

AT THE
KENTON



WINTER
SPRING
2024

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

It's the panto you've **BEAN** waiting for!

Immersion Theatre, the team behind last year's Aladdin, are thrilled to bring a GIANT amount of Fe-fi-fo-FUN to the Kenton Theatre as they proudly present JACK AND THE BEANSTALK, a magical pantomime of epic proportions!

Packed with comedy, music, audience participation, and all the trademark ingredients audiences have come to love and expect from an Immersion show, this hilarious and action-packed adventure promises to be our most joyous and festive experience yet, oh yes it does!



DATES AND TIMES DEC 23

Sat 9 th		2.30pm	6pm
Sun 10 th		3pm	
Fri 15 th			5pm
Sat 16 th	11am	2.30pm	6pm
Sun 17 th		3pm	
Tue 19 th			6pm R & B
Thu 21 st		2.30pm	
Fri 22 nd	11am	2.30pm	6pm
Sat 23 rd	11am	2.30pm	6pm
Sun 24 th	11am	3pm	
Tue 26 th		2.30pm	6pm
Wed 27 th	11am	3pm	
Thu 28 th		3pm	
Fri 29 th		3pm	
Sat 30 th	11am	2.30pm	6pm
Sun 31 st	11am & B		

TICKETS

PERFORMANCE	Pink	Yellow	Green (Relaxed & signed performance)
Adult	£24.50	£26.50	£12.50
Children (under 16)	£18.50	£20.50	£12.50
Concessions	£22.50	£24.50	£12.50
Family (2 adults, 2 children)	£2 off per ticket	£2 off per ticket	n/a

Ticket prices include a £1 Restoration Levy, a £1.25 booking fee and a 25p Community Fund Levy.

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R Relaxed performance & BSL signed performance

A fresh new look

Over the last few months, we have been developing a new website for The Kenton. It uses the most up to date technology and will significantly improve the customer journey when purchasing tickets – no more technical glitches when using Apple devices! It also carries the new visual identity for The Kenton. All this has been made possible by donations from the Anthony Lane Foundation, Henley Playing Cards and one of our members, Simon Clarke. We hope to launch the website in January.

This new-look Winter/Spring brochure is jam-packed with shows and events taking us through to May half term. But do keep an eye on our website as we are adding new shows all the time.

As this brochure goes to print, we are only one week away from the launch of Jack and the Beanstalk – our pantomime produced by Immersion. If you haven't already booked tickets, I recommend doing so quickly as they are selling fast with some performances already sold out. Why leave Henley for your panto experience when you have The Kenton here in the heart of the town offering a truly magical show!

We're also excited to be launching our new season of fundraising events for The Kenton. Regional theatres, more than ever, rely on donations, partnerships and sponsorship and The Kenton is no different. For our first fundraiser in 2024, we are delighted to be bringing you **An Evening with Christopher Biggins** on Sunday 25 February. For our second, we are bringing back, by popular demand, for one night only, **Mary Blandy: A Retrial** on Sunday 7 April.

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

IN MEMORY OF

John Beckerleg

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LOCAL THEATRE

Beauty and the Beast

Henley Children's Theatre



The Henley Children's Theatre proudly present their annual pantomime, **Beauty and the Beast**. It may be a tale as old as time, but there is nothing outdated about this production, and certainly not the cast of enthusiastic youngsters! In this traditional story, we meet our book-loving heroine, Belle, who is the daughter of would-be inventor, Auguste Balls. Prince Perfect is turned in to a Beast who must find someone to love him truly before an enchanted Rosalie loses all her petals. The clock is ticking! Can Inspector Clueless and the Rose Buddies help us to a happy ending?

Filled with joyous moments and some fabulous tunes, this script, par excellence, regales a French fable with an ebullient cast of local children, aged 4-16 years, who will delight the audience with their joie-de-vivre (and questionable French accents)!

WED 3 - SAT 6 JAN

1pm & 6pm

Tickets: £16

Concessions from £12

LOCAL THEATRE

A Christmas Carol

Acorn Music Theatre Company



Immerse yourself in the Victorian Christmas tale of Ebenezer Scrooge as we travel in time with the ghosts of past, present and future. With Tiny Tim's life at stake, Scrooge visits seminal moments of his life, but will he change his ways in time to save this small boy and learn the true meaning of Christmas?

The award-winning Acorn Music Theatre Company are well known for performing their unique interpretations of tales and fables, old and new, in fields, barns and gardens around Oxfordshire and beyond.

Expect original live music, dynamic physical theatre, hand-made bespoke puppets, innovative lighting and design and a brilliant ensemble cast. Suitable for adults and brave young people!

For Wednesday's performance, the audience are invited to "pay what you want" with a minimum price of £5.

WED 10 - SAT 13 JAN

7.30pm plus 2.30pm matinee on 13 Jan

Tickets: £20

Concessions from £15

MUSIC

5,6,7,8: The Steps Experience



This high energy tribute to Steps faithfully recreates the flawless vocals and slick choreography of the 90's & 00's party favourites in a fast paced, two-hour concert.

With iconic costumes and spectacular visuals, get ready for a trip down memory lane with all the hits including: *Tragedy*, *One For Sorrow*, *Better Best Forgotten*, *Say You'll Be Mine*, *Deeper Shade Of Blue* and many many more.

Whether you are looking for a night of nostalgia or a party that will get you moving, **5,6,7,8: The Steps Experience** has it all!

Book your tickets today and experience the magic of Steps all over again.

SUN 14 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

COMEDY

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.



"Quite unlike anything else I've seen in almost 20 years of covering the Fringe...witty, warm, perfectly judged"

THE TELEGRAPH



"A master at letting us in on his vulnerability"

THE TIMES

THU 18 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £22.50

MUSIC

Made In Tennessee



Country fans are given a taste of Nashville with Soul Street Productions' sell-out show **Made in Tennessee**.

With a band made up of some of the UK's finest country musicians, **Made in Tennessee** takes you through the decades of the nation's fastest growing music genre, from country's origin in the Southern States of America to modern day country heard around the world.

Featuring classics from Johnny, June, Dolly and Hank, legends like Garth Brooks and Carrie Underwood and modern country superstars such as Kacey Musgraves and Chris Stapleton.

Book your tickets now to experience the best show east of Tennessee!

FRI 19 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £28.50

MUSIC

The Simon & Garfunkel Story



Following sold-out performances in London's West End, a Worldwide tour and standing ovations at every performance, **The Simon & Garfunkel Story** continues to stun audiences across the globe, making it a must-see international sensation.

Featuring a cast of talented West End actor-musicians, their performances will take audiences back through the Groovy times of the 1960s. It tells the story of both Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel from their humble beginnings as Rock n Roll duo 'Tom and Jerry', right through to their massive success and dramatic break-up, and finishing with a stunning recreation of the 1981 Central Park reformation concert.

Using huge projection photos and original film footage, the international hit show also features a full live band performing all the hits including *Mrs Robinson*, *Cecilia*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, *Homeward Bound* and many more.

"Fantastic"
ELAINE PAIGE, BBC RADIO 2

SAT 20 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

Concessions from £26

MUSIC

The Neil Diamond Story



Described in Las Vegas as one of the world's finest vocal tributes to Neil Diamond, Bob Drury has been astounding audiences with his vocal likeness for twelve years, during which time he has performed throughout the UK, Europe and in the United States.

Bob is joined by his amazing band as the show tracks Neil's journey from unknown and struggling New York songwriter to international mega-star. The music covers every stage of a staggering music career spanning five decades. Join in with all the favourites such as *Cracklin' Rosie*, *America*, *Love on the Rocks*, *Hello Again*, *Forever in Blue Jeans*, *I'm a Believer*, *Red Red Wine* and of course *Sweet Caroline*.

FRI 26 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £27

MUSIC

Ronnie Scott's Soho Songbook



Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club returns to The Kenton with a stunning new collection of music, narration and projected archive images and footage celebrating **Ronnie Scott's 'Soho Songbook'**.

Featuring classic music from the jazz greats who have performed at Ronnie Scott's, this is a glimpse into a unique world and its incredible history. Hosted and performed by the award-winning Ronnie Scott's All Stars, this is a unique evening celebrating the music and history of Ronnie Scott's and is a must for any music fan.

"Full-on brilliance"
THE GUARDIAN

SAT 27 JAN

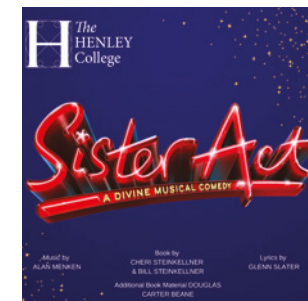
7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

LOCAL THEATRE

Sister Act

The Henley College



Brace yourselves Sisters! The Henley College are proud to present the Broadway and UK smash-hit musical **Sister Act!**

Disco diva Deloris' life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Placed under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she shouldn't be found – a convent!

Featuring original music by Tony and eight-time Oscar winner Alan Menken and songs inspired by Motown, soul and disco, this joyous and hilarious musical is one nostalgia-filled trip you will never forget.

A musical sent from above, **Sister Act** raises the spirits and warms the soul.

TUE 30 JAN - FRI 2 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £15

Concessions £12.50

MUSIC

Moonage

The Best of Bowie
Tribute Band



Moonage are a David Bowie tribute band comprising acclaimed musicians, with a wealth of experience, fronted by an amazing singer, Andrew Walker, who has David Bowie's vocals off to a tee.

The classic Spiders from Mars line-up is enhanced by keyboards, saxophone and female backing vocalist whilst images accompany each song and are displayed behind the band.

Whether you are a fan of Bowie's early years, the Glam Rock era, Plastic Soul, Berlin or 80s Pop eras, there will be something for you in this fantastic show.

SAT 3 FEB

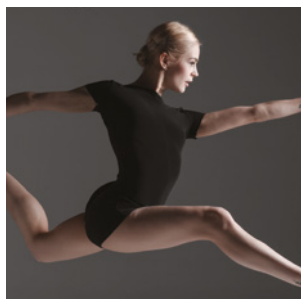
7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

LOCAL THEATRE

Dancing Around The World

Bryn Ballet Academy



Bryn Ballet Academy is delighted to present the student performance **Dancing Around The World**. This is a fun and exciting opportunity to see wonderful dancers across all levels of the school, celebrating their hard work in ballet and dance training. A tribute to the creativity of our students.

Over one hundred students from age 3 and up are performing in this inspiring showcase at The Kenton. The director and owner of the ballet school Ms Bryndís Einarsdóttir has chosen and choreographed a varied programme incorporating different elements for classical ballet, contemporary and modern dance from around the world.

SUN 4 FEB

2pm & 4.30pm

Tickets: £19

Concessions from £14

LOCAL THEATRE

The Wedding Singer

Shiplake College



Brace yourselves for the most sensational and uproarious rollercoaster ride into the world of love, laughter, and 80s tunes as Shiplake College proudly presents **The Wedding Singer**.

Get ready to be transported back to the era of big hair, shoulder pads, and neon lights, as our vibrant cast brings to life the heartwarming tale of Robbie Hart, the lovable wedding singer with a voice as smooth as silk and a heart as big as his hair!

So gather your friends, bring your family, and get ready for a night of infectious laughter, heartwarming moments, and a whole lot of nostalgic fun.

WED 7 - THU 8 FEB

7pm

Tickets: £15

Concessions from £10

MUSIC

Buddy Holly and The Cricketers



This breathtaking show has rock 'n' rolled audiences across the globe and is guaranteed to have everyone singing along and dancing in the aisles.

Starring some of the finest actor-musicians in the UK whose combined West End credits include *Buddy, Lennon, Forbidden Planet and Jailhouse Rock*; **Buddy Holly and The Cricketers** is a show that rarely pauses for breath and is, quite simply, the most compelling concert of its kind.

"The audience were dancing in the aisles and roaring for more"

THE STAGE

"Buddy brilliant!"

GRAHAM NORTON, BBC ONE

SAT 10 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

FAMILY

First Piano on the Moon



Mozart, via the blues, tango and rock'n'roll.

William's school report is pretty terrible. But his tricks on the piano are so impressive, teachers have chosen him to play a prestigious concert for Mozart's birthday celebrations in Salzburg. Trouble is, he only does tricks.

A chase through Salzburg. A moonlit haunted house. Enter Mozart, to swap genius wisdom for a glimpse of the future.

Aimed at children 6+, come and be enchanted by **First Piano on the Moon** this February half term, with or without kids.

"Wonderfully engaging storytelling,"

THE NATIONAL

TUE 13 FEB

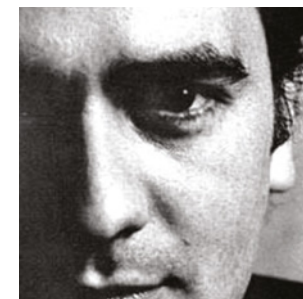
1pm & 3pm

Tickets: £17.50

Concessions from £15

MUSIC

The Jazz of Dudley Moore



We all know about Dudley Moore, the beloved comic actor. But perhaps fewer know about Dudley Moore, pianist — the virtuoso brilliantly exploiting the stylistic possibilities gifted to him by Errol Garner and Oscar Peterson in late night sessions at Peter Cook's Establishment Club in 1960s Soho, dazzling appearances on BBC TV, and the sparkling Decca trio recordings.

Perhaps fewer still know Dudley Moore, composer — purveyor of quirky, imaginative jazz originals and the witty music for nuanced movie scores, sometimes superior to the movies themselves.

In an anecdote packed evening, the Chris Ingham Trio revisit Moore's irresistible music.

FRI 16 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

Concessions from £21

FAMILY

Alice in Wonderland

Multi award-nominated Immersion Theatre – the team behind last year's smash hit *The Jungle Book* and our Christmas pantomimes – bring their trademark energy to their biggest, funniest, and most spectacular family musical to date: **Alice in Wonderland!**

Follow Alice and the White Rabbit as they set off on a colourful, topsy-turvy adventure and meet a host of outlandish characters including Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee, the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat and of course, the Mad-as-a-bat-Hatter!

Children and adults alike are invited to join in the hilarity of seeing this classic story brought vividly to life in a show packed with comedy, music, audience interaction, and fun for the whole family! You'd be MAD to miss it!

SAT 17 FEB

1pm & 5pm

Tickets: £17.50

Concessions from £15.50



DRAMA

Cecil Beaton's Diaries



For the first time, the diaries of photographer and designer Sir Cecil Beaton come to the stage to accompany his most iconic images. Beaton's photographs showed his versatility; his diaries exposed the cost. Even his triumphant designs for *My Fair Lady* never stopped his doubts.

Blisteringly funny, with appearances ranging from the Queen Mother and Elizabeth Taylor to Churchill and Capote, the diaries paint a self-portrait of the 20th century's most compelling dandy.



"Richard Stirling epitomises Beaton's crisply tailored demeanour"

EDINBURGH GUIDE

SUN 18 FEB

2.30pm

Tickets: £22.50

COMEDY

Miles Jupp: On I Bang



Since Miles' last tour finished in 2017, he's been in *The Durrells* as well as a heap of episodes of *Have I Got News For You*. He's made an award-winning radio series and he's published a novel.

Yet one sunny day in the middle of all this, he suddenly suffered a brain seizure. This led to the discovery of a tumour the size of a cherry tomato. Obviously, one doesn't wish to make a big deal of it, but the experience has left him with a story to tell and a few things that he'd like to share with the room.

THU 22 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £30

MUSIC

Country Superstars



The World's biggest country music tribute touring show is coming! As seen in London's West End and Nashville's Broadway.

Prepare to be taken on a journey back through time to meet the most influential icons to have shaped country music history including Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Kenny Rogers, Willie Nelson, Tammy Wynette, Garth Brooks, John Denver and Canadian country superstar Shania Twain.

Each artist not only looks and sounds like the country star they portray, every detail is taken into consideration. A must see for any fan of country music!

SAT 24 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £29.50



KENTON FUNDRAISER

An Evening with...

Christopher Biggins

From *Porridge* to *I'm A Celebrity*, Christopher Biggins has graced our screens for more than 30 years. This multi-talented actor, humorist, writer and national treasure, who counts the world's most glamorous stars as his best friends, is bringing his inimitable sense of humour and warmth to Henley this February for **An Evening With...** fundraiser for The Kenton.

Christopher has been a mainstay on British television for years, appearing in the iconic *I, Claudius* and *Poldark*. More recently he won over a huge new audience when he was crowned King Of The Jungle after winning series seven of the hit ITV1 show, *I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here*. Christopher's career started in theatre and he continues to perform on the stage to this day, with his annual appearance in pantomimes, wearing his iconic dame costumes.

An Evening With... Christopher Biggins will be full of lively discussion, clips and a special auction with proceeds going to the theatre.

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

SUN 25 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets from £30

COMEDY

Fresh from the Fringe



Mark Watson's production company Impatient presents two of the 2023 Edinburgh Fringe's most successful shows, hand-picked by the *Taskmaster* star himself.

Pete Heat's is a magic show like no other. Bridging the gap between trickery and comedy, this act is stylish, unconventional and absolutely confounding.

Mary O'Connell has had a stellar 2023, enjoying one of the best comedic debut seasons at the Fringe and attracting widespread TV interest and rapturous reviews.

A superb combination of rising talents, see them close-up in Henley while you can.

FRI 1 MAR

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

Crazy Diamond

Pink Floyd Tribute



Crazy Diamond plays and pays tribute to the music of Pink Floyd.

The band's approach to Floyd's music is faithful but not reverential; they are not afraid of adding their own sparkle to it.

With this show the eight-piece band provide a two-hours plus set showcasing two of Floyd's seminal albums: *Animals* and *The Dark Side of the Moon*. **Crazy Diamond's** show also includes other classics and fan treats such as *Another Brick in the Wall* and Roger Waters' *Perfect Sense*.

SAT 2 MAR

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

FAMILY

There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly



Aliens from a distant planet have crash-landed on Earth and need our help to get home. But there's a problem. Their rocket runs on stories, not fuel, and only the greatest story in the universe will be enough to save them!

With a captivating combination of live action, animation and puppetry, this magical re-telling of **There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly** is sure to surprise and delight children and nostalgic adults in equal measure.



"Thoroughly entertaining and brilliant fun."

WHAT'S ON STAGE

SUN 3 MAR

2.30pm

Tickets: £16

Concessions from £14

LOCAL THEATRE

Henley Youth Festival



Henley Youth Festival returns to The Kenton this March, in celebration of its 30th anniversary, with the theme "My Favourite Things".

There are events for everyone - musicians, singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, actors - as well as opportunities to get involved behind the scenes with lighting, stage managing, presenting and production.

The performances showcase the talent of those ages 4-18 in Henley and form part of the wider Henley Youth Festival programme. Young people are encouraged to take part in events, workshops and competitions that help nurture new skills and confidence in the arts, educational and sporting activities.

MON 4 - SAT 9 MAR

DRAMA

The Silence of Snow



Former Henley resident, Patrick Hamilton was a dazzling success while still in his twenties, producing the hit plays *Rope* and *Gaslight*, and classic novels like *Twenty Thousand Streets Under the Sky* and *The Slaves of Solitude*. But he was also an alcoholic, whose wit became increasingly mordant as his inner and outer worlds collapsed.

Set in an electro-therapy clinic in the 1950s, and covering the entire sweep of Hamilton's life, **The Silence of Snow** has gripped audiences wherever it has been performed.



"You won't be able to take your eyes off this magnetic actor..."

THE TIMES

THU 14 MAR

7.30pm

Tickets: £18.50

MUSIC

The Ed Sheeran Songbook



For one night only The Kenton presents the incredible Jack Bowater for an amazing night of Ed Sheeran magic!

Totally interactive with his audience and using the Ed Sheeran limited edition guitar with his now world-famous loop pedal, Jack Bowater performs, with unerring accuracy, the hits that have placed Ed Sheeran as one of the most relevant songwriters of our time.

Jack takes us through Ed's back catalogue from his humble beginnings to superstar status, with songs like *Bad Habits*, *Shape Of You*, *Thinking Out Loud*, *Sing* and *Perfect*, plus a busking session mash-up with audience participation.

FRI 15 MAR

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

MUSIC

Art Themen Organ Trio



A fantastically exciting, playful and inventive saxophonist, Art Themen has been a beloved character of the British jazz scene for 60 years. Famously combining his role as a consultant orthopaedic surgeon with saxophone duties in the bands of Alexis Korner and Stan Tracey among many others.

Described by The Observer as "One of the tiny handful of undeniably perfect jazz musicians", he remains as brilliant and inimitable as ever.

Art is joined by Pete Whittaker on the organ and George Double on the drums in this fantastic show.

SAT 16 MAR

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

Concessions from £21

LOCAL THEATRE

Pygmalion

The Henley Players



Eccentric phonetics expert, Henry Higgins, thinks he can pass off a poor flower girl in polite society with a few months of elocution lessons. It turns out that spirited Eliza Doolittle has a mind and personality of her own and is not willing to lose them as easily as she sheds her cockney accent.

Strong characters and great wit animate this classic comedy and the themes of social mobility and women's empowerment are as relevant today as when **Pygmalion** was first performed, over a century ago.

For Saturday's matinee performance, the audience are invited to "pay what you want" with a minimum price of £5.

WED 20 - SAT 23 MAR

7.30pm

2.30pm matinee on 23 MAR

Tickets from £18

LOCAL THEATRE

The Wizard of Oz

Reading Operatic Society



The award-winning Reading Operatic Society is proud and privileged to present an Easter treat for the whole family, **The Wizard of Oz**.

Follow the yellow brick road in this delightful stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. The timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz has thrilled audiences worldwide.

This driven, fun extravaganza is suitable for all ages and should not be missed.

WED 27 - SAT 30 MAR

7.30pm

2.30pm matinee on 29 & 30 MAR

Tickets: £23 Concessions £21

FAMILY

Morgan & West's Massive Magic Show For Kids



Roll up, roll up! Morgan & West are back with a **Massive Magic Show For Kids** (and their childish grown-ups)!

Expect gawps, gasps and guffaws in this relentlessly funny and fantastical magic filled extravaganza, guaranteed to delight those aged five and 105, and indeed everyone in between!

Morgan & West have shown their scientific skills in *Unbelievable Science*, brought good will to all with their *Great Big Christmas Magic Show*, attempted to escape *The Slammer* on CBBC and even fooled Penn & Teller. This season they're hitting the road with their brand-new magic show full of their trademark wit, mysterious magic tricks, larger than life laughs and fantastic facial furniture all crammed into one hour of non-stop fun for all the family.



"hugely talented"
DAILY MIRROR



"superbly crafted"
THE STAGE

TUE 2 APR

2pm

Tickets: £14.50

Concessions £12.50

FAMILY

Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science



You think science is boring, think again; this is science like you have never seen it before. Designed for children and adults alike, **Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science** explores the strange and magical properties of matter with exploding elephant's toothpaste, vortex-generating dustbins and even howling jelly babies!

Awarded 'Best Kid's Show at Edinburgh Fringe' by The Derek Awards, this interactive show promises to entertain and educate in the most spectacular way!

"A truly spectacular and explosive show full of drama and some really cool science too!"

PRIMARY TIMES

WED 3 APR

2pm

Tickets: £19.50

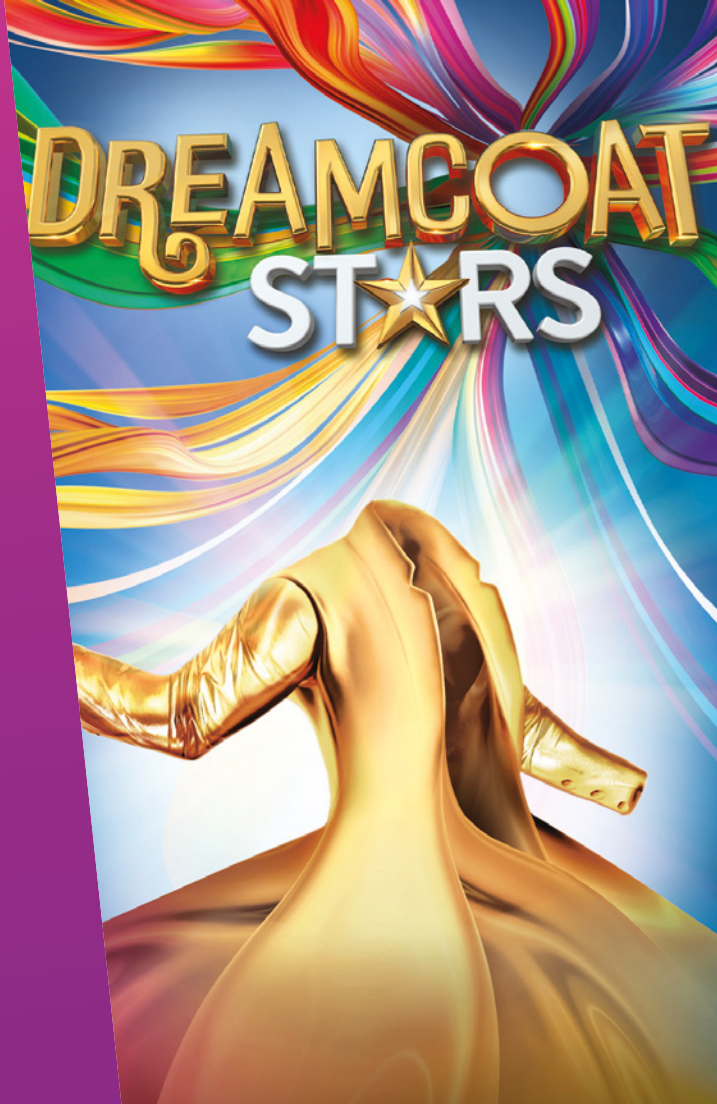
Concessions £17.50

MUSICALS

Dreamcoat Stars

Experience the UK's biggest and best night of musical smash-hits! A concert like no other, with everyone's favourite West End and Broadway classics, including *Les Misérables*, *We Will Rock You*, *Wicked*, *Phantom of the Opera* and the toe-tapping *Jersey Boys*. Draw back the curtains, sing along and relive all your favourite productions in one epic show. Feel the spine-tingling vocal power of four sensational singers from the hit show *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, coming together for an unforgettable evening of musical theatre.

This colourful production is packed with vibrant and uplifting songs and celebrates the life and work of legendary composers in this mega mix production. Grab your coat of many colours and join us on your **Dreamcoat** journey where *Any Dream Will Do*. This is a show that will raise your spirits in a night of theatre you'll never forget.



THU 4 APR

7.30pm

Tickets: £28

FAMILY

Cartoon Circus Live



All the fun of the circus comes to The Kenton this Easter holidays when the laughter-packed stage show **Cartoon Circus Live** combines the comedy of pantomime with the thrill of the circus.

This one-hour family show features some of Britain's funniest clowns, traditional slapstick comedy, illusions, the amazing girl in the spinning bottle, magic, a huge giant dancing bear, cartoon characters, an acrobatic human slinky, puppets, prizes and surprises. There is even a performing piranha!

FRI 5 APR

1.30pm
Tickets: £14
Concessions from £12

FAMILY

The Museum of Marvellous Things



Welcome to **The Museum of Marvellous Things**, where the impossible can happen!

With giant puppets, magical effects, interactive storytelling, LIVE original music and a chance to make your own special puppet, this is a fun-filled family show based on the picture book by Kristina Stephenson (creator of *Sir Charlie Stinky Socks*).

Meet sensible, serious Norbert Norris and wild, wonderful Tilly T. Pott, as they give you a sneak peek inside their amazing museum and ask YOU to fill it with MAGIC!

Aimed at ages 3 - 8

SAT 6 APR

1pm & 3pm
Tickets: £12.50

DANCE

Goldilocks: The Ballet

Let's All Dance Ballet Company



Join Goldilocks, the girl with the lovely locks and her jar of magical honey, as she befriends a family of bears and teaches everyone the value of sharing. But watch out for Selfish Sid who, on hearing that the honey is magical, hatches a nasty plan to steal it from Goldilocks.

With a 1940's vibe, a variety of dance styles and plenty of bowls of delicious porridge, this ballet is juuuuust right!

Goldilocks: The Ballet is the perfect opportunity for the whole family to enjoy the magic of live, professional ballet for a special Easter treat.

MON 8 APR

1pm & 3pm
Tickets: £16
Concessions from £14

MUSIC

The Harry Styles Tribute



From his early days as a member of One Direction to his successful solo career, Harry Styles has captured the hearts of fans around the world with his unique sound and style. **The Harry Styles Tribute** brings that same magic to the stage, performing hits including *Watermelon Sugar*, *As it Was* and *Sign of the Times* as well as the biggest and best tunes from One Direction.

Experience Harry Styles closer than ever before and join in the fun with this one-of-a-kind tribute show, with all the style, cheekiness and charm of the global phenomenon himself.

With stunning vocals and captivating stage presence, **The Harry Styles Tribute** show brings to life the award-winning music that has seen its *Golden* singer shoot to stardom.

FRI 12 APR

7.30pm
Tickets: £27.50
Concessions £22.50

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

FRI 19 APR

7.30pm
Tickets: £25

KENTON FUNDRAISER

Mary Blandy: A Retrial

Back by popular demand...

Mary Blandy, Henley's infamous murderess, was convicted and condemned to death for killing her father in 1752. More than 270 years later we are still talking about her and the case is now being looked at through a modern filter and applying modern laws.

So would she be guilty now? The evidence is presented by a distinguished cast and with the help of the words spoken by actual witnesses of the time.

In this hugely entertaining fundraising production, you, the audience, are the jury! You decide!

All proceeds for **Mary Blandy: A Retrial** will be going to The Kenton.

SUN 7 APR

7.30pm

Tickets: £22.50

MUSIC

Keith James - Solid Air



The early '70s were possibly the richest and most profoundly beautiful time for acoustic music and the art of the 'singer-songwriter'.

Nick Drake and John Martyn are two unique, haunting and imaginative musicians that truly touched our souls. This concert is not only a devotional representation but a 'hands on' performance of emotional connection.

A natural, effortless musician, Keith James brings you this immaculately crafted concert alternating between five differently tuned guitars to bring you an evening of these timeless, cherished songs.

**"Some of the most atmospheric
and emotive music you will ever hear"**

THE INDEPENDENT

THU 11 APR

7.30pm

Tickets: £22.50

MUSIC

Adele Tribute Hometown Glory



Natalie Black is the ultimate tribute to Adele, setting the tribute industry alight with her stunning replica show that she has been performing around the world since 2011.

Natalie prides herself in her high standards seeking out the music industry's top musicians, costume makers, musical arrangements and tour organisers to help her deliver this high quality, pitch perfect show. Expect to see fantastic replica costumes, moving heartfelt story-telling and the infamous Adele cackle!

This stunning show is not to be missed for any Adele fan, Natalie's unrivalled likeness in both vocal quality and appearance makes this a night to remember.

SAT 13 APR

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

Sinatra: Raw



The critically acclaimed, 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

SAT 20 APR

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

COMEDY

Coppers and Gold!



A double bill of short comedies from veteran performers Kate Stafford and Nicholas Collett, 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 round them by a criminal gang. How to manage the press and huge public interest in the heist, and pressure from the Prime Minister who wants instant results?

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

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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 to the *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** 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

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's 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

DRAMA

Where is Mrs Christie?



Agatha Christie was one of the greatest thriller writers of all time and certainly the most prolific.

In 1926, she 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. However, 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

COMING SOON!

MUSIC

Ah! Freak Out!



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!

Get ready to 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 in the heart of Funkytown for a disco extravaganza that'll make your heart race, your hips shake and your soul boogie all night long!

SAT 25 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £24.50

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!

"A wacky farcical adventure, which had the audience laughing and delighting in moments of silliness"

THE REVIEWS HUB -

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2022

FRI 31 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £19

Concessions from £13

COMING SOON!

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 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



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

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What's On

WINTER | SPRING 2024

JANUARY

- 03-06** Beauty and The Beast - Henley Children's Theatre
- 10-13** A Christmas Carol - Acorn Music Theatre Company
- 14** 5,6,7,8 - The Steps Experience
- 18** Mark Watson: Search
- 19** Made in Tennessee
- 20** The Simon & Garfunkel Story
- 26** The Neil Diamond Story
- 27** Ronnie Scott's Soho Songbook
- 30-31** Sister Act - Henley College

FEBRUARY

- 01-02** Sister Act - Henley College
- 03** Moonage
- 04** Dancing Around The World - Bryn Ballet Academy
- 07-08** The Wedding Singer - Shiplake College
- 10** Buddy Holly and The Crickets
- 13** First Piano on the Moon
- 16** The Jazz of Dudley Moore
- 17** Alice in Wonderland
- 18** Cecil Beaton's Diaries
- 22** Miles Jupp: On I Bang
- 24** Country Superstars
- 25** An Evening with Christopher Biggins

MARCH

- 01** Fresh from the Fringe
- 02** Crazy Diamond
- 03** There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly
- 04-09** Henley Youth Festival
- 14** The Silence of Snow

MARCH (cont)

- 15** The Ed Sheeran Songbook
- 16** Art Themen Organ Trio
- 20-23** Pygmalion - The Henley Players
- 27-30** The Wizard of Oz - Reading Operatic Society

APRIL

- 02** Morgan & West's Massive Magic Show For Kids
- 03** Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science
- 04** Dreamcoat Stars
- 05** Cartoon Circus Live
- 06** The Museum of Marvellous Things
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