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WELCOME

It's beginning to feel very festive here at The Kenton.

If you've haven't got your tickets yet to the 'fairest panto in town' - **Snow White**, then book quickly as there is now limited availability for many of the shows.

We're kicking off the spring programme with another pantomime we've all come to love here in Henley – Henley Children's Theatre's 53rd annual pantomime, **Rapunzel**. And for the first time, we've added an adult pantomime to our programme so leave the children at home and join us on 25 January for some naughty panto fun!

We have Immersion Theatre back in February half term with **The Little Mermaid** and in April, we have our very first Easter pantomime with Immersion Theatre bringing us **Robin Hood**.

There also some other firsts for us next year with Greener Henley's first ever **Big Green Conversation** on 22 January, **The Topsy Lawyer** here on our stage offering a fun and immersive wine tasting experience on 27 February and James Partridge's **Primary School Assembly Bangers** live at The Kenton on 28 February.

We're delighted to have so many local community groups performing on our stage in the spring including Henley College, Shiplake College, The Henley Players, Reading Operatic Society, Alison Jayne School of Dance and Henley Youth Festival.

We'll be finishing our spring programme with **An Audience with the 'Movers and Shakers'** in support of Parkinson's on 23 April. This special event is being supported by our Community Fund and is an evening not to be missed.

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

Best wishes

Lottie

Lottie Pheasant
Theatre Manager

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Did you know that Shakespeare only left his second best bed to his wife in his will? Why did he do that? And who got his best bed?

If these questions intrigue you, then I'm sure you will want to come to witness Liz Grand's performance of **Second Best Bed** on Thursday 13 February. Liz was a huge hit with our audiences last season with *Where is Mrs Christie?* and we are delighted to welcome her back.

We have quite a tradition of promoting wonderful tribute music events here at The Kenton, but we are very proud to present not one, but TWO original artists this season– the two Pauls! The great blues artist and star of Manfred Mann, **Paul Jones** and none other than 80's legend **Paul Young** on. They are not to be missed!

We are also bringing opera back to Henley with a performance of Strauss' timeless operetta, **Die Fledermaus** in February.

The Kenton is fast becoming well known as a hub for the UK's top comedians to present their new shows – you see them at The Kenton first folks! This season we have **Dara Ó Briain**, **Miles Jupp**, **Josh Berry**, **Suzi Ruffell**, the hilarious Guardian political satirist **John Crace**, **Mrs Smith – See Me**, as well as **The Kenton Comedy Club** nights.

And finally, the incredible hypnotherapist and self-help expert, **Paul McKenna**, is bringing his live show to The Kenton as part of his final UK tour.

An outstanding line-up, I'm sure you'll agree...I only hope you can fit them all in!

Best wishes

Ron

Ron McAllister
Artistic Programme
Manager



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 for our hero, Bob and the young princess.

With more hirsute jokes than you can shake a comb at, this panto is 'Head and Shoulders' above the rest. Expect the normal HCT humour as 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 HAIRlorious, traditional pantomime. Why?... Because you're worth it!

FRI 3 - SUN 5 JAN

Fri/Sat: 1pm & 6pm; Sun: 11am & 4pm

Tickets: £17

U16: £13

DANCE

Tease



Step into the world of **Tease** – the ultimate burlesque and cabaret experience where sensuality and unadulterated fun collide to create an unforgettable evening.

Led by London's top comedy compere and award-winning West End burlesque sensations, "Lady Lust" and "Miss Temptation," and their famous **Tease** group dancers. Combined with cabaret, circus and variety acts from across the UK, set to hit tracks from *Burlesque*, *Chicago* and chart-topping tunes from Cher, Christina Aguilera and many more favourites, **Tease** is a captivating experience that will linger in your memory long after the curtains fall.

As the lights dim and the music fills the air, surrender yourself to the allure of **Tease**. Feel liberated, sexy and empowered as you laugh, cheer and applaud along with a crowd united in the joy of the moment.

So book now and let's make a night to remember!

FRI 10 JAN

8pm

Tickets: £30

MUSICALS

Movie Musicals



The Enchanted Group presents **Movie Musicals**.

Get ready for a dazzling celebration of the most iconic movie musicals ever brought to the big screen! This spectacular live performance will take you on a journey through beloved cult classics and modern favourites, featuring show-stopping numbers from *Wicked*, *Dirty Dancing*, *Moulin Rouge*, *Mamma Mia*, *Rocky Horror*, *Hairspray*, *Chicago* and many more.

Join us for a night of magic as we celebrate the greatest movie musicals of all time! Experience electrifying choreography, stunning vocals and unforgettable stories that have captivated generations.

Whether you're a lifelong fan or new to the magic of musicals, this theatrical experience will have you dancing in your seat and singing along to your favourite tunes!

SAT 11 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £29

COMEDY

Dara Ó Briain



Dara Ó Briain is back with a brand-new live show!

Hot on the heels of his last tour *So, Where Were We?* which was named as the UK Comedy Tour of the Year 2023 (Chortle), Dara will be warming up his new show *Re:Creation* at The Kenton before he embarks on a global tour.

One of Ireland's finest live comedians, Dara's back doing his favourite thing: standing in a theatre, telling stories and creating madness with the audience.

"His set is a masterclass in intelligent, no-frills stand-up"
THE GUARDIAN

"Pure, undiluted comic genius"
EVENING STANDARD

Daily Telegraph's 50 Funniest Comedians of the 21st Century

MON 13 JAN

8pm

Tickets: [JOIN OUR WAITING LIST](#)

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.



"an uplifting show"

THREEWEEKSINEDINBURGH

FRI 17 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

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 a sensational sell out run 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.



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

EDINBURGH REVIEW

SAT 18 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £25

OTHER

Greener Henley: The Big Green Conversation



Join your local climate and nature action group, **Greener Henley**, for their first ever **Big Green Conversation**. An evening of thought-provoking and lively discussion, this event focuses on urgent concerns over our river, the precious ecosystem and habitat at the very heart of our community.

Greener Henley will be joined by a panel of experts, including Olympic rowing champion Dr Imogen Grant, local activist / Henley Mermaid Laura Reineke and local river pollution campaigner / WWF International Director Richard Caines to discuss why the river is in such decline, why it matters, and what we can do as a community to bring it back from the brink.

WED 22 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £10

COMEDY

Miles Jupp - On I Bang



Miles Jupp is returning to The Kenton following his sold out show back in February 2024.

Miles is best known for ITV's *The Durrells* as well as a heap of episodes of *Have I Got News For You* and his award-winning radio series. 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, and a rather pressing need to undergo major neurosurgery.

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.

"Joyful show about near-death is his best yet!!"

THE TIMES

THU 23 JAN

7.30pm

Tickets: £30

MUSIC

The History of Rock 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, **The History of Rock** will be taking audiences on a thrilling ride through the history of rock – but this time, they'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, filthiest, 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

LOCAL THEATRE

Made in Dagenham

Henley College



Inspired by a true story and based on the hit movie, **Made in Dagenham** is the uplifting new British musical comedy about friendship, love and the importance of fighting for what is right.

Funny, touching and timeless, **Made in Dagenham** shows how ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they stand together.

Following their successful production of *Sister Act* last year, The Henley College Performing Arts Society are excited to be returning to The Kenton.

WED 29 JAN - SAT 1 FEB
7.30pm & 2pm matinee on SAT
Tickets: £20
U16: £17.50

LOCAL THEATRE

My Fair Lady

Shiplake College



Join Shiplake College for an enchanting evening as students from every year group come together to bring the timeless classic, **My Fair Lady**, to life.

This beloved musical tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a spirited flower girl, and her transformative journey under the tutelage of the enigmatic Professor Henry Higgins.

Our talented cast and crew have poured their hearts into this production, showcasing the incredible range of talent across the college. From the captivating performances, to the stunning set designs and costumes, every element has been crafted with dedication and passion.

We invite you to sit back, relax and be transported to Edwardian London, where love, laughter and unforgettable melodies await.

WED 5 FEB - THU 6 FEB
7pm
Tickets: £15
Concessions: £10

Box office: 01491 525050

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As an independent theatre and registered charity The Kenton is committed to bringing inspiring performances to our community whilst promoting inclusive access and education in the arts – something we take great pride in doing.

Our mission is to continue this work whilst also restoring and preserving our magnificent Grade II listed building, which is the fourth oldest working theatre in the UK and a true gem. By protecting this iconic landmark, we can ensure

that it remains a beloved community treasure for generations to come.

But we cannot do it alone. There are many ways that you can support The Kenton. By becoming a Friend or Patron, making a donation, leaving a legacy, advertising your business with us or entering into a corporate partnership.

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MUSIC

Die Fledermaus

The Merry Opera Company

It's New Year's Eve in Vienna, 1899. A now married Rosalinde, is serenaded by her old beau Alfred. Her maid Adele tries to get the night off but is refused. Her husband, Gabriel, is sentenced to eight days in goal but is persuaded to go the extravagant masked ball being held by the wealthy Prince Orlofsky instead of starting his term ... and thus the scene is set.

Revel in the playful and delicious mischief of Johann Strauss's timeless operetta. A hilarious story of mistaken identity set to a rich romantic score and featuring some of the most memorable melodies ever written for the stage.

For both seasoned opera lovers and newcomers, The Merry Opera Company's brilliant singers, promise a night of unforgettable melodies, fizzy frolics and cheeky capers delivered with a witty English translation.

We do hope you can join us to see this operatic masterpiece.

FRI 7 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £30

Box office: 01491 525050

MUSIC

Buddy Holly and The Crickets



This breathtaking show has rock 'n' rolled audiences around the globe and is guaranteed to have everyone singing along to the music 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 Crickets** was endorsed as Britain's most popular Buddy Holly act when the boys guested on BBC One's Saturday night live programme, *The One and Only*, hosted by Graham Norton.

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

THE STAGE

SAT 8 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £26

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OTHER

An Evening of Mediumship with Psychic Tony Stockwell



Remarkably compelling, amazingly detailed and always humorous.

The popular star of TV's *Street Psychic*, *Psychic Private Eyes* and *Psychic Academy*, **Tony Stockwell** has a long-established credibility as one of the top Intuitive Mediums. Tony demonstrates his belief that those who have passed can communicate with their loved ones with detailed messages frequently including names, dates and locations and all delivered with emotion, sensitivity and empathy.

The evening may include psychometry, photograph readings and psychic prediction. This event is for entertainment purposes.

MON 10 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

DRAMA

Second Best Bed

On A Role Theatre Company



When Shakespeare died, he famously left his wife Anne only one thing – the second best bed.

Liz Grand stars as Anne Hathaway on the night of Shakespeare's funeral. The wake has finished, the mourners have all gone home, leaving Anne to remember her life with the most talented playwright the world has ever seen. Or was he? Did he write the plays? His widow would know if anybody did. Wouldn't she?

This superb one-woman play, full of both humour and pathos, has received great critical acclaim since its premier at the Swan Theatre Worcester.

THU 13 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £20

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COMEDY

The Kenton Comedy Club



Welcome to Henley's newest and funniest spot – our brand new comedy club will leave you in stitches!

The Kenton Comedy Club features the best comedians in the UK and some you'll even recognise off the telly!

For this Valentines Day special, we are joined by Paul Sinha (*The Chase*, *Taskmaster*, *Would I Lie To You*), Paddy Lennox and regular host Ryan Mold.

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.

This event is partnered with ATIC Stand Up Comedy. Line up is subject to change.

FRI 14 FEB

8pm

Tickets: £18.75

MUSIC

The Mumford & Sons Story - Awake My Soul



The Mumford & Sons Story recreates the incredible tale of the floor-stomping folk-rock band that in 2009, took the world by storm.

After a debut hit tour in 2024, this spectacular four-piece band is back bigger and better than ever. With beautiful vocal harmonies and thumping drums, they will have you on your feet playing all of Mumford & Sons' very best hits including *Little Lion Man*, *I Will Wait*, *The Cave*, *Roll Away Your Stone* and many more.

This is a stomp and holler not to be missed!

SAT 15 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £29.75

COMEDY

Suzi Ruffell



Join multi-award winning, confessional comedian **Suzi Ruffell** as she warms up ahead of her brand-new UK tour.

With five sell-out runs at the Fringe, a nomination for Best Stand-Up Show in the National Comedy Awards, and critical acclaim from reviewers and audiences alike, suited and booted stand-up Suzi is a force to be reckoned with.



"A fabulously funny show from a class act!"
EVENING STANDARD

THU 20 FEB

7.30pm

Tickets: £18.75



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FAMILY

Sing-a-long with Dantastic



Join our panto star **Dantastic** for a musical sing-a-long party!

Get ready to sing out loud and show off your best dance moves with a variety of high energy action songs and original **Dantastic** catchy tunes.

This 45-minute musical adventure will have plenty of audience interaction and fun songs for the whole family to enjoy together!

The show is followed by a special meet and greet photo opportunity with **Dantastic**.

MON 17 FEB

11.30am & 2pm

Tickets: £15

FAMILY

Adventures in Science



Join The Magical Mr West on an incredible adventure into the world of science! Aided by his corvid companion Crowbert and a collection of curious contraptions, Mr West demonstrates the fundamental principles of scientific enquiry and tackles some of the trickiest questions in the history of humanity.

Best known as one half of magic duo Morgan & West, The Magical Mr West has travelled around the world performing to audiences of all ages, with spectacular shows that include magic, science and a good deal of tomfoolery. Now he presents his most amazing show yet, with the help (or possibly hindrance...) of a wisecracking cartoon crow.

Expect skills, silliness and the studious application of logic as you embark upon **Adventures in Science!**

FRI 21 FEB

2pm

Tickets: £16.50

FAMILY

The Little Mermaid

Immersion Theatre Company

Following the success of last year's *Alice in Wonderland*, multi award-nominated Immersion Theatre invite you on a vibrant underwater adventure like no other in their most spectacular and fantastical family musical yet, **The Little Mermaid!**

Packed with dazzling sets, colourful characters, astounding choreography, original music and heaps of audience participation, this brand-new adaptation sees the adventurous Little Mermaid embark on an unforgettable adventure as the wonders of the sea burst onto the stage in a magical experience that will have audiences of all ages enchanted and enthralled from start to *FIN-ish!*

Guaranteed to make a splash with the whole family, this energetic and *shrimp-ly* sensational musical extravaganza promises a whale of a time whether you're 4 or 104!

Suitable for ages 4+

SAT 22 FEB & SAT 1 MAR

1pm & 4pm

Tickets: £16

Concessions: £14



The LITTLE MERMAID

A brand new family musical!

OTHER

I Hate Chardonnay - The Tippy Lawyer



Do you hate Chardonnay? Do you want to change that?!

Join Laura Law, the **Tippy Lawyer**, and challenge your expectations in this fun immersive wine tasting experience.

From Chablis to Crémant, you'll try different versions of Chardonnay chosen to tempt your taste buds. This is not your normal wine tasting - there will be interactive games (with prizes to be won) and audience participation is encouraged!

When not working 9-5 as a lawyer, Laura is a wine enthusiast that believes wine tasting should be fun not fussy. She holds Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET) Level 3 Award in Wines certification and also works at Stanlake Park Wine Estate.

THU 27 FEB

8pm
Tickets: £25

COMEDY

Primary School Assembly Bangers



Join teacher and singer James B Partridge for an evening of pure nostalgia, stepping back in time with some joyous singalong tunes to take you back to your Primary School days.

You won't have to sit cross legged on the school hall floor, but you will be encouraged to sing along!

As well as the assembly bangers, there will be other musical surprises, throwback mashups and comic reflections on growing up in the 90s.

FRI 28 FEB

7.30pm
Tickets: £19.50

COMEDY

Josh Berry: Best Man



It's clear what toxic masculinity is, but what does positive masculinity look like in a modern context?

Josh Berry intends to provide some sort of answer to this question, through his many impressions and characters, as he tells the tale of being his best friend's Best Man.

From routines on how to organise a 'progressive stag do', to the amusing difficulties men seem to face around positive emotional expression, the show is an opportunity for us to have a ruddy good laugh at a concept that could do with being taken a bit less seriously.

THU 6 MAR

8pm
Tickets: £19.25



OTHER

Paul McKenna: Power Manifesting

Would you like to have the life of your dreams?

Great health, amazing relationships, a fantastic career, significant wealth, real happiness?

Then this live coaching event is for you!

Millions of people are familiar with manifesting what they want, creating results through goal setting, focus of attention and actions. **Paul McKenna** has spent the last four decades studying super-achievers, uncovering some extraordinary discoveries to create a revolutionary formula for getting what you want in life, through an advanced set of easy-to-do processes called '**Power Manifesting**'.

If you are not getting what you want in life, or even if your life is already amazing, by using the new science of **Power Manifesting**, it will take it to even greater heights of success, happiness and joy, in every area of your life! As you do the techniques in this coaching session, you will start to notice changes in your levels of motivation and positivity.

WED 5 MAR

7.30pm
Tickets: £52.75

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MUSIC

Paul Jones and the Danny Illet Band



Lead singer for Manfred Mann, leader of The Blues Band, star of stage and screen and presenter of the BBC Radio 2 Blues programme for 32 years; **Paul Jones** has been a household name since the 1960s.

He is the voice of worldwide hits *Do Wah Diddy Diddy*, *5-4-3-2-1* and *Pretty Flamingo* and maintains a busy touring schedule as part of The Manfreds.

Join us for an unmissable evening of blues. Paul is joined by Derek Nash (saxes), Denny Ilett (guitar), Jim Watson (organ) and George Double (drums).

FRI 7 MAR

7.30pm

Tickets: £29.75

MUSIC

Ed Sheeran Songbook Featuring Jack Bowater



For one night only we have teamed up with the incredible Jack Bowater to present 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 station, Jack Bowater live on stage builds, produces and 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.

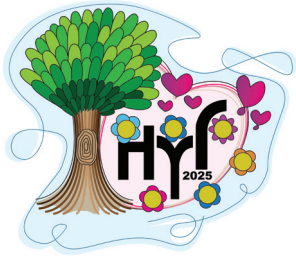
SAT 8 MAR

7.30pm

Tickets: £28.50

LOCAL THEATRE

Henley Youth Festival



Henley Youth Festival gives the opportunity for young people of Henley and the surrounding villages the chance to perform on The Kenton stage.

This year there will be three nights of entertainment; Young Variety (Years 1-5) on 12 March, Senior Variety (Years 6-13) on 13 March and Gig Night (Years 7-13) on 14 March.

The Variety shows will see young performers take to the stage to act, perform comedy or magic, sing, dance or showcase their gym – anything goes!

Rising music stars and bands will perform their own songs as well as a range of music from decades past to current chart-topping hits at Gig Night.

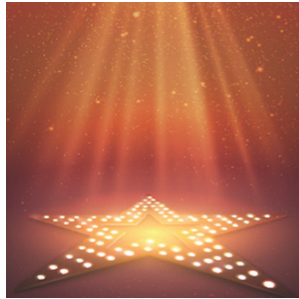
WED 12 - FRI 14 MAR

Tickets on sale in February

LOCAL THEATRE

Decades of Dance

Alison Jayne School of Dance



Join us for an entertaining and colourful performance of ballet, modern, tap and street dancing when our young performers take to the stage.

This is our bi-annual dancing show where students from 4-18 years old will be dancing to a varied selection of music from the last ten decades.

Oozing family fun, this show gives our young performers the opportunity to grace the stage, building their confidence, stage skills and love of theatre.

SUN 16 MAR

2pm & 6pm

Tickets on sale soon

LOCAL THEATRE

Absent Friends

The Henley Players



It's always good to see old friends – isn't it?

Diana has invited Colin over for a nice cup of tea and to catch up with friends he hasn't seen in years. Given that Colin's fiancée has recently drowned everyone is on edge worrying about what to say to him, but when he finally arrives he seems to be the most cheerful among them. The reunion only succeeds in opening old wounds and Colin's jolly attempts to smooth the waters only make things worse.

Set in the 1970's and rooted firmly in that era, **Absent Friends** is regarded as one of Alan Ayckbourn's finest plays. He makes this road-crash of a party both sad and touching, but always bitingly funny.

WED 26 - SAT 29 MAR

7.30pm & 2.30pm matinee on SAT

Tickets from £20

Concessions and special offers available

MUSIC

Strictly Nashville



Celebrating the very best in music from America's 'Music City' this show promises an exciting fusion of pure Country gold with New Country blockbusters!

Guitarist, vocalist and band-leader Bob Drury, who has been selling out in theatres across the country for the past 10 years with his highly acclaimed shows, heads up an amazing cast of musicians to deliver a set of pristine classics from the likes of Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, Brad Paisley, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson and Kenny Rogers.

Featuring Bob's daughter Harriet on female lead vocals, the band present stunning versions of monster hits from Shania Twain, Dolly Parton, Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, Eva Cassidy, June Carter and many more.

SAT 15 MAR

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.75

COMEDY

John Grace



John Grace has been The Guardian's political sketch writer for the last ten years and is one of the paper's most loved columnists. He has also written about twenty books on everything from cricket, football, TV, literature, politics and – not forgetting – himself.

His latest book, *Taking the Lead*, is a satirical memoir from the eyes of his beloved dog, Herbie, a Westminster veteran; and boy does he have some stories to share!

This is the story the politicians do not want you to know. What are Larry the Cat and Dilyn the Dog really like? How did Charlotte Owen get a peerage? Herbert Hound, finally, tells all.

FRI 21 MAR

7.30pm

Tickets: £20.75

COMEDY

Mrs Smith - See Me!



Ever wondered what your teacher was thinking? Let Facebook's Mrs Smith enlighten you!

Mrs Smith was an ordinary teacher in an ordinary school until she went viral on Facebook and accidentally became a stand-up comedian.

Her wit and insights into daily school life, politics, socks, swearing, the side effects of a full moon and more, inspired the sell-out show **Mrs Smith – See Me!** which debuted at the 2023 Edinburgh Fringe.

FRI 11 APR

8pm

Tickets: £20.75

FAMILY

Robin Hood

Immersion Theatre Company

Immersion Theatre, the company behind our beloved Christmas pantomime, are thrilled to present The Kenton Theatre's very first Easter Pantomime...**Robin Hood!**

Follow the exciting escapades of our dashing hero and his loyal band of merry men in this madcap, medieval romp, as Robin fights to restore justice for the people of Sherwood, win the heart of the beautiful Maid Marion and rid the land from the avaricious Sheriff of Nottingham once and for all.

With heaps of audience participation, thrilling sword fights, archery contests, spirited heroes and dastardly villains, experience an Easter treat like no other as this much-loved tale is given an exhilarating twist in true Immersion style...perfect for the entire family!

SAT 5 - TUE 8 APR

Tickets: £20

U16: £18



Immersion Theatre Company presents

A mad and merru pantomime!

ROBIN HOOD



FAMILY

Dantastic's
Pirate Adventure

Dantastic Productions and the hilarious panto comic Dan Whitley return to The Kenton this Easter with a super high energy, interactive pirate show for kids!

In this swashbuckling, comedy, musical adventure, **Dantastic** is on the lookout to find new pirate recruits to join him on his quest to follow the magic map to the secret pirate island!

Expect plenty of singing, dancing, comedy characters, pantomime style slapstick fun and audience interaction.

An action packed hilarious show with guaranteed laughter – Dantastic style!

WED 9 APR

11.30am & 2pm

Tickets: £15

DANCE

Puss in Boots

Let's All Dance Ballet Company



Loosely based on the original version by Charles Perrault, the Let's All Dance Ballet Company brings a new version of **Puss in Boots** about a friendship between a magical cat and a young man with a talent for music.

With Puss' help, the man finds the confidence to use his talent and to be himself, winning the heart of the Princess, her mother the Queen and the rather snooty Marquis de Carabas.

Treat your children to the magic of live, professional dance and fire their imaginations with this lovely new show for the whole family!

Suitable for all ages, especially 2-14 year olds.

SAT 12 APR

1pm & 3pm

Tickets: £16

U16: £14

LOCAL THEATRE

Everyone's Talking
About Jamie

Reading Operatic Society



Get ready for a heartwarming, toe-tapping night of musical brilliance as Reading Operatic Society proudly presents **Everybody's Talking About Jamie**, the smash-hit West End musical that's captured hearts across the globe!

Join us for a week of glitter, dreams and defiance as we bring Jamie New's inspiring story to life. Jamie is sixteen, fabulous, and determined to follow his dreams. But when the world tells him "no," Jamie decides to show everyone that he was always meant to shine. This electrifying production celebrates self-discovery, acceptance and the unstoppable power of being true to yourself.

Content guidance: Contains strong adult themes. Parental guidance.

WED 16 - SAT 19 APR

7.30pm

2.30pm matinee on FRI & SAT

Tickets: £23 Concessions: £21

MUSIC

From No Parlez to The Secret of Association - An Intimate Evening with Paul Young

Paul Young broke into the big time 40 years ago when *No Parlez* went to number one and spawned iconic hits like *Wherever I Lay My Hat (That's My Home)*. More success followed with the number one album *The Secret Of Association* and the worldwide hit *Everytime You Go Away*, not forgetting an appearance at *Live Aid* and more.

Paul sustained that success while having fun in his tex-mex band, Los Pacaminos. Now, he's looking back during these intimate shows that combine conversation and acoustic versions of songs.

Paul's meeting fans, singing songs, and telling stories about his incredible career.

It's time to revel in the classic hits and learn the stories behind them in this intimate show.



Box office: 01491 525050

THU 10 APR

7.30pm

Tickets from £30

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

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After four successful podcast series and over one million downloads The Parky Podcasters are bringing their award-winning blend of comedic anecdotes, personal stories, intense debate and considerate compassion for all things "Parky" to The Kenton.

With a wry smile they call themselves the "Movers and Shakers". For these six have two things in common: fascinating careers in the public eye and a diagnosis of Parkinson's.

Who Are they? Former High Court Judge - Sir Nicholas Mostyn, businesswoman and former journalist - Gillian Lacey-Solymar, former BBC journalists - Rory Cellan-Jones and Mark Mardell, the former host and grand inquisitor of *Newsnight* - Jeremy Paxman and *Vicar of Dibley* co-writer - Paul Mayhew-Archer.

Hear them share their stories from before and after diagnosis - the good, the bad and the "embarrassing bits".

WED 23 APR
 7:30pm
 Tickets: £27.50

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COMEDY

The Kenton Comedy Club



If you're looking for a night of laughter and good times, look no further.

The Kenton Comedy Club features the best comedians in the UK and some you'll even recognise off the telly!

This month we are joined by Ian Smith (*Live at the Apollo* and *Comedy Central*), Kate Lucas and regular host Ryan Mold.

Don't miss out on the very best comedy in Henley. Book your tickets and get ready to laugh!

This event is partnered with ATIC Stand Up Comedy. Line up is subject to change.

FRI 25 APR
 8pm
 Tickets: £18.75

COMEDY

Rich Hall: Chin Music

Rich Hall has won critical acclaim around the world, performing to sell-out audiences at the Edinburgh Fringe, throughout UK tours and at comedy festivals worldwide. His grouchy, deadpan style has established him as a master of absurdist irony and the king of rapid-fire wit.

The title of Rich's latest show, **Chin Music** has two meanings. One is idle talk. The other is a brushback throw in baseball or cricket to intimidate the batter. Both describe his comedy. Idle but intimidating. Sharp, quick, splenetic, and sublimely improvisational. If you've never seen him, you need to hustle down to The Kenton and grab a seat because he never disappoints. Ever.

"Creeps up on you and ambushes your funny bone like no one else"

THE SCOTSMAN

THU 15 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £20.75

COMEDY

**Jenny Eclair:
Jokes, Jokes, Jokes, Live!**

In celebration of the release of her hilarious memoir of the same name, comedian, novelist, and professional show-off **Jenny Eclair** visits The Kenton with a brand-new autobiographical show.

From drama school (mostly drinking cider and eating sausage rolls), sleeping with men who looked like they lived under a carpet, punk poetry, anorexia, bedsit misery, waitressing and not really having a clue about anything, to being the first woman to win the Perrier Award, becoming a mother, author, grumpy old woman, podcaster and nana!

Still gigging to sell-out crowds forty years later, Jenny invites you to look back at what she can remember before she forgets everything. Warning, punk poetry, animal impressions and baritone nursery rhyme singing may feature.

"Ruthlessly funny"

THE TIMES

SAT 17 MAY

7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

MUSIC

**Keith James -
The Songs of Nick Drake**

Nick Drake is the most revered and loved of all the country's singer-songwriters. He has given us timeless songs that shed all the tears of life within their fragile yet perfect lines. He recorded three cherished albums between 1969 and 1972, but was almost entirely unknown in his day. After his tragic death in 1974 aged only 26, his music almost disappeared into obscurity. Now, thanks to a massive resurgence of interest and a worldwide re-evaluation of his genius, Nick Drake has become a national treasure.

Two decades have now passed since singer guitarist Keith James first paralysed the whole country with his stunningly beautiful series of concerts. He was the first artist ever to bring this intriguingly fragile music to theatres and arts venues across the UK in its pure live concert form. The result was six years of highly acclaimed tours amounting to over 1000 concerts in venues across the UK, Ireland, Holland, France, Italy and Spain including all of Nick's schools and colleges – even Glastonbury Festival.

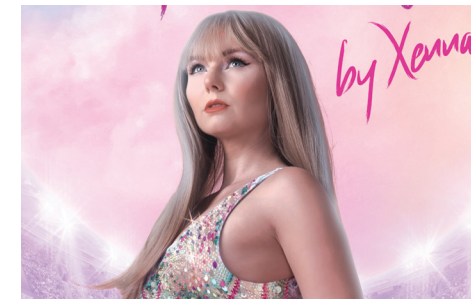
"Some of the most atmospheric and emotive music you will ever hear" - THE INDEPENDENT

THU 5 JUN

7.30pm

Tickets: £22.50

MUSIC

**The Eras Experience:
Taylor Swift Tribute**

Step into the unparalleled world of Taylor Swift in this electrifying show featuring the incredible Xenna. A celebration of the iconic pop sensation's music, style and unrivalled stage presence.

Xenna embodies every essence of Taylor Swift, capturing her voice, signature looks and magnetic charisma.

Audiences will be transported to Taylor's world as they sing along to timeless classics like *Love Story*, *Blank Space* and *Shake It Off*. With stunning replica costume changes, captivating storytelling and incredible dancers, that ensures an unforgettable 'Eras Tour' experience for fans of all ages.

Whether you're a die-hard Swiftie or simply love great music, this is the ultimate homage to one of the biggest stars in the world. Get ready to relive Taylor Swift's greatest hits in a show that's as close to the real thing as it gets!

FRI 18 JUL

7pm

Tickets: £28.50

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
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- Bar
- Box Office
- Stage Management
- Technicians
- Marketing
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Mon-Sat 11am-3pm
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PHONE

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ONLINE

thekenton.org.uk

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ACCESS

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.

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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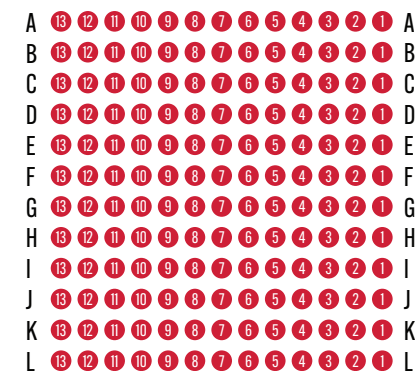
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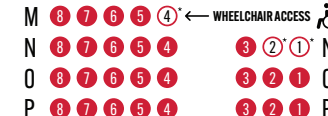
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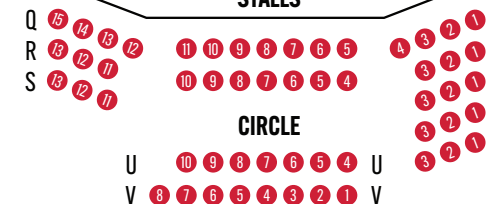
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STALLS



JANUARY

- 03-05** Rapunzel – Henley Children's Theatre
- 10** Tease
- 11** Movie Musicals
- 13** Dara Ó Briain
- 17** California Dreams
- 18** Back to Black: The Music of Amy Winehouse
- 22** Greener Henley – The Big Green Conversation
- 23** Miles Jupp: On I Bang
- 24** The History of Rock
- 25** Sleeping With Beauty – Adult Pantomime
- 29-01** Made in Dagenham – The Henley College

FEBRUARY

- 05-06** My Fair Lady – Shiplake College
- 07** Die Fledermaus – Opera
- 08** Buddy Holly and The Crickets
- 10** An Evening of Mediumship with Psychic Tony Stockwell
- 13** Second Best Bed
- 14** The Kenton Comedy Club Valentines Special
- 15** The Mumford & Sons Story – Awake My Soul
- 17** Sing-a-Long With Dantastic
- 20** Suzi Ruffell
- 21** Adventures in Science
- 22** The Little Mermaid – Immersion Theatre
- 27** I Hate Chardonnay – The Tipsy Lawyer
- 28** Primary School Assembly Bangers

MARCH

- 01** The Little Mermaid – Immersion Theatre
- 05** Paul McKenna: Power Manifesting
- 06** Josh Berry: Best Man
- 07** Paul Jones and the Denny Ilett Band
- 08** Ed Sheeran Songbook Featuring Jack Bowater
- 12-14** Henley Youth Festival
- 15** Strictly Nashville
- 16** Decades of Dance – Alison Jayne School of Dance
- 21** John Crace
- 26-29** Absent Friends by Alan Ayckbourn – The Henley Players

APRIL

- 05-08** Robin Hood – Immersion Theatre
- 09** Dantastic's Pirate Adventure
- 10** An Intimate Evening With Paul Young
- 11** Mrs Smith – See Me!
- 12** Puss in Boots – Lets All Dance Ballet Company
- 16-19** Everybody's Talking About Jamie – Reading Operatic Society
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