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WELCOME

Get ready for a season of entertainment and fun as the nights draw in and Christmas approaches. Whether you're in the mood for laughs, music or family time, our Autumn Programme has it all.

We're kicking off in September with *1971 – The Greatest Year in Rock and Roll*. But that's just the beginning! Throughout the season, we have tributes to Blondie, Carole King and James Taylor, The Beatles, Coldplay, Elvis and many more. If you're a 90s kid, *Wow! That's What I Call the 90s!* takes us back to the days of Girl Power, BritPop and boy bands. And speaking of boy bands, Dan Hadfield, the World's number one tribute artist to Gary Barlow brings his show to The Kenton this October. We can't wait!

We are delighted that local legend Mike Hurst has chosen The Kenton as the venue where he will play his final performances. The entire Hurst family has been an important part of The Kenton over the last 50 years, and we wish Mike every success with these two-evening fundraisers in aid of Parkinson's UK.

And in November we have another legend stepping onto our stage - after 40 years in the business, Aled Jones is looking back on a remarkable career in *Full Circle*, a show featuring never-before-heard music, tales from the decades and for the first time, his story told in his own words.

If you need a good laugh, we've got you covered with shows from Shaparak Khorsandi, Jack Dee, Joe Wilkinson and Lou Sanders & Glenn Moore. We're remembering the late, great Victoria Wood with the touching musical tribute *Looking for Me Friend* and if you're looking for something truly unique *Grief... A Comedy* is an improbably funny and life-affirming show about love, loss and hope. And for the first time at The Kenton, we've got the hilarious Sh!t-faced Shakespeare here entertaining us with their own version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

This autumn, local community groups will be performing *Twelfth Night* from Henley Players, *Rock of Ages* from Reading Operatic, *Annie* from Maidenhead Musical Comedy Society, *Hairspray* from HAODS and *Dancing Through the Decades* from Divas & Dudes Dance Academy.

We're delighted that Dantastic Productions and our very own pantomime comic, Dan Whitley, are back to entertain us as part of our half term kids programme which also includes *Curious Investigators*, *Dracula the Panto* and *The Magic of Science*.

Our magical Christmas season starts with *Santa's Christmas Cracker* followed by the return of Let's All Dance Ballet Company performing *The Nutcracker*. We're also proud to announce the return of *Kenton Carols* – our exciting community project which celebrates some of the best talent our local schools have to offer.

For the adults, we've got some great comedy, an adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* starring Colin Baker and Peter Purves and tribute acts including *Bye Bye Baby Christmas Show* featuring a choir of local children.

And finally, get ready for the fairest pantomime of them all – *Snow White*, opening on December 14 and brought to us by Immersion Theatre, the team behind last year's award-nominated *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

We can't wait to welcome you to The Kenton for a season of unforgettable entertainment.

Best wishes

Lottie

Lottie Pheasant
Theatre Manager



MUSIC

1971 - The Greatest Year in Rock and Roll



After the collapse of The Beatles, a new generation of artists were vying for the top spot leading to an avalanche of creation and the greatest songs in the history of popular music.

Including the greatest songs from Carole King, David Bowie, Led Zeppelin, T-Rex, Joni Mitchell, The Who, The Rolling Stones, Elton John, John Lennon, George Harrison, Rod Stewart, The Carpenters and dozens more, this new show celebrates the pinnacle of rock and roll music from the year that changed everything.

Presented by acclaimed musician Jesse Smith whose work includes *The Classic Rock Show*, the West End's *Thriller Live* and the UK's biggest TV show *Strictly Come Dancing*.

Joining Jesse is a seven-piece all-star band featuring very special guest Hayley Sanderson who has been the voice of *Strictly Come Dancing* for the last decade and toured and worked with the likes of Rick Wakeman, Nile Rodgers & Gilbert O'Sullivan.

SUN 1 SEP

7:30pm

Tickets: £26

Concessions: £24

COMEDY

Joe Wilkinson: Work in Progress



Come and see inside the weird and wonderful mind of comedian Joe Wilkinson.

Joe is doing a work in progress show which may or may not work.

He doesn't want you to travel far in case it doesn't work.

The bits that do work may go into a worldwide tour if he can be bothered.

As seen on *8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown*, *Taskmaster*, *Him & Her* and *Bargain Holidays*.

"About as funny as the bubonic plague"

He's weird, it's not for everyone"

"He's a thin Jonny Vegas"

REDDIT

THU 5 SEP

7:30pm

Tickets: £19.50

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 Parkinson's, and have done for the last three years, but like many we are not sure what it is! Parkinson's 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 bugging on'.

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

All proceeds from ticket sales and donations will go to Parkinson's UK.

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

My thanks,

Mike Hurst

SAT 7 & SUN 8 SEP

7:30pm

Tickets: from £65

MUSIC

Looking For Me Friend: The Music of Victoria Wood



Spreading nostalgia and laughs throughout the UK, **Looking For Me Friend** is a funny and touching musical tribute to the much-loved and sorely missed national treasure, Victoria Wood.

Written and performed by the star of BBC One'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.

With the seal of approval from Victoria's own colleagues and school chums, this is a show for those who loved Victoria and the ultimate beginners guide for those who have yet to discover her.

"The most feel-good show in town"
DAILY MAIL

THU 12 SEP

7:30pm

Tickets: £25

DRAMA

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.

FRI 13 SEP

7:30pm

Tickets: £22.50

COMEDY

Comedy Ladder



Comedy Ladder at The Kenton features the best comedians in the UK and some you'll even recognise off the telly.

Javier Jarquin is an extremely experienced and highly respected, multi-hyphenated performer. Having performed his critically acclaimed show *Card Ninja* in over 27 territories Javier has established himself as a masterful entertainer.

Shazia Mirza's TV appearances include; *QI*, *The Jonathan Ross Show*, *House of Games*, *Top Gear*, *The One Show* and *Have I got News for You*.

"Shazia Mirza is provoking laughter and large intakes of breath once again... brave and urgent"
THE TELEGRAPH

SAT 14 SEP

8pm

Tickets: £15

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!

“Stunning!”
TIME OUT

THU 19 SEP

7:30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSICALS

It's a Fine Life!



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

In the 1960's Bart was earning in a minute what the average person earned in a week, he was the toast of the West End and writing hit after hit songs. But then things went 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.

From the unforgettable *Oliver!* to a repertoire of timeless classics, such as *Living Doll*, *From Russia With Love* and *Little White Bull*, Bart's compositions will transport you to a world of enchantment and emotion.

FRI 20 SEP

7:30pm

Tickets: £25

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 an 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

ART

The Da Vinci Michelangelo Experience



Experience an incredible, multi-media theatrical masterpiece.

Join Mark Rodgers, Director of the production, as he takes you on an unforgettable journey through the Renaissance and rediscover the most exceptional artistic period in history through the works of these giants of art and invention.

Some of the famous artwork explored include the Sistine Chapel, the Mona Lisa, the Statue of David and DaVinci's magnificent machines.

The performance also looks at the work of these two legendary geniuses through a contemporary lens; relating them to Jacques Cousteau, Les Paul, Van Cliburn, and Paul McCartney.

THU 26 SEP

7:30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

The Carole King & James Taylor Story



The friendship between James Taylor and Carole King played a vital part in both of their incredible careers.

Delve into the music that came out of this relationship producing hits including *I Feel The Earth Move*, *Natural Woman*, *You've Got A Friend* and more.

Performed by the award-winning Night Owl Shows who have toured this show with sell out Edinburgh, Adelaide and Brighton Fringe runs as well as high profile sell out shows in the U.S.

★★★★
BROADWAYBABY

FRI 27 SEP

7:30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

Wow! That's What I Call The 90s!



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, boy bands 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

DRAMA

Deaths at Sea



All aboard for Our Star theatre company's brand new comedy!

A drama group are performing their new murder-mystery play *Death at Sea*, but despite their best efforts, everything goes wrong!

Their play, 'Death at Sea', is a thrilling murder mystery set on a small ship carrying just five passengers and its Captain. When one of the passengers, Mr Inus, is found dead, the remaining passengers speculate and turn on each other until the real murderer is caught...

But that isn't how this play goes!

In *Deaths at Sea* props fail, the set falls down, actors get drunk and concussed, and conversations in the wings reveal too much. If they can only make it to the end of the play before one of them really kills someone!

FRI 4 OCT

7:30pm

Tickets: £19

Concessions: £13

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MUSIC

An Evening With Dan Hadfield as Gary Barlow & the Music of Take That



Dan Hadfield, the World's Number One Tribute Artist to Gary Barlow, performs the greatest hits of Take That and Gary live in concert.

Featuring songs such as *Greatest Day*, *Rule The World*, *A Million Love Songs*, *Back For Good*, *Let Me Go*, *Never Forget* and many many more. Gary Barlow and Take That fans alike are in for a treat!

Dan's incredible live band – The Christopher Taylor Electric Red Room Collective – will be performing so don't miss out on what will be an amazing evening of entertainment!

"Dan's brilliant! He's better than me!"

GARY BARLOW

SAT 5 OCT

7:30pm

Tickets: £27.50

COMEDY

Jack Dee: Work in Progress



Firmly established as one of Britain's biggest and best-loved comedy stars, Jack Dee has captured the imagination of audiences and critics with his dry humour and deadpan delivery.

His TV career began in 1991 with Channel 4's *The Jack Dee Show* and he went on to write and star in many acclaimed TV comedies, including *Jack Dee's Saturday Night* and *Jack Dee's Happy Hour*.

In this work in progress show, Jack will be warming up ahead of his brand new UK tour. A show that will guide you through his varied life and career with his customary charm and well known gift for talking absolute rubbish on any given subject.

THU 10 OCT

8pm

Tickets: [JOIN OUR WAITING LIST](#)

COMEDY

Grief... A Comedy



Alison Larkin is a best-selling novelist and comedian. She found true love for the first time in her 50s with an Indian climate scientist who had also immigrated to the US. Then he died.

Then something wildly unexpected happened. Instead of wanting to hide under the bed and never come out, Alison found herself wanting to live and love more fully than ever before. When Archbishop Desmond Tutu found out about it, he insisted she write this show.

"Alison Larkin is marvellously light-footed...hugely entertaining"

THE TIMES

"Alison Larkin is a brilliant comic writer and performer"

THE NEW YORKER

FRI 11 OCT

7:30pm

Tickets: £23

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

LOCAL THEATRE

Twelfth Night

Henley Players



Join Henley Players for **Twelfth Night**, a hilarious and heartbreaking tale of unrequited love. Shakespeare's comedy of mistaken identity is a giddy mix of joy, yearning, farce, frolics and debauched revelry.

Following a shipwreck Viola, who has been separated from her brother Sebastian, disguises herself as a boy in the court of Count Orsino and is tasked on his behalf with wooing the Countess Olivia only to herself become the object of Olivia's affections.

Meanwhile Olivia's steward Malvolio has ideas above his station when he is tricked into believing his mistress has amorous intentions towards him and wishes to see him dressed in cross-gartered yellow stockings.

Romantic intrigues, cunning deceptions, sexual confusion and drunken songs abound in one of Shakespeare's most popular and enduring comedies.

WED 16 OCT - SAT 19 OCT

7:30pm plus 2:30pm Saturday

Tickets: from £19

Concessions and special offers available

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LOCAL THEATRE

Rock of Ages

Reading Operatic Society



Get ready to rock your socks off! The award-winning Reading Operatic Society are proud to present the ultimate rock n roll extravaganza **Rock of Ages!**

Follow aspiring rocker Drew and small-town girl Sherrie in their quest for love and Hollywood stardom amidst the pulsating energy of the Sunset Strip. **Rock of Ages** transports you back to the heyday of 80's glam rock where big hair, big dreams and even bigger hits collide!

From classic rock to head-banging anthems, **Rock of Ages** delivers a hit parade of epic power ballads and chart-topping classics that will have you singing all night long! Unleash your inner rocker and embark on a journey filled with unforgettable tunes, epic hairdos, and non-stop excitement!

With the Creative Team of Director Lloyd White, Musical Director Mark Webb and Choreographer Emily Muirden this promises to be a production of powerhouse vocals, dynamic dance numbers, and larger than life characters not to be missed!

WED 23 OCT - SAT 26 OCT

7:30pm plus 2:30pm Saturday

Tickets: £23

Concessions: £21

HALF TERM

FAMILY

Curious Investigators



A cracking interactive engineering adventure for 3-7 year-olds and their grown-ups!

Scribble and Clipboard have a job to do: sort the recycling. But Scribble keeps finding new things to investigate.

When she discovers a mysterious egg hidden in the rubbish the pair need the audience's help to rescue an unborn chick.

Can we save the mysterious egg from smashing? And what will we discover along the way?

And the investigations don't stop there! This cracking adventure also comes with a bonus making session, where your little ones get to follow the actors' lead and make their own scanners to take home with them.

"Really great children's theatre"
EXEUNT ON WE'RE STUCK!

MON 28 OCT

2pm

Tickets: £14.50

Concessions: £12.50

FAMILY

The Spooktastic Family Show



Dantastic Productions and the hilarious panto comic Dan Whitley return to The Kenton with a super high energy, interactive, musical, Halloween adventure: **The Spooktastic Family Show**.

Join Dantastic and friends on a spooky mission to help Winnie the Witch create the perfect potion for Halloween. What magical surprises will they find on their adventure? Expect plenty of singing, dancing, comedy characters, pantomime style slapstick fun and audience interaction.

Get ready for an action packed hilarious show with guaranteed laughter and spooktastic surprises – Dantastic style!

Don't forget your fancy dress for the best Halloween party in town.

Great for ages 3-8.

TUE 29 OCT

11am & 1:30pm

Tickets: £15

FAMILY

Dracula the Panto



There's a vampire behind you!

This is a hilarious spoof of the Dracula story done in glorious panto style and returns to The Kenton after its huge success last Halloween!

A bewildering series of costume changes with just two performers brings you a Dame, a naughty Count, countless others and great songs too.

Suitable for ages 8-80, but don't think you need to bring a child to have a good time. So do come, the master is expecting you...

Songs include the fiendish favourites: *Bat out of Hell*, *Bad Moon Rising* and *In the Midnight Hour*.

"Fun, fangs and other fab treats - a delight!"

LONDON METRO

"Fast, furious, funny. Dracula makes perfect panto fare"

BIG ISSUE

WED 30 OCT

7pm

Tickets: £16

Under 16: £11

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FAMILY

The Magic of Science



Surround yourself with the mystery of magic, cleverly fused with wondrous and miraculous feats of science.

Hold on to your seats as The Kenton is transformed into a real-life science laboratory with lots of unbelievable "how did they do that!" moments.

Experience non-stop action-packed interactive magical science experiments that will capture the imagination. This fast-moving and colourful magical science show is packed with mystery, suspense and heaps of mess!

Fun and entertaining for the whole family to enjoy along with inspiring and educating every young budding magician and scientist.

FRI 1 NOV

2:30pm

Tickets: £15

Under 16: £13



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MUSIC

Fire and Rain & American Pie



A heart-warming musical homage to the great American singer-songwriters of the late 60s and early 70s, 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 and Carly Simon.

With an excellent five-piece band, the show has a relaxed acoustic style, matching the spirit of this era.

With an intimate nostalgic narrative including images from that time, **Fire And Rain & American Pie** is sometimes poignant, sometimes amusing and 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* and *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

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 of the tour, 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



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**.

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

SUN 10 NOV

7.30pm

Tickets: from £32.50

LOCAL THEATRE

Annie

Maidenhead Musical Comedy Society



Join Maidenhead Musical Comedy Society for a family-friendly, uplifting theatrical event that celebrates the enduring power of optimism.

Following their successful production of *Young Frankenstein* last year, MMCS bring to life the story of Annie, an optimistic orphan searching for her parents during the Great Depression. Her journey takes her from a harsh orphanage to the home of billionaire Oliver Warbucks. Along the way, Annie's spirit shines through in well-known songs like *Tomorrow* and *It's the Hard-Knock Life*.

This production offers a great experience for all ages with its engaging story and memorable characters, not to mention Sandy the dog!

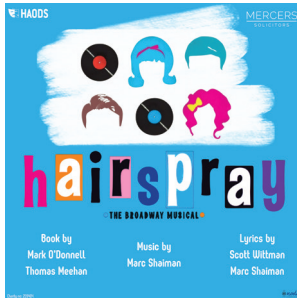
THU 7 - SAT 9 NOV

Thur/Fri: 7:30pm. Sat: 1pm & 6pm
 Tickets: £25
 Under 16: £23.50

LOCAL THEATRE

Hairspray

Henley Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society



Get ready to shimmy and shake your way to a good time! **Hairspray** is the ultimate feel-good musical packed with laughter, heart, and unforgettable tunes.

Join Tracy Turnblad in 1962 Baltimore, as she dances her way into the spotlight and fights for racial integration.

This fabulous show is full of show-stopping songs and beat-busting dance routines that will leave you smiling and singing!

WED 20 - SAT 23 NOV

7:45pm & 2:30pm matinee on Sat
 Tickets: £25

LOCAL THEATRE

Dancing Through the Decades

Divas & Dudes Dance Academy



Join the fabulous children of Divas & Dudes Dance Academy under the bright lights of The Kenton as they present their third show, **Dancing Through the Decades**, at the theatre.

An extravaganza of dance performed by local children, aged between 3 - 17, from Henley and the surrounding areas.

DDA is run by local dance teacher, Steph Maxwell and offers fun, energetic, nurturing and confidence building classes to children aged 3 upwards.

To find out more visit www.ddacademy.co.uk

SUN 24 NOV

2pm & 6pm
 Tickets on sale soon

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MUSIC

Lipstick on Your Collar



Get your dancing shoes at the ready, grab yourself a milkshake and relax – you are in for an evening of back to back hits from the 1950s and 60s!

From the birth of rock and roll through to the Beat Group sounds of the British Invasion and beyond, **Lipstick on your Collar** is packed with more than 40 hits from the likes of Connie Francis, Brenda Lee, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, The Beatles, The Ronettes, Cliff Richard, Cilla Black and many more.

Performed by a full live band, featuring some of the country's top musicians, this incredible show features excellent vocals, tight harmonies and an infectious sense of fun.

SAT 16 NOV

7:30pm

Tickets: £28.50

MUSIC

Ralph McTell & Dave Peggs



Ralph McTell is best known for his song *Streets of London* (1969), which has been covered by more than 200 artists around the world. Dave Peggs is the longest-serving member of the British folk rock band Fairport Convention and has been bassist with a number of folk and rock groups including the Ian Campbell Folk Group and Jethro Tull.

They have been friends for more than 50 years; played on each others albums, performed at each others concerts and have shared family life's ups and downs. But this is the first time that they will play as a duo.

Join them for an evening of songs and stories from a lifetime on the road.

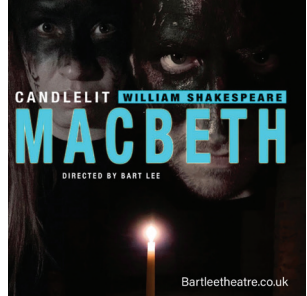
TUE 26 NOV

7:30pm

Tickets: £30.50

DRAMA

Candlelit Macbeth



In the darkness something stirs.

Visceral.
Witches gather and spin their words.
Soundscapes clatter.
Screams are heard.
Whispers of murder lurk in the shade.
Ambition.
Power.
Love betrayed.

Macbeth is brought to life by this talented and enthralling story-telling company, igniting the imagination with poetry, sound-scapes, shadows and movement. Faithful to the text and famous Shakespeare characters.

Suitable for those studying the play at GCSE as well as lovers of the Bard.

WED 27 NOV

7:30pm

Tickets: £23 Concessions: £21

School discount rates available

CHRISTMAS

MUSIC

Elvis – The Ultimate Experience



Elvis – The Ultimate Experience is performed by multi award winning Elvis tribute artiste Ben Thompson.

For one night, you get to experience what it would've been like to witness The King of Rock and Roll live in the flesh.

Opening with the 50s **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

FAMILY

Santa's Christmas Cracker

Every child gets a present!



It's the most wonderful time of the year, so it's no surprise that everyone at the North Pole is super-excited as Christmas draws near!

Father Christmas is busy making toys, Dotty the Elf is decorating the Christmas tree, and Dasher the Reindeer is getting presents onto his sleigh. Then they meet a lost penguin who has never even heard of Christmas. Impossible! But how to teach him all about it?

Santa's Christmas Cracker is a 45-minute, interactive family show, particularly suitable for 2-8 year olds. Afterwards the adventure continues as each child gets to meet Father Christmas and receive a specially wrapped present.

SAT 30 NOV

11am & 2pm

Tickets: £13.50

DANCE

The Nutcracker

Let's All Dance Ballet Company



The Let's All Dance Ballet Company is back, once again, with their stunning festive family treat!

Indulge in spectacular dancing, glorious music and beautiful costumes.

Whether your little ones have never been to the theatre before or are regular visitors, all children will be transported to the magical Land of Sweets and meet the Mouse King, Snow Queen and gorgeous Sugar Plum Fairy.

After every performance children can have their photo taken with the dancers for the ultimate Christmas experience and special memories.

Suitable for all ages, especially children.

SUN 1 DEC

1pm & 3pm

Tickets: £18

Concessions: £16



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CHRISTMAS COMEDY

COMEDY

Shaparak Khorsandi: Scatterbrain



Having reassessed her life through the prism of an ADHD diagnosis in last year's funny and moving memoir, one of Britain's most beloved and most scatterbrained stand-ups lets you back into her mind (warning: it's cluttered in there).

Among other things, this show will be a love-letter to letter-writing, a trip back through her early years as a comic and woman-about-town and a whirlwind tour of a chaotic, hilarious brain.

"She has plenty to say, and says it with pointedness and potency"

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EVENING STANDARD

TUE 3 DEC

7:30pm

Tickets: £19.50

COMEDY

Lou Sanders & Glenn Moore: Work in Progress



An internationally-acclaimed stand-up comedian, Lou Sanders has toured her live shows to packed houses across the world and regularly receives rave reviews. She has also been named a top comedian to see by publications including The Guardian, The Scotsman, The List, The Mirror and the Evening Standard.

Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Show nominee and one of the greatest joke writers of his generation, Glenn Moore (*Live At The Apollo*, *Cats Does Countdown*, *Mock The Week*, *Glenn Moore's Almanac*, proud owner of *House of Games* and *Pointless Celebrities* trophies) runs you through a few hundred new punchlines he's working on.

"This is classy, gag-driven comedy at its funniest"

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FRI 6 DEC

7:30pm

Tickets: £17.50

MUSIC

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 O2 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 Jr.

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 Valli's greatest hits alongside Christmas favourites including *Let It Snow*, *White Christmas* and *Have Yourself A Merry Christmas*.

Following the success of last year's show, **Bye Bye Baby** will once again be inviting a choir of local children on stage to join them in some festive favourites. If you know a child aged 8-15 who might be interested please email info@thekenton.org.uk

Bye Bye Baby is a show that will make it a night to remember!

SAT 7 DEC

2:30pm & 7:30pm

Tickets: £30

CHRISTMAS

DRAMA

A Christmas Carol



Live on stage and in person, television favourites Colin Baker (*Doctor Who*, *The Brothers*) and Peter Purves (*Blue Peter*, *The Office*) lead the cast in a new adaptation of Charles Dickens' Christmas classic.

On Christmas Eve, Ebenezer Scrooge is warned by the ghost of his late partner, Jacob Marley, that he will be visited by three spirits. Together they whisk Scrooge to the past and his happy boyhood Christmases; to the present to meet Tiny Tim at Bob Cratchit's Christmas feast; and finally to the future and Scrooge's own miserable grave – all attempting to show him the error of his ways. But will Scrooge wake on Christmas morning a changed man?

Presented by the Crime And Comedy Theatre Company as a radio-play-live-on-stage, our setting is a radio studio, our actors ready as if for a radio broadcast, and our sound effects created live, all combining to transport the audience to Victorian London, for this 180th anniversary production of Dickens' timeless tale of charity, forgiveness and redemption at Christmas.

SUN 8 DEC

7:30pm

Tickets: £27

Concessions: £26

LOCAL THEATRE

Kenton Carols



Christmas is a magical time for children and The Kenton is proud to announce the return of **Kenton Carols** - the exciting community project that celebrates some of the best talent our local schools have to offer.

Following the success of last year's show, The Kenton will once again be inviting school children from Henley-on-Thames and the surrounding villages to take to the stage to perform some of our favourite Christmas songs in a fantastically festive Kenton.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this special evening, from babies to school children, mums, dads, grandparents and carers of all sorts.

Guaranteed to leave you feeling merry and bright.

"Kenton Carols gives school children the opportunity to Sparkle and Shine"
HENLEY HERALD

MON 9 DEC

6pm

Tickets on sale soon

MUSIC

21st Century ABBA



Every song is a song you know, every lyric is a lyric you've sung and every time you hear them it just gets better, it can only be ABBA!

21st Century Abba pay tribute to this timeless and legendary band. All the hits in one show!

An exceptional band of top flight musicians with exquisite vocalists who you can't help but sing along with and simply have to dance along!

From *Waterloo* to *Fernando*, from *Dancing Queen* to *Voulez Vous* it's time to go back to those incredible days with **21st Century Abba!**

WED 18 DEC

7:30pm

Tickets: £25

COMEDY

Comedy Ladder Christmas Special



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 **Comedy Ladder** 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!

Our comedy club is the perfect place to unwind after a long week, celebrate a special occasion, or simply enjoy a night out with friends.

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!

THU 19 DEC

8pm

Tickets: £17.50

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TUE 17 DEC			6pm R 
FRI 20 DEC			6pm
SAT 21 DEC	11am	2:30pm	6pm
SUN 22 DEC	11am	2:30pm	6pm
MON 23 DEC		2:30pm	6pm
TUE 24 DEC	11am	2:30pm	
THU 26 DEC		2:30pm	6pm
FRI 27 DEC		2:30pm	6pm
SAT 28 DEC	11am	2:30pm	6pm
SUN 29 DEC	11am	2:30pm	
MON 30 DEC	11am	2:30pm	

Snow White

Mirror, mirror on the wall, which is the fairest panto of them all?


It's Snow White at The Kenton of course! Brought to you by family favourites, Immersion Theatre - the team behind the award-nominated *Jack and the Beanstalk* (2023) and *Aladdin* (2022). This fun-filled festive extravaganza is bursting at the seams with all the ingredients audiences have come to expect from our much-loved pantomimes: dazzling costumes, spectacular dance routines, a hilarious script, bags of audience interaction, and maybe even the odd water gun or two!

So what are you waiting for? Book your tickets for Henley's biggest pantomime yet. It's the perfect treat for the whole family whether you're 4 or 104...oh, yes it is!

Tickets

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LOCAL THEATRE

Rapunzel

Henley Children's Theatre



Henley Children's Theatre is proud to present their 53rd annual Pantomime. This traditional family show tells the story of Princess Rapunzel with amazingly long hair. She is unaware of her regal heritage having been taken from her parents at birth by the evil Fairy Balding. Dame Bouffante, the Royal hairdresser, and Fairy Berry do all they can to ensure a happy ending.

With more hirsute jokes than you can shake a comb at, this Panto is 'Head and Shoulders' above the rest. This Tangled Tale is unspun by a jolly and exuberant cast, including the Alice Band and a chorus of Nits.

You deserve to see this HAIRlarious, pantomime. Why? Because you're worth it!

FRI 3 - SUN 5 JAN

Fri/Sat: 1pm & 7:30pm

Sun: 11am & 4pm

Tickets: Adults £17 Children £13

MUSIC

Back to Black: The Music of Amy Winehouse



Amy Winehouse captured the world with her unique vocal stylings and unapologetic lyrics combined with a sassy, yet dark brooding personality. This show tells the story of Amy's love of music and the influences that shaped her own writing.

Following sensational sell out runs at Edinburgh, Brighton and Adelaide Fringes, **Back To Black: The Music of Amy Winehouse** takes you on a moving yet energising journey through the career of a modern legend.

Experience the hits delivered by the dynamic and soulful Reine Beau Anderson Dudley.

Includes *Back To Black*, *Valerie*, *Rehab*, *Me & Mr Jones*, *Monkey Man* and many more.

**"A heartfelt, gutsy and justifiably packed performance ...
Simply superb"**

EDINBURGH REVIEW

SAT 18 JAN

7:30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

California Dreams



Enjoy a trip through the music of California in the 60s and 70s. Recording just a stone's throw from each other and guesting on each other's records, a group of musical legends worked simultaneously to turn out some of the greatest songs of all time.

Includes hits by The Mamas and The Papas, Eagles, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Linda Ronstadt, The Byrds, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young and many more.

Brought to you by the multi award-winning cast of Night Owl Shows who have enjoyed sell out runs at Fringe events around the world.

FRI 17 JAN

7:30pm

Tickets: £25

MUSIC

The History of Rock



The History of Rock is back and bigger than ever!

Join us as we celebrate a rock line-up like no other, headlined by one of the greatest bands of all time!

As always we'll be taking audiences on a thrilling ride through the history of rock – but this time, we're turning the spotlight on Led Zeppelin, as they headline the ultimate rock concert line-up the world has ever seen.

A must see for any fan of rock! Experience this iconic music brought back to life by an exceptional band consisting of some of the finest musicians and performers from around the world.

FRI 24 JAN

7:30pm

Tickets: £29.50

COMEDY

Sleeping with Beauty

Adult Pantomime



Dive into the funniest and most wickedly fabulous pantomime that's anything but a fairy tale!

A side-splitting, adults-only twist on the classic *Sleeping Beauty* and a pantomime that proves happily ever after can be a bit more complicated and a lot more fun! This isn't your grandma's bedtime story.

This outrageously naughty panto comes from the UK's most renowned Adult Pantomime Producer.

Strictly 16+

All Under 18s need to be accompanied by an adult.

SAT 25 JAN

5pm & 8pm

Tickets: £29

Become a Volunteer at The Kenton

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

We are looking for people who can help us in the following areas:

- Front of House Management
- Ushers
- Bar
- Box Office
- 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.



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and 1 hour prior to every performance

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Children under 2 years on the day of the performance are free, provided they sit on an adult's lap. Please contact the Box Office to record this on one of your tickets.

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Please tell us when booking if you require the induction loop, if you have a wheelchair or if you have any additional needs. We offer Essential Companion tickets for performances. Please contact the Box Office.

We are wheelchair accessible and there is one wheelchair space. Wheelchair patrons who can move into a seat can access the auditorium via 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.

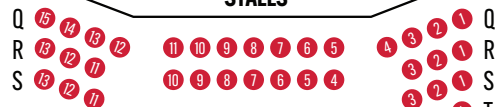
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What's On

AUTUMN | WINTER 2024

SEPTEMBER

- 01** 1971 - The Greatest Year in Rock and Roll
- 05** Joe Wilkinson: Work in Progress
- 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
- 14** Comedy Ladder - Javier Jarquin and Shazia Mirza
- 19** Voodoo Room: A Night of Hendrix, Clapton & Cream
- 20** It's A Fine Life!
- 21** Legends of Motown
- 26** The Da Vinci Michelangelo Experience
- 27** The Carole King & James Taylor Story
- 28** Wow! That's What I Call the 90s!

OCTOBER

- 04** Deaths at Sea
- 05** An Evening With Dan Hadfield as Gary Barlow & the Music of Take That
- 10** Jack Dee: Work in Progress
- 11** Grief... A Comedy
- 12** The Dung Beatles
- 16-19** Twelfth Night - Henley Players
- 23-26** Rock of Ages - Reading Operatic Society
- 28** Curious Investigators
- 29** The Spooktastic Family Show
- 30** Dracula The Panto

NOVEMBER

- 01** The Magic of Science
- 02** Fire and Rain & American Pie
- 07-09** Annie - Maidenhead Musical Comedy Society
- 10** Aled Jones - Full Circle
- 14** A Head Full of Coldplay
- 15** Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 16** Lipstick on your Collar
- 20-23** Hairspray - HAODS
- 24** Dancing Through the Decades - Divas & Dudes
- 26** Ralph McTell & Dave Pegg
- 27** Candlelit Macbeth
- 28** Elvis - The Ultimate Experience
- 30** Santa's Christmas Cracker

DECEMBER

- 01** The Nutcracker - Let's All Dance Ballet Company
- 03** Shaparak Khorsandi: Scatterbrain
- 04** Crazy Little Thing Called Queen
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- 07** Bye Bye Baby Christmas Show
- 08** A Christmas Carol
- 09** Kenton Carols
- 14-30** Snow White
- 18** 21st Century Abba
- 19** Comedy Ladder Christmas Special

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