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APRIL -AUGUST 2025

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WELCOME

We can't wait to welcome you to The Kenton, where an exciting line-up of shows is just around the corner.

We're especially proud to highlight **An Audience** with the 'Movers & Shakers', an event supported by The Kenton Theatre Community Fund. All proceeds will benefit Parkinson's charities at this special evening and it's just one example of how we're working to support our local community. If you're part of a local organisation passionate about performance, but in need of a little extra help to bring your project to life, we encourage you to apply for the Kenton Theatre Community Fund. Priority will be given to Henley-based applicants, giving our local talent the chance to shine. For more information visit the About Us section on our website.

We're thrilled to showcase the talent from our local community including HAODS, Henley Children's Theatre, Henley College, Henley Drama Festival, RARE Productions, Reading Operatic Society and Woodley Light Operatic Society as well as Peppard, Rupert House and St Mary's schools, who will all be taking to the stage – demonstrating the creativity and passion that make Henley such a special place.

We're also excited to announce the launch of a brand new arts educational programme this autumn. Designed for young people aged 5-18, the programme will provide an immersive theatre experience, covering everything from acting, singing and dancing to stage management, lighting, sound, costume design and more. It's designed to build confidence, creativity and teamwork while inspiring the next generation of stars - on stage and behind the scenes. For further information and to register your interest, please email info@thekenton.org.uk.

We hope you're as inspired as we are by all that's coming up. We look forward to seeing you at The Kenton very soon!

Best wishes

Lottie Pheasant Theatre Manager



Are you ready for a hot summer at The Kenton?

We have some great comedy lined up for you this season, with **Rich Hall** and **Jenny Eclair** getting things off to a hilarious start on 15 and 17 May and the fabulous **Scummy Mummies** on 6 and 7 June, not forgetting the Kenton's very own **Comedy Club**, featuring Ian Smith (*Live at the Apollo*) and Steve N Allen (*Mas Report*) on 19 June.

Heading off into the summer we have a wonderful sketch show based on James Bond, **Bonding**, on 17 July and on 19 July **The Gin Chronicles** takes us back to the days of radio comedy – think the Goons mixed together with PG Wodehouse, and then add in a splash of Monty Python (not to mention the gin!)

If music is your thing, prize-winning musical tributes to Taylor Swift, George Harrison, Simon and Garfunkel and another rocking dive into the year 1971 will keep you thoroughly entertained this summer.

There is plenty for families to enjoy together, from a show dedicated to princesses, through to an exciting exploration of the wonderful world of bubbles - and do look out for a return from our panto star Dan with one of his fabulous parties!

Dan is also hosting the **Dantastic Summer Camp** for ages 4 to 8 – quite simply the perfect way for children to discover the incredible world of creating theatre while they make new friends and amazing memories.

If you are into drama, we have the superb Hotbuckle Productions back (you may remember their critically acclaimed *Great Expectations* back in 2022.) They are presenting **Little Women** on 1 May – that is one not to be missed!

Whatever you come to see – make this summer a Kenton summer – we can't wait to see you!

Best wishes

Ron McAllister Artistic Programme Manager



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.

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.

Mrs Smith is waiting to tell all. If you don't come and see her, it's your time you're wasting.

THU 10 APR

7.30pm Tickets: Waiting List - Contact the Box Office

FRI 11 APR

8pm Tickets: £20.75

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, especially 2-14 year olds.

SAT 12 APR

1pm & 3pm Tickets: £16 Under 16: £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 News's inspiring story to life. Jamie is 16, 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: £23.25 Concessions: £21.25

LOCAL THEATRE

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Henley College Theatre Co.



The Henley College Theatre Co. presents an edgy interpretation of Shakespeare's classic comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Set in the urban inner city of Athens and journeying into the enchanted woods inhabited by crazy and mischievous Punk Fairies! Magical mayhem and trickery! Accompanied by iconic musical tracks from the 70's and 80's.

FRI 25 - SAT 26 APR

7pm FRI; 2pm & 7pm SAT Tickets: £17.75 Concessions from £12.75

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An Audience with the "Movers & Shakers"

In support of Parkinson's



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 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".

DRAMA

Little Women

Hotbuckle Productions



Hotbuckle Productions, known for their inventive adaptations of classic novels, are bringing their latest production, Louisa May Alcott's Little Women to The Kenton this May.

Written in 1868, this timeless novel is one of the most iconic pieces of American literature; diving deep into themes of girlhood, family and female ambition.

Renowned for their fast-paced, multi-roleplaying style, Hotbuckle's production crosses age and gender boundaries. The story of the March sisters' journey from adolescence to adulthood will be brought to life through skilful characterisation and imaginative staging, exploring family, love, loss and the challenges of growing up.

With a touch of the highly acclaimed Hotbuckle humour and fast-paced storytelling, 19th Century Massachusetts will be brought to life as you've never experienced before!

WED 23 APR

7.30pm Tickets: Waiting List - Contact the Box Office

THU 1 MAY

7.30pm Tickets: £25 Concessions: £23.50

MUSIC The Simon & Garfunkel Story

FAMILY Princesses Unite!



Few shows have achieved the global success of **The Simon & Garfunkel Story**, with multiple sold-out performances in over 50 countries and more than 20 headline shows in London's West End, including several at the iconic London Palladium.

This international hit uses stunning projection photos and original film footage to tell the captivating story of Simon & Garfunkel's rise to fame. Blending the narrative with a live band, the show features all the classic hits, including *Mrs. Robinson, Cecilia, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Homeward Bound* and many more.

With standing ovations at every performance, this is the show that even Art Garfunkel himself loves. Don't miss the chance to experience this phenomenal production, celebrating the music and story of one of the most iconic duos of all time!

Princesses Unite is the ultimate children's pop princess party sweeping the nation! This enchanting performance features a dazzling cast of princesses bringing hit songs and lively dances to life in a high-energy spectacle. Join the princesses on a magical musical adventure filled with friendship, fun and fabulous music. With sparkling costumes, stunning choreography and an interactive experience, it's the perfect celebration for little princes and princesses everywhere.

After the show, enjoy a free Meet and Greet meet the princesses, get autographs and snap photos to create cherished memories. It is going to be an unforgettable royal adventure!

"What A Great ****ing Show" ART GARFUNKEL

FRI 2 MAY

7.30pm Tickets: £29.50 Concessions: £27

SAT 3 MAY

1pm & 4pm Tickets: £18 Concessions: £15.50

LOCAL THEATRE

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Henley Drama Festival

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Grease

Henley Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society



Variety, prizes, and professional appraisal – the **Henley Drama Festival** returns with an outstanding programme for 2025. This year will feature at least two world premieres of original pieces by local writers. Local favourites, Henley Players and Stageworks, will be back, along with Abingdon Drama Club, Oxford Theatre Guild, Didcot Phoenix Drama Group and many more.

Each evening offers three different plays plus professional critique—excellent value for money at England's fourth-oldest working theatre.

And on top of that, the inaugural 72-Hour Film Festival will run alongside the main festival.



Experience the friendships, romances and rivalries of a group of high school kids in the 1950s. Welcome to the all singing and dancing world of **GREASE**, the most successful movie musical of all time.

Sandy, a wholesome newcomer to Rydell High school and a leather-clad Danny have a summer romance, but when in the company of his peers, Danny must appear macho and play down his obvious attraction. With iconic songs such as *Summer Nights, You're the One That I Want* and *Hopelessly Devoted to You*, how can you go wrong?

GREASE is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW). www.theatricalrights.co.uk

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TUE 6 - SAT 10 MAY

7.30pm Tickets: £17 Concessions: £12 Festival Pass: £40

WED 21 MAY - SAT 24 MAY

7.45pm & 2.30pm matinee on SAT (BSL signed performance) Tickets: £25 Concessions from £16

THE KENTON HENLEY-ON-THAMES

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE KENTON

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.

Thank you for considering joining our community of supporters. We couldn't do it without you.

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Rich Hall: Chin Music

COMEDY

Jenny Eclair: Jokes, Jokes, Jokes, Live!



Rich Hall has won critical acclaim around the world, performing to sell-out audiences at the Edinburgh Fringe, throughout the UK 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



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 40 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.

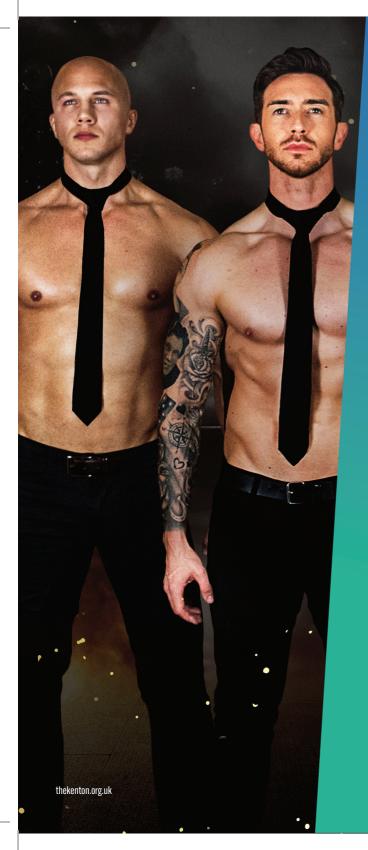
> "Ruthlessly funny" THE TIMES

THU 15 MAY

7.30pm Tickets: £20.75

SAT 17 MAY

7.30pm Tickets: Waiting List - Contact the Box Office



Million Dollar Men

Things are heating up, and it's not just the temperature! The **Million Dollar Men** are here to turn up the heat with a scorching performance that's sure to make the room sizzle! No deceiving, just tantalising teasing... giving you exactly what you're looking for!

Set to the beat of 90s, 00s and R'n'B classics, you can expect back-to-back dancing, playful interactions and a whole variety of sexy action from our talented men.

Million Dollar Men is the perfect blend of electrifying entertainment, where fantasy and reality collide, bringing your wildest dreams to life.

Brace yourself for a night of pulse-pounding excitement as you dive into the atmosphere of a fun, all-male dance show that will leave you breathless.

FRI 16 MAY 7.30pm Tickets: £28

Premium (front 2 rows): £30

HALF TERM

FAMILY

Dantastic Party Time!

FAMILY

The Ultimate Bubble Show



Join our panto comic and entertainer **Dantastic** for a half-term party celebration! Perfect for ages 3-8, with older and younger siblings welcome to join the fun too!

This May half term, enjoy a one-hour, highenergy, action-packed party full of dancing, singing, magic, party games, comedy, bubbles, balloons and non-stop audience interaction. Every child will also go home with a special model balloon and sticker from **Dantastic**.

Get your dancing feet ready for the best kids' party in Henley!

"A fun and memorable show that had children smiling, laughing and, most importantly, burning off some energy!"

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Experience the best in soap bubble entertainment with Ray, International Bubbleologist and Guinness World Record Holder. Join him on his quest to complete the bubble game and create the ultimate bubble!

This fast-paced, high-energy show is full of surprises as Ray uses different gases to craft incredible bubble sculptures, effects and magical displays. Watch in amazement as he creates a volcano bubble, a soap bubble carousel, a bubble ghost and even a tornado inside a bubble!

Join Ray and see if he can make THE ULTIMATE SQUARE BUBBLE!

TUE 27 MAY

11.30am & 2pm Tickets: £15 Under 2s Free

THU 29 MAY

11am & 2pm Tickets: £17.25 Under 16: £15.25

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MUSIC

1971 - The Greatest Year in Rock and Roll



Jesse Smith presents **1971 – The Greatest** Year in Rock and Roll.

After the collapse of the Beatles, a new generation of artists emerged, creating the greatest songs in the history of popular music. This show features iconic tracks from Carole King, David Bowie, Led Zeppelin, T-Rex, Joni Mitchell, The Who, Elton John, John Lennon and many more. It celebrates the pinnacle of rock 'n' roll from the year that changed everything.

Jesse Smith has been the voice of dozens of projects such as *The Classic Rock Show, Led Zeppelin Symphonic* and *Strictly Come Dancing*, and is joined by a seven-piece all-star band. Special guest Hayley Sanderson, the voice of *Strictly* for the last decade, adds her talents to this unforgettable celebration.

COMEDY

Kenton Comedy Club Summer



Henley's top comedy night is back, bringing you an evening of laughter and top-tier entertainment.

If you're looking for a fun night out, **Kenton Comedy Club** is the place to be. Featuring some of the UK's best comedians, including familiar faces from TV, we guarantee an unforgettable experience.

Join Ian Smith (*Live at the Apollo, Comedy Central*), Steve N. Allen (*The Mash Report*) and host Ryan Mold.

Whether you're unwinding after a long week or celebrating a special occasion, our comedy club is the perfect place to relax and enjoy top-quality stand-up.

Don't miss the best comedy night in Henley book your tickets now.

*This event is in partnership with ATIC Stand-Up Comedy. Line-up subject to change.

SAT 31 MAY

7.30pm Tickets: £30

THU 19 JUN

8pm Tickets: £18.75

COMEDY

Scummy Mummies: Hot Mess

MUMS' NIGHT OUT! Helen and Ellie are BACK with a brand new comedy show that will have you laughing till you wee. From menopause to mansplaining, teenagers to Tinder, no subject is safe. Featuring brand new songs, sketches, stand-up and of course, sparkly new catsuits.

Bring your mates, bring your mum, bring your partner if they're feeling brave enough... It's a big Scummy party!

"Highly recommended!" ONE4REVIEW

> **"Very funny"** The guardian

"Hilarious" Broadway Baby

FRI 6 & SAT 7 JUN 7.30pm Tickets: £25.25



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LOCAL THEATRE

Me and My Girl

Woodley Light Operatic Society



Woodley Light Operatic Society presents Me and My Girl, a delightful and heart-warming musical comedy. Set in the 1930s, the story follows Bill Snibson, a cheerful cockney man, who discovers he's the unexpected heir to the Hareford fortune. To inherit, he must embrace an aristocratic lifestyle, which includes giving up his beloved girlfriend, Sally. As Bill tries to fit into high society, he faces tough decisions that challenge his true identity. Will he sacrifice his heart for wealth, or will love triumph in the end?

This amateur production of ME AND MY GIRL is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Book and Lyrics by L. ARTHUR ROSE and DOUGLAS FURBER Music by NOEL GAY Contributions to revisions by Mike Ockrent Book Revisions by Stephen Fry

WED 11 - SAT 14 JUN

7.45pm Tickets: £22 Concessions from £17

LOCAL THEATRE

Wallywood

Henley Children's Theatre

DANCE

Fault Lines Lila Dance Company



Times are tough for Farmer Clark, unsure if he can afford to pass down his family farm to his charming but hapless son, Wally – an aspiring actor graduating from the HenGlee Academy for Dramatic Arts.

When renowned US film producer Harvey Beerstein arrives in town to film his latest blockbuster, excitement fills the air as locals flock to audition. But can HenGlee handle Hollywood's glitz and glamour?

In a slightly bonkers script, spoofing many a familiar tale, HCT brings their typical brand of joy and good humour with a simple, yet entertaining story. A cast of 100 plus local children will sing, dance and bring their effervescent enthusiasm to the tale of **Wallywood**.

SUN 15 JUN

1pm & 5pm Tickets: £15 Child: £13



A rare opportunity to see first class professional contemporary dance at The Kenton.

Fault Lines explores the tension in our relationship with nature, highlighting how our relentless pursuit of progress has left us out of sync with the world around us.

Set in a scorched, postapocalyptic world, survivors race towards an uncertain future, navigating changing landscapes shaped by striking digital illustrations and evocative music.

Lila Dance Company will be joined by students from Henley College for part of the performance.

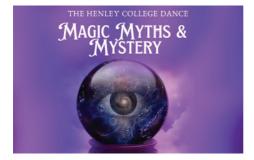
SUN 22 JUN

7.30pm Tickets: £25 Concessions from £13.50

LOCAL THEATRE

Magic Myths and Mystery

Henley College



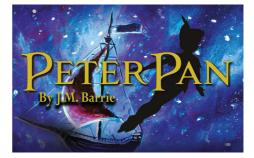
Step into a world where legends come to life, spells are cast and where the unseen takes centre stage. Henley College blends the power of storytelling with the magic of dance.

From ancient myths of gods and goddesses to mysterious folklore and supernatural wonders - each performance is brought to life through a fusion of styles from ballet to tap and jazz.

Prepare to be spellbound as this unforgettable journey takes you through the **Magic Myths and Mystery** that have captivated humankind for centuries.

LOCAL THEATRE

Peter Pan RARE Productions



RARE Productions presents **Peter Pan**, a magical adventure that brings J.M. Barrie's timeless tale to life on stage. Join Peter, Wendy, John and Michael as they journey to Neverland, where they encounter the mischievous Lost Boys, the fearsome Captain Hook and the mischievous fairy, Tinker Bell.

Packed with thrilling action, unforgettable songs and heartwarming moments, this spectacular production captures the wonder of never growing up.

Performed by a cast of local children, get ready to fly to a world of imagination, bravery and endless adventure!

FRI 27 JUN

7.30pm Tickets: £13.50

THU 10 - SAT 12 JUL

7.30pm THU & FRI; 2pm & 6.30pm SAT Tickets: £22.75 Premium: £24.75 (front 2 rows)





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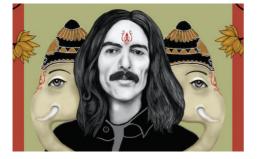




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The Music of George Harrison - Live!



The All Things Must Pass Orchestra, a 10-piece band dedicated to the music of George Harrison, has been selling out venues across the country since 2013.

For their 2025 tour, the Brighton-based band, led by Alex Eberhard, presents a set of songs primarily from Harrison's iconic *All Things Must Pass* album, alongside other timeless tracks like *Something, While My Guitar Gently Weeps, Here Comes The Sun* and *My Sweet Lord*. With luscious harmonies, electric and acoustic guitars, a superb horn section and a tight rhythm section, they bring Harrison's music to life.

> "Alex Eberhard... captures the subtleties, colour and power that infuse so many of George's songs..." HENLEY HERALD

"Bliss. Total bliss. Brilliant music brilliantly delivered by brilliant musicians." CHICHESTER FESTIVAL

DRAMA

Bonding - The Myth, Legend and Legacy of Bond



Cyril Blake's sell-out hit from the Edinburgh Fringe explores the myth, legend and legacy of James Bond, and what it means to men navigating life and love. Stephen has always dreamed of being Bond—tuxedo, fancy watch and all. But is this a good idea? Bond is a misogynist dinosaur, after all.

Journey through 60 years of Bond and 30 years of Stephen as he tries to fulfil his father's vision of masculinity without becoming toxic.

Directed by Matthew Parker and starring Cyril Blake as Stephen.



"Blake's brilliance shines, seamlessly blending performer and character." THE NERD PARTY

"Hilarious and moving. Exceptional!" CALVIN DYSON, JAMES BOND EXPERT

SAT 28 JUN

8pm Tickets: £26.25 Concessions from £24.25

THU 17 JUL

7.30pm Tickets: £24

MUSIC

The Eras Experience: Taylor Swift Tribute



Step into the world of **Taylor Swift** in this electrifying show featuring the incredible Xenna. A celebration of the pop sensation's music, style and stage presence, Xenna perfectly embodies Taylor, capturing her voice, iconic looks and magnetic charisma.

Audiences will be transported to Taylor's world, singing along to timeless hits like *Love Story*, *Blank Space* and *Shake It Off*. With stunning replica costume changes, captivating storytelling and incredible dancers, this show offers an unforgettable 'Eras Tour' experience for fans of all ages.

Whether you're a die-hard Swiftie or just love great music, this is the ultimate homage to **Taylor Swift**!

DRAMA

The Gin Chronicles: A Scottish Adventure

Interrupt the Routine



If you enjoyed *The Goon Show*, *Blackadder*, *Monty Python* or *P.G. Wodehouse*, you'll adore **The Gin Chronicles**. This vintage, radio-style comedy takes you into a world of mischief, mayhem, live sound effects and 1940s derringdo.

Join John Jobling, an endearing upper-class half-wit and Doris Golightly, his housemaidturned-assistant, as they try to thwart a Nazi plot to steal all the country's juniper berries and deny Britain its gin supply.

Enjoy a refreshing gin distilled by Stuart Brown at Deerness Distillery and premium tonics from Wildleaf Drinks. Slip into something vintage and join the fun!



"A triple 5-star success original, quick-fire and very funny!" EDINBURGH PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL

FRI 18 JUL

7pm Tickets: £28.50

SAT 19 JUL

2.30pm & 7.30pm Tickets: £22.75 Concessions from £20.75 FAMILY

Dantastic Summer Camp

Join panto comic Dan Whitley (aka **Dantastic**) and his team for an action-packed summer holiday adventure at The Kenton Theatre, perfect for children aged 4-8!

Throughout the week, your child will make new friends, stay active and enjoy a variety of fun activities. The camp runs from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday, with different themes every day.

Expect music and dance, showtime on stage, disco parties, sports activities, arts and crafts, outdoor adventures and interactive stories. On Friday afternoon, there will be a mini musical for family and friends to come and see!

Bookings are available for the full week or by the day. The full week is £200 (£170 for siblings), while day bookings are £50 per day (£42 for siblings). To participate in the mini show performance on Friday 15 August at 2:30pm, your child must be booked for that day.



MON 11 - FRI 15 AUG

9am - 3pm Full week: £200 (Siblings: £170) Daily: £50 (Siblings: £42)

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COMING SOON!

MUSIC

Unravelling Wilburys



The Unravelling Wilburys, a tribute to the legendary Traveling Wilburys, tell the story of a group of Nashville musicians who caught the attention of George Harrison and Jeff Lynne in Tootsie's Bar. After a night of drinking, the duo invited their famous friends—Roy Orbison, Tom Petty and Bob Dylan—to hear the band.

Six months later, The Unravelling Wilburys

discovered the Traveling Wilburys were using their songs. The band reclaimed their hits, performing across the UK and beyond, playing songs like *Handle with Care* and *Only the Lonely*, while even making it onto *The Chase*.

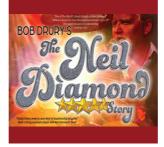
A truly unforgettable musical journey!

FRI 5 SEP

7.30pm Tickets: £22.75

MUSIC

The Neil Diamond Story



Bob Drury's **The Neil Diamond Story** – The life of a legend in song!

Recognised in Las Vegas as one of the finest vocal tributes to Neil Diamond, Bob has wowed audiences for 15 years across the UK, Europe, Nashville and Las Vegas.

The show covers Neil's journey from struggling songwriter to international mega-star, featuring hits like *Sweet Caroline, America, Love on the Rocks* and *Beautiful Noise.* Bob's duet with Harriet on *You Don't Bring Me Flowers* is a highlight.

A fantastic evening of music and nostalgia is guaranteed!

FRI 12 SEP

Tickets: £29

7.30pm

MAGIC

Danny Lee Grew -24K Magic



Join top magician Danny Lee Grew for his brand-new show, **24K Magic** – a mind-blowing experience with no rabbits or top hats, just miracles. Witness jaw-dropping illusions, sleight of hand and live magic under impossible conditions.

Danny has appeared on shows like Susan Calman's Summer by the Sea (Channel 5) and The Real Stories of The Social Network (ITV/CBS), performing for stars like David Beckham, James Corden and Pink. Now, he's bringing **24K Magic** to audiences across the UK.

Don't miss out – book tickets today before they disappear!

'Baffling, Amusing, Brilliant' SUSAN CALMAN

SAT 13 SEP

7.30pm Tickets: £20.75 Group (10 or more): £15.75 each

Box office: 01491 525050

Presale: MON 28 APR from 9am for Kenton Patrons and Friends General ticket release: TUE 29 APR from 9am

MUSIC

Mike Hurst... With a Little MORE Help from his Friends

Back by popular demand, Mike Hurst and his friends return to The Kenton, after last year's sellout shows. Once again they are fundraising for Parkinson's UK and once again the talent on offer is first class: Shakin' Stevens, Tim Rice, Mike d'Abo and PP Arnold will all be back, with one or two surprise guests.

"I have Parkinson's and so do an ever growing number of people and as yet there is no cure. All my friends are giving their time and talent for free, in order to try and give future generations Parkinson's free lives."

So, for those of you who missed it last year, here is another chance to see a unique show with music, comedy, chat and of course, organised mayhem... All for a great cause.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

"Live performances, heartfelt moments, and an incredible atmosphere"

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SAT 6 & SUN 7 SEP 7.30pm Tickets £75

COMING SOON!

COMEDY

Janet Street-Porter is On the Loose



From a bolshy child with a Welsh-speaking budgie to National Treasure, Janet Street-Porter's life (and language) has always been colourful.

As a broadcaster, television executive and newspaper editor she was at the forefront of some of Britain's most enduring cultural moments. Now she finds herself with a senior railcard and four ex-husbands.

The nation's favourite pissed-off pensioner brings comedy, tragedy and gossip in equal measure, a tour de force rant against growing old gracefully. Often imitated but rarely equalled, in the words of her good friend Elton, "the bitch is back"!

COMEDY

Catch Your Breath: The Secret Life of a Sleepless Anaesthetist



NHS anaesthetist, comedian and author Ed Patrick brings his hilarious show to Henley-on-Thames, offering a gut-punch of humour about life as a junior doctor, the NHS and the pitfalls of modern medicine. With a dose of laughter, Ed explores the importance of questioning the system.

As seen on Channel 4, *Have I Got News For You* and heard on BBC Radio 2, Radio 4 and BBC Radio Scotland, Ed's unique blend of comedy and medicine will keep you entertained. He also hosts the *Comedians' Surgery* podcast, where he chats with guests like Joe Lycett and Phil Wang about health stories.

> **'Brilliantly funny'** MATT LUCAS

'Extremely funny' The Telegraph

'Packed with hilarious anecdotes' THE GUARDIAN

THU 11 SEP

7.30pm Tickets: £30

THU 18 SEP

7.30pm Tickets: £20.75

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Join The Kenton Volunteer Team

At The Kenton we're more than just a theatre - we're a vibrant community brought to life by the incredible people who volunteer with us.

From thrilling live performances to creating unforgettable memories, you can help keep the shows coming to Henley and the magic of our local theatre alive.

We're currently looking for volunteers in the following areas: Box Office, ushers, bar, front of house management, stage management, technicians, marketing and maintenance.

Volunteering with us offers a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and gain valuable experience in a range of areas. You'll also make new connections by meeting like-minded people and becoming part of our friendly team. And it's also super flexible and can be done around work and other commitments.

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



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How to book tickets

BOX OFFICE

Mon-Sat 11am-3pm

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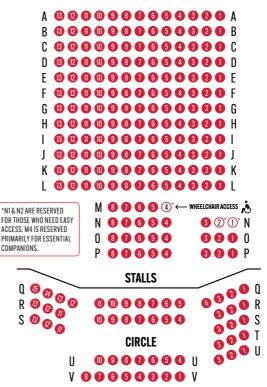
Children under 2 years on the day of the performance are free, provided they sit on an adult's lap. Please contact the Box Office to record this on one of your tickets.

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. 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.

SEATING PLAN





APRIL

0	An Intimate Evening With Paul Young
1	Mrs Smith - See Me!
2	Puss in Boots - Lets All Dance Ballet Company
6-19	Everybody's Talking About Jamie - Reading Operatic Societ
23	An Audience with the "Movers & Shakers" In support of Parkinson's
25-26	A Midsummer Night's Dream - Henley College Theatre Co
MAY	

- 01 Little Women Hotbuckle Productions
- 02 The Simon and Garfunkel Story
- 03 Princesses Unite!
- 06-10 Henley Drama Festival
- 15 Rich Hall Chin Music
- 16 Million Dollar Men
- 17 Jenny Eclair: Jokes, Jokes, Jokes, Live!
- 21-24 Grease Henley Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society
- 27 Dantastic Party Time!
- **29** The Ultimate Bubble show
- 31 1971 The Greatest Year in Rock and Roll

What's On APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2025

JUNE

06-07	Scummy Mummies: Hot Mess

- 11-14 Me and My Girl Woodley Light Operatic Society
- 15 Wallywood Henley Children's Theatre
- **19** Kenton Comedy Club Summer
- 22 Fault Lines Lila Dance Company
- 27 Magic Myths and Mystery Henley College
- 28 The Music of George Harrison Live!

JULY

10-12	Peter Pan - RARE Productions
17	Bonding - The Myth, Legend and Legacy of Bond
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