebration of the music of Coldplay; capturing the energy and sound of one of the biggest bands in the world.

This immersive and fun-driven show features Xylobands, lasers, back projection, confetti, and all the biggest hits from *Yellow*, *Hymn For The Weekend*, to *Paradise* and *Viva La Vida*.

Don’t miss this unique show for all fans of Coldplay.

THU 14 NOV

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

COMING SOON!



A limited number of meet and greet and VIP tickets are available.

MUSIC

Aled Jones: Full Circle

Prepare to hear Aled Jones as you've never heard him before!

He was the boy treble who captivated the world with his angelic voice. Selling over seven million albums, Aled was the original, classical crossover star. His recording of *Walking in the Air*, from the animated film *The Snowman*, firmly established him as a household name and he has become an integral part of the nation's festivities.

An award-winning television broadcaster and radio presenter on the BBC and Classic FM, Aled is equally at home on the classical stage or starring in musical theatre productions in London's West End. A favourite with the Royal Family, he even gave a private performance to King Charles III in Kensington Palace.

Now, after 40 years in the business, he's looking back on a remarkable career with a one-man show that will feature never-before-heard music, tales from the decades and for the first time, his story told in his own words. It's time to come **Full Circle**.

SUN 10 NOV

7.30pm

Tickets: from £32.50

Box office: 01491 525050

COMEDY

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream



Sh!t-faced Shakespeare are pouring their legendary cock-eyed chaos into the Bard-shaped vessel that is *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Think drunken donkeys, fandangled fairies and mulled mechanicals... it's hard to imagine anything more magical, right?

Each night, a rotating cast member will get genuinely spiffingly splifficated and attempt to perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as you have never seen before. Making for a different show every night, nobody (not even the cast) knows in which direction the show will stumble. Come and get fuddled in the forest with us!

FRI 15 NOV

7.30pm

Tickets: £30.50

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MUSIC

Elvis - The Ultimate Experience



For one night, you get to experience what it would have been like to witness The King of Rock 'n' Roll live in the flesh. Although no one will ever replace Elvis Presley, the 2018 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Champion has been commended by many who worked with Elvis himself, and was even chosen to portray Elvis in the Blockbuster Movie 'Bladerunner 2049'.

Opening with the 50's **Elvis – The Ultimate Experience** first takes you back to where it all began. We then move to the movies, a quick change into the leathers and its the NBC's '68 Comeback Special, finally closing the show with a replica of the amazing 70's concert years.

It really is a show created with every Elvis fan in mind.

THU 28 NOV

7.30pm

Tickets: £31.50

Concessions: £29.50

THIS CHRISTMAS

MUSIC

A Crazy Little Thing Called Queen



An outstanding, exciting and dynamic tribute to one of the world's greatest and most iconic rock bands.

Yvan Silva's incredible vocal power and showmanship, along with some of the finest dedicated Queen tribute musicians, deliver an unforgettable show, guaranteed to get you rocking out to Queen's greatest hits including *Radio GaGa*, *We Will Rock You* and *Bohemian Rhapsody* to name a few.

Crazy Little Thing Called Queen is a fully costumed, live extravaganza, bringing you a respectful homage to the incredible force that was, and still is . . . Freddie Mercury and Queen.

WED 4 DEC

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50.

MUSIC

The Rat Pack at Christmas in Vegas



Swing into the Christmas season with The Rat Pack and their famous Christmas Concert, arriving in Henley from London's Leicester Square Theatre, The 02 and a Royal Command Performance.

The acclaimed David Alacey stars as Frank Sinatra alongside Paul Drakeley as Dean Martin and joined by Des Coleman as Sammy Davis Jnr.

Together they amaze audiences with their recreation of a magical Christmas at The Sands with Sinatra, Martin and Davis in this sensational show which brings the style, glamour and excitement of the Las Vegas heyday to vivid life. Including all the great hits - *My Way*, *Mr Bojangles*, *New York New York*, *Amore*, *Fly Me To The Moon* and seasonal classics.

THU 5 DEC

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

MUSIC

Bye Bye Baby Christmas Show



Bye Bye Baby are a jaw-dropping tribute to the musical phenomenon *Jersey Boys* and the timeless, iconic music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. This Christmas-inspired show features the same incredible four-part harmonies and roof raising falsetto associated with one of the most successful groups of all time. Featuring Valli's greatest hits alongside Christmas favourites including *Let It Snow*, *White Christmas* and *Have Yourself A Merry Christmas*.

Get ready for the festive season with one of the UK's best tribute shows, complete with energetic and stylish choreography. **Bye Bye Baby** is a show that will make it a night to remember.

SAT 7 DEC

2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tickets: £30

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the wheelchair entrance and move into a seat
if the wheelchair space is occupied. There is a
wheelchair accessible toilet which is accessed
via an outside corridor at the side of the theatre.

SEATING PLAN

A	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	A
B	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	B
C	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	C
D	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	D
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L	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	L

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FOR THOSE WHO NEED EASY
ACCESS. M4 IS RESERVED
PRIMARILY FOR ESSENTIAL
COMPANIONS.

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What's On

SPRING | SUMMER 2024

APRIL

- 19** The Greatest Magician
- 20** Sinatra: Raw
- 25** Coppers and Gold!
- 26** Rock for Heroes
- 27** Comedy Ladder

MAY

- 02** Dr Louise Newson - Henley Literary Festival
- 03** Strictly Tommy Blaize
- 04** Punt and Dennis
- 08-11** 52nd Henley Drama Festival
- 16** The Jimi Hendrix Experience
- 17** Alfie Moore: A Face for Radio
- 18** An Evening With... Ben Fogle
- 23** Where Is Mrs Christie?
- 24** The Elton John Show
- 25** Ahh...Freak Out!
- 26** Dantastic's Magical Adventure
- 29** West End Magic
- 31** Sherlock's Excellent Adventures

JUNE

- 01** Simon Evans
- 02** The Silent Boy - The Chiltern Centre
- 06** Blake's Heaven Big Band

JUNE (cont)

- 07** Russell Kane: Hyperactive
- 08** Voodoo Brass Band
- 12-15** Little Shop of Horrors - Woodley Light Operatic Society
- 16** Goldylocks - Henley Children's Theatre
- 22** Bye Bye Baby
- 27** Mark Simmons: Quip off the Mark
- 28** A Night at the Movies - The Henley College
- 29** The Music of George Harrison

JULY

- 11-13** Les Misérables - RARE Productions
- 26** Cillian O'Connor: My World of Magic

SEPTEMBER

- 06** Totally Blondie
- 07-08** Mike Hurst - With a Little Help from his Friends
- 12** Looking For Me Friend: The Music of Victoria Wood
- 13** Dad's Army Radio Show
- 19** Voodoo Room: A Night of Hendrix, Clapton & Cream
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