

Friday 3 to Thursday 16 July 2026

Your Pull-Out Guide
to What's Happening
in Hastings

The HIP List

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MUSIC

Friday 3 July
Fifth Element Afro-Beat Improv Night
7.00pm – Horse & Groom, 4 Mercatoria
Gypsy's Kiss + Ben Maier
7.00pm – The Carlisle

Saturday 4 July
Black Mask
5.00pm – Tough
Love St Leonards,
8 London Rd
Hastings electro-psych
Meet on the Ledge
7.30pm – White Rock
Theatre, White Rock
Five-piece folk rock band
from Warwickshire
raising funds for the
restoration of the Mary
Stanford Lifeboat House.
**Bexhill Big Summer
Sounds: Abbaphonic
(with Royal Philharmonic
Orchestra)**
7.30pm – De La Warr
Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
It's ABBA like you've never
heard it before: with the
power of the full Royal
Philharmonic Orchestra,
and the stunning beauty
of a seaside backdrop.
Tickets from £35.50

Sunday 5 July
Very Tiny Toads
7.00pm – First In Last Out
(FILO), 14-15 High St
Jazz-rock trio
Oh Big Blue in Concert
7.00pm – Stade
Hall, The Stade
A night of music in support
of Palestinians, feat. Bev-
Lee Harling, Frank Moon,
Chiara Vinci, India Blue,
Ruby Colley and more.
Tickets: eventbrite.co.uk/e/oh-big-blue-in-concert-tickets-1988155536730. An
exhibition of art and poetry
from Palestinian children
can be viewed on the same
day from 10am (free).

Tuesday 7 July
**Adventures in Pop:
Anna & The Mariners**
7.00pm – The Jenny
Lind Inn, 69 High St
Monthly gig series with
support from the Barbarian
Horde and MARS

Thursday 9 July
**Ozric Tentacles
+ Column258**
7.00pm – The Piper,
1 Norman Rd
Krautrock, prog and
psychedelic electronica

Friday 10 July
**CHIMER – Single
Release Show**
7.00pm – Tough

Love St Leonards,
8 London Rd
Hastings post punk
power trio
Bernard Butler
7.00pm – The Piper,
1 Norman Rd
Suede guitarist on solo tour

Saturday 11 July
Sydfest
7.00pm – The Piper,
1 Norman Rd
**Mike Willis in the
Shop – Late Show**
8.00pm – 74 Norman Rd
£25. BYOB. An evening
with Mike – songs, off-
the-cuff stories and
shenanigans! mikeslist.uk/venue/mikes-shop/
Nirvanah
8.00pm – White Rock
Theatre, White Rock
Paying homage to the 90s
grunge band and celebrat-
ing 35 years of Nevermind.

Sunday 12 July
Mystery Jets
7.00pm – The Piper,
1 Norman Rd
2000s indie pop

Tuesday 14 July
**Fat Tuesday Club
End Of Year Bash**
6.30pm – The Piper,
1 Norman Rd

WEEKLY MUSIC

Sundays
Circuit Sundays
6.30pm – The Seadog,
32 Station Rd
Sunday evening sessions
featuring rotating local
musicians and bands.
BYO Vinyl Night
7.00pm – The Jenny
Lind Inn, 69 High St

Mondays
Just Landed
7.30pm – The Jenny
Lind Inn, 69 High St
A monthly residen-
cy of alien blues.
**Acoustic Revels
at the Albert**
8.00pm – The Prince
Albert, 28 Cornwallis St
The Twitten Revellers
host an open folk session –
second Monday each month
The Jam on the Hill
8.00pm – The Plough
Inn, 49 Priory Rd
Bring your instrument
and voice and join in!

Tuesdays
**Sounds at the
Hound Open Mic**
7.00pm – Cactus Hound
Bar, 33 – 35 Western Rd
Weekly Open Mic Night,
hosted by Steve Didge
Open Mic
7.00pm – Barnaby's
Lounge, 46 Robertson St

Every second Tuesday,
hosted by NZ song-
writer Konnaruchi
Folk Night
8.00pm – Stag Inn
Singing and mu-
sic, all welcome
Trad Folk Session
8.00pm – Royal
Standard, E Beach St
Monthly Jazz Jam
8.00pm – Barnaby's
Lounge, 46 Robertson St
Albion Skiffle Company
8.30pm – Albion
Hastings, 33 George St
Open acoustic mu-
sic session

Wednesdays
Open Mic
7.00pm – The Piper,
1 Norman Rd
Weekly. Hosted by
Steve Didge
The Circuit x The Stag
7.30pm – Stag Inn,
14 All Saints' St
Weekly live acoustic music
curated by The Circuit,
featuring local acoustic
artists. Free entry.
**Folk Session at
the Dolphin**
8.00pm – The Dolphin Inn,
11-12 Rock-A-Nore Rd
Every third Wednesday
of the month

Thursdays
Open Mic Night
7.00pm – The Pig,
37 White Rock
Berth of the Cool:
7.00pm – The White Rock
Hotel, 1-10 White Rock
Jazz music and eclectic
DJs, downstairs at the
White Rock Hotel. Second
Thursday of the month
The Jazz Organisation
8.00pm – NUR Restaurant
& Lounge, 13 Robertson St
Shanty Night
8.30pm – The Jenny
Lind Inn, 69 High St
Weekly Sea Shanty Night

Fridays
McNiff's Folk Sundowner
5.00pm – The Jenny
Lind Inn, 69 High St
Weekly acoustic strand
with a different guest
featured every Friday

Saturdays
The Coffee House Sessions
5.30pm – Hanushka
Coffee, Robertson St
Free entry. Jason McNiff
and friends present weekly

PERFORMANCE

Friday 3 July
**Murder Trial Tonight
4: Death of a Landlord**
7.30pm – White Rock
Theatre, White Rock

A new interactive murder
trial where you are the
jury. Deliver your verdict:
Guilty or Not Guilty.
Mind in the Willows
7.30pm – Stables
Theatre, The Bourne
Play about Kenneth
Grahame, the famous
author of The Wind
in the Willows.
**Ed Byrne and
Special Guests**
8.00pm – White Rock
Theatre, White Rock
Age 16+. Tickets £36.80
**Forbidden Fruit Cabaret:
Snow White Trash**
9.30pm – The Forbidden
Fruit, 22 Grand Parade

Saturday 4 July
**Junyan Chen and
the Kleio Quartet**
7.00pm – Christ
Church St Leonards,
Silchester Rd
St Leonards Concerts is
five! Celebrate with a night
of music as Junyan Chen,
the Kleio Quartet and Max
Baillie play the Concerto
for violin, piano and string
quartet Op.21 by Chausson.
**Forbidden Fruit Cabaret:
Vicki Vivacious**
9.30pm – The Forbidden
Fruit, 22 Grand Parade

Sunday 5 July
**Annual Winner's Picnic
Concert Hastings
International Piano**
11.00am – Fairlight Hall,
Martineau Ln, Fairlight
Annual Picnic Concert
for the winner of the
Hastings International
Piano Competition featur-
ing young scholars from
Lang Lang Foundation.
fairlighthall.co.uk
**Phil Nicol: Aren't
We Lucky**
7.30pm – Makers' House
Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W
Edinburgh Fringe
comedy review: [makers-
househastings.co.uk](https://makershousehastings.co.uk)

Tuesday 7 July
**The Bob Ross Effect by
Sarah-Louise Young**
7.30pm – Crown
House, Marina
Pre-Fringe preview com-
edy show: [makershouse-
hastings.co.uk/allevents](https://makershousehastings.co.uk/allevents)
Ace the Fringe
7.30pm – The Stables
Theatre, The Bourne
Double bill presented
as part of Ace the Fringe
scheme, developing and
previewing new work for
the Edinburgh Festival.
Shows from Jazz Mattu
and River Olivia Rose. £12

Friday 10 July
**The Handlebards
do Macbeth**
6.00pm – Hastings

Castle, Castle Hill Rd
Outdoor performance.
handlebards.com/tickets
**St Paul's Presents:
Around the World**
7.00pm – White Rock
Theatre, White Rock
The pupils of St Paul's CE
Academy are back with
a variety performance
inspired by different
countries and traditions
from across the globe.

Sunday 12 July
Improv @ The Stables
7.30pm – The Stables
Theatre, The Bourne
£5. Come for laughs as we
make up scenes off the top
of our heads, based on audi-
ence suggestions. All made
up on the spot with no ad-
vance planning. Exciting!
Fun! Scary (for us)!

Tuesday 14 July
**Hastings Philharmonic
Orchestra Summer Gala**
7.30pm – White Rock
Theatre, White Rock

WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

Tuesdays
Open Mic Night
7.00pm – HOT TAP Theatre,
St Andrews Mews

Wednesdays
A&O In the Round
7.30pm – 74 Norman Rd

Fridays
Late Night Karaoke
11.00pm – Barnaby's
Lounge, 46 Robertson St

CINEMA

Friday 3 July
Kokuho
3.00pm & 7.30pm – Kino-
Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
**Inside Out + Workshop
(see start times)**
4.30pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St
Free film-themed
craft workshop at
4pm, film starts at
4.30pm. All tickets £6
**Re: A Pier + Director's
Q&A + Sex Pistols
After Party**
7.30pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St

Saturday 4 July
Kokuho
3.00pm & 7.30pm – Kino-
Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
Rose of Nevada
5.00pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St

Sunday 5 July
Six Inches of Soil +

Director Intro
11.00am – Electric
Palace, 39A High St
Savage House
2.00pm – Kino-Teatr,
43-49 Norman Rd
**Persepolis: A Tribute
to Marjane Satrapi**
3.00pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St
**Vive Le Punk +
Director's Intro**
9.00pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St

Wednesday 8 July
Obsession
3.00pm & 7.30pm – Kino-
Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
Thursday 9 July
Our Land
11.00am – Electric
Palace, 39A High St
Savage House
3.00pm & 7.30pm – Kino-
Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
Ashes and Diamonds
7.30pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St

Friday 10 July
Savage House
3.00pm & 7.30pm – Kino-
Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
Ladies and Gentlemen,
The Fabulous Stains
+ DJ and Late Bar
7.30pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St

Saturday 11 July
**Elvis: That's the Way
It Is + Short Film**
7.30pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St

Sunday 12 July
Enys Men
7.30pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St

Wednesday 15 July
**Documentary Week:
The Art of a True
Story – Trains**
3.00pm & 7.30pm – Kino-
Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd

Thursday 16 July
**Kinoteka Festival:
Ashes and Diamonds**
11.00am – Electric
Palace, 39A High St
Our Land
7.30pm – Electric
Palace, 39A High St

ART

**Hastings Arts Forum
Summer Members'
Show M-Z**
Until 5 July
Hastings Arts Forum,
Marine Court
**Bill Greenhead: The
History of Gull Culture**
8 to 19 July
Hastings Arts Forum,
Marine Court

Crossword Solution No 305:
Across: 1. EXPert (anagram) 3. Choose (anagram) 4. St-ores
Down: 1. EreCts (anagram) 2. Tigers (anagram)



Lemons, Laws and Secret Doors: A Hastings Queer History Collective Exhibition
Until 30 August
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, Bohemia Rd
Moore/Freud
Until 13 September
Hastings Contemporary, The Stade
Dennis Morris – Bob Marley Music + Life
Until 18 July
Lucy Bell Gallery, Norman Rd
Tawfik Naas – Manifestations for an Eternal Spring
Until 16 August
Flatland Projects, Unit 20 Beeching Rd, Bexhill
Ben Newman – Once Upon a Ponytail
4 to 31 July
Colorville, 130 Queens Rd
Odour – Group Show
3 to 5 July
Electro Studios Project Space, Sea Rd
Outside the Lines Group Show (Home Educated Artists)
4 July until 4 October
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, Bohemia Rd
Ade Peachment
3 until 25 July
1200 Postcards, Queens Rd
Portraits of the Sea Group Exhibition
Until 5 July
Cake Room, Robertson St
Alexandra Richardson – Love in Fleurecence
Until 30 August
St Leonards Pub, London Rd
Miguel Rothschild – Undercurrents
Until 13 September
Hastings Contemporary, The Stade
Mark Spelman – You Weren't There
Until 25 July
Project 78 Gallery, Norman Rd
Summer Exhibition '26
4 July until 30 August
Bus Stop Studios, London Rd
Sustenance (Open Call Show)
Until 30 July (opening drinks event Monday 6 July, 4-6pm)
The Crown, All Saints St
Katie Tomlinson – Bathers Bathing and Queer Painting: Intervals (Curator)
Until 11 July
Amici Art Gallery, Claremont
Janaina Tschäpe – Conversations with the Sea
Until 13 September
Hastings Contemporary, The Stade
Annie Whiles – Doorway Guardians

Until 16 August
Flatland Projects, Unit 20 Beeching Rd, Bexhill
To Improvise A Mountain: Lynette Yiadom-Boakye Curates
Until 13 September
De La Warr Pavilion



SPORT

Saturday 4 July Cricket: Hastings & St Leonards Priory v Preston Nomads – Sussex Premier League
11.30am – Horntye Park

Sunday 5 July Tennis: Amherst Men v West Worthing 2 – Sussex Summer Doubles
10.30am – Amherst Lawn Tennis Club, Amherst Rd

Saturday 11 July Cricket: Hastings & St Leonards Priory v Cuckfield – Sussex Premier League
11.30am – Horntye Park



ACTIVE SPORT

Sundays Free Tennis session in the park
10.00am – Alexandra Park Tennis Courts
To book: clubspark.lta.org.uk/breakpointtennis
AlexandraPark/FreeParks

Mondays Hastings Blister Sisters Slow Jogging Group
7.00am – Alexandra Park, St Helen's Rd
Details: blistersisters.co.uk
Badminton
9.30am – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
Adult class £5.60, hosted by Cathy Bargh
Booking freedom-leisure.co.uk
Walking Football
1.30pm – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
Voluntary donation £3
To book: eequ.org/experience/9252
Disability Cricket with Sussex Cricket
5.00pm – Horntye Park Sports Complex, Bohemia Rd
sussexcricket.co.uk/super-1s-hub
Active Hastings Walking Football
6.00pm – TN34 2LD, Lower Park Rd
Alexandra Park Multi-Use Games Area £2
Adults 50+ Booking eequ.org

org/experience/6144
Eclipse Netball Club
7.00pm – The Hastings Academy, Rye Rd
First session free then £5.
To book: 07754 105836
eclipsenetballhastings@gmail.com. Age 14+.
Badminton
8.00pm – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
£5.60 Adults Booking freedom-leisure.co.uk
Hastings YMCA Badminton Club
8.15pm – The Y Centre, 26 St Paul's Rd
Adult club, limited spaces for juniors. Booking essential £5.50 hastingsymcabadmintonclub.co.uk

Tuesdays Hastings Active Fit
11.00am – West St Leonards Community Centre and Social Club, 130 Bexhill Rd
Contact weststleonardsca@gmail.com for details
Table Tennis
1.45pm – Isabel Blackman Centre, Winding St
Register at: isabelblackmancentre.co.uk
Badminton
6.00pm – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
£5.60 or £4.70 with a Leisure Pass. Booking: 01424 457691
Judo with Hollington Judo Club
6.15pm – Hollington Community Centre, 1 Wishing Tree Rd N
£3.50 from reception to year 6. Contact Neil Chalcraft 07858 412184
PB Runner
6.15pm - Various locations.
Group effort running sessions £2. For info: slinklater65@gmail.com
Judo with Hollington Judo Club
7.00pm – Hollington Community Centre, 1 Wishing Tree Rd N
For children in years 7-11 contact Neil Chalcraft 07858 412184
Hastings Women's Indoor Rounders
7.30pm – The St Leonard's Academy, Edinburgh Rd
info: hastingsrounders@gmail.com. In the Sports Hall. Booking: eequ.org/experience/4956
Judo with Hollington Judo Club
8.00pm – Hollington Community Centre, 1 Wishing Tree Rd N
£5 Adults. Contact Neil Chalcraft
Hastings YMCA Badminton Club
8.30pm – Bexhill Leisure Centre, Down Rd, Bexhill

Adult club, limited spaces for juniors. Booking essential £5.50 hastingsymcabadmintonclub.co.uk

Wednesdays Hastings Blister Sisters Slow Jogging Group
7.00am – Alexandra Park, St Helen's Rd
Details: blistersisters.co.uk
Badminton
9.30am – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
£5.60. Adults. 18 places available for 3 courts usage. Booking: freedom-leisure.co.uk
LTA Walking Tennis
11.00am – Alexandra Park Tennis Courts
£3 per session. Older people with long term health conditions. Tennis at your pace! Book: clubspark.lta.org.uk
Pickleball
3.00pm – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
£3 for all ages and abilities. Booking freedom-leisure.co.uk
Hastings Pirates Baseball Club
7.00pm – Claremont Preparatory School, Ebden's Hill, Westfield
Free for your first session (£6 per session after that)
hastingsbaseball.co.uk
Badminton
7.00pm – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
Adults £5.60 Booking freedom-leisure.co.uk
Hastings YMCA Badminton Club
7.30pm – The Y Centre, 26 St Paul's Rd
Adult club, limited spaces for juniors. Booking essential £5.50 hastingsymcabadmintonclub.co.uk

Thursdays Hastings Active Fit
10.30am – West St Leonards Community Centre and Social Club, 130 Bexhill Rd
Contact weststleonardsca@gmail.com for details.
Short Mat Bowling
2.00pm – West Hill Community Centre, Croft Rd
£3 per session including refreshments, all equipment and instruction provided, all welcome including complete beginners.
Hastings Mixed Indoor Rounders
7.00pm – Horntye Park Sports Complex, Bohemia Rd
info: hastingsrounders@gmail.com. In the Sports Hall downstairs. Booking: eequ.org/experience/6227

Mixed Darts League
7.00pm – West St Leonards Community Centre and Social Club, 130 Bexhill Rd
Bar open for the duration. Contact weststleonardsca@gmail.com for details
Heart and Sole Runners
7.00pm – Grosvenor Gardens
Badminton
8.00pm – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
£5.60. Adults. 18 places available for 3 courts usage. Booking: freedom-leisure.co.uk

Fridays Hastings Blister Sisters Slow Jogging Group
7.00am – Alexandra Park, St Helen's Rd
Details: blistersisters.co.uk
Adults Badminton
9.30am – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
£5.60 Details and booking: freedom-leisure.co.uk
Table Tennis
1.45pm – Isabel Blackman Centre, Winding St
Register at: isabelblackmancentre.co.uk
Squad Girls' Football
6.00pm – TN34 2AY, The Byeway
FREE. For girls' aged 12 to 14, at The Firs. To book eequ.org/experience/25158.
Barbarian Swimmers
6.00pm – Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
Urban Football
7.00pm – TN34 2AY, The Byeway
FREE. Ages 12-17. To book: eequ.org/experience/15576

Saturdays Hastings Mixed Outdoor Rounders
9.30am – Sea Road, Sea Rd
Free. Book a place at eequ.org/book/st-leonards-old-bathing-pool-rounders-with-hastings-rounders-10730



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Saturday 4 July Mega Music Saturday
10.00am – De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
FREE celebration of music for everyone. Details at dlwp.com/event/mega-music-saturday/.
Market at the Museum
10.00am – Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, John's Place, Bohemia Rd
Local makers and designers, businesses, and organisations of all kinds for workshops, talks,

and activities alongside a makers' fair.

Sunday 5 July Car Boot Sale
8.00am – The Stables Theatre, The Bourne
Free entry for buyers, refreshments available. Reserve a pitch via Box Office on 01424 423221.
Sussex Makers' Markets in Alexandra Park
11.00am – Art in the Park, Arts on Prescription, Alexandra Park, Lower Park Rd, St Helen's Park Rd
Oh Big Blue in Concert
7.00pm – Stade Hall, The Stade
A night of music in support of Palestine, feat. Bev-Lee Harling, Frank Moon, Chiara Vinci, India Blue, Ruby Colley and more. Tickets: eventbrite.co.uk/#!/oh-big-blue-in-concert-tickets-1988155536730. An exhibition of art and poetry from Palestinian children can be viewed on the same day from 10am (free).

Friday 10 July Over 60s Danceaway
12.00pm – Observer Building, 53 Cambridge Rd
£5 OTD. Fully accessible with a licensed bar, tea/coffee and food available. Over 60s only.

Saturday 11 July Bexhill Returns to the 80s
10.00am – De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
Featuring Back To The Future Delorean time machine, themed market, classic 80s vehicles, children's entertainment and 80s surprises celebrating the music and style of an iconic decade. FREE event with live 80s music all day.
Tides of Trade Market
11.00am – Stade Hall, The Stade
Jewellery, macrame, candles, skin creams, teas and wellness products, 3d designs, Home and Garden decor, food and drinks and more.
Wimbledon Women's Final + Pimms + Strawberries and Cream
1.30pm – Electric Palace, 39A High St
Come and watch the ball-bashing superstars battle it out on the big screen in air-conditioned comfort! Start time TBC.

Sunday 12 July St. Leonards Festival
12.00pm – Warrior Square
Parade and workshop activities take inspiration from animals, all are encouraged to come along in their own animal themed

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costumes or creations. stleonardsfestival.org/2026

Trans Pride Fest
12.00pm – Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, John’s Place, Bohemia Rd Celebrating the trans and non-binary community and their allies. Live performances, workshops and activities, community organisations, market and food stalls.

Wimbledon Men’s Final + Pimms + Strawberries and Cream
1.30pm – Electric Palace, 39A High St Come and watch the ball-bashing superstars battle it out on the big screen in air-conditioned comfort! Start time TBC.

Tuesday 14 July
St Michael’s Hospice Hastings Open Gardens
10.30am – 1 Amherst Rd Two spectacular gardens are opening in the heart of Hastings for St Michael’s Hospice. From £5 entry. More details and addresses: Open Gardens 2026 – St Michael’s Hospice

Thursday 16 July
Just Friends Meetup
10.30am – His Place, Robertson St Friendly social group for adults who live alone and would like to meet new people in a welcoming and supportive environment. Free membership. £1.50 per meeting including raffle entry, tea, coffee and biscuits. Weekly Events

Sundays
Hastings Beach Meditation
9.00am – Hastings Motor Boat & Yacht Club, Rock-A-Nore Parade 40mins quiet meditation on beach opposite. Check Hastings Beach Meditation on Facebook

Brunch at the Beacon
10.30am – The Beacon, 67-68 St Mary’s Terrace Homeground Kitchen’s cosy, hearty food and delicious cocktails. The first 3 Sundays of the month. Book at hgkhastings@gmail.com

Culture Club
10.45am – The Crown, 64-66 All Saints’ St a group for grown ups who love books, podcasts, films, art & all things cultural! DM on Instagram [@cultureclub](https://www.instagram.com/cultureclub)

Pokemon League
1.00pm – Table Flip, 201 Queens Rd Play packs for entry and

prizes to be given.

Social Sundays at The Nest
2.00pm – The Nest, The Old Town Hall A relaxed weekly social space for neurodivergent adults (16+) Come along for chats, games, optional creative activities or just a quiet cuppa in a calm, friendly space.

Mondays
Writing Hour
7.30am – 7 Trinity St Writers can come together to write at the workshops hastings-writersworkshop.com

Monday Coffee Club + Free Play Session (Toddlers/ Young Children)
9.30am – Play, St Andrews Mews Free play session for toddlers and young children with any food or drink purchased.

Volunteering: Hidden Eden Wellbeing Garden
10.15am – 27 Parsons Cl, Hastings Craig’s Cabin asks for volunteers to turn this green community space into a sensory garden craigscabin87@hotmail.com

Health Walk Old Town
2.00pm – The Stade, Rock-A-Nore Rd Free one hour walk, just pop along tcv.org.uk/southeast/sussex

Backgammon Club
6.30pm – The Horse & Groom, 4 Mercatoria All abilities welcome

Pop Quiz
7.30pm – The Piper, 1 Norman Rd Dave Valentine your Host

Overeaters Anonymous
7.30pm – Clifton Centre, 1 and 2 Stainsby St

Monday Night Quiz
8.00pm – Noah’s Goat Hastings, 68 George St Teams of up to 6, £2 p/p entry fee and prizes for winning and losing teams. Message/call if you’d like a table [01424 438791](tel:01424438791).

The Hastings and St Leonards Model Railway Club
8.00pm – Baldslow Memorial Hall, 216 Harrow Ln New members welcome hastingsmrc.org.uk

Tuesdays
Health Walk St Leonards Seafront
11.00am - Meet at the clock on prom – free one hour walk, just pop along tcv.org.uk/southeast/sussex

Storytime@Ore Community Library
11.00am – Ore Community

Library, 467 Old London Rd Stories, rhymes, singing and craft. Weekly themes. Free to members and non members.

Original OHPS Old Town Walks
2.30pm – The West Hill Cafe, Castle Hill Rd Walking tour of the Old Town £6 ohps.org.uk/walks

Sew It’s Tuesday
7.00pm – 161 Bexhill Rd Share your crafting sewing, crochet, knitting or anything in-between sewitstuesday@outlook.com

Bingo Night
7.30pm – The Dolphin Inn, 11-12 Rock-A-Nore Rd Booking advised: [01424 434326](tel:01424434326)

Sound Waves Community Choir
7.30pm – Salvation Army, 26 St Andrew’s Square Free taster session. No auditions. admin@soundwaveschoir.org.uk

Ruxley’s Crew Morris
8.15pm – West Hill Community Centre, Croft Rd Morris dancing – with a Hastings pirate twist! Contact: crewruyleys@gmail.com

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Green Gym at Hastings Centre
10.00am – The Hastings Centre, The Ridge Horticultural volunteering for health, carrie.edmonds@tcv.org.uk / [07764 655609](tel:07764655609)

Health Walk Alexandra Park
10.30am – Alexandra Park, St Helen’s Rd From Ranger’s Office – free one hour walk, just pop along tcv.org.uk/southeast/sussex

Community Open House
11.00am – Afri-Co-Lab, 3, Marine Court Make Afri-Co-Lab your home, work space, chill-out lounge and studio for the day! afri-co-lab.org

All Sorts Auction
6.30pm – West St Leonards Community Centre and Social Club, 130 Bexhill Rd Auction items accepted from 9am-1pm. Contact weststleonardsca@gmail.com to confirm. Bar open until late

Men’s Walk and Talk
7.00pm – Azur, Marina Pavillion, 44-37 Marina Meet at Azur for a leisurely walk along the seafront with time to

chat. For info or to book: Hannah Richards hannah.richards@mindcharity.co.uk or [07510927978](tel:07510927978).

The Stag Book Club
7.00pm – Stag Inn, 14 All Saints’ St Come along or message if you’d like to join or want more information staghastings.co.uk

The Class Choir
7.00pm – The Unitarian Church Friendly, fun, uplifting Women’s choir. Free taster sessions, no music reading or auditions. theclasschoir@gmail.com

Hastings & St Leonards Women’s Circle
7.00pm – The Compound, 161 Bexhill Rd Donation only. For self-identifying women [facebook.com/groups/1578385062838116](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1578385062838116)

Argentine Tango Social Night
8.00pm – The White Rock Hotel, 1-10 White Rock £8 entry fee. Call Phoebe on [07947 440502](tel:07947440502)

Mosaic Triangle Jazz Residency
8.00pm – Barnaby’s Lounge, 46 Robertson St

Forbidden Fruit Quiz Night
8.00pm – The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade

Thursdays
Free energy advice community drop-in
10.00am – Hastings Community Info Hub, Queens Rd

Green Gym at Church Wood
10.00am – Church Wood Conservation volunteering for health, contact carrie.edmonds@tcv.org.uk / [07764 655609](tel:07764655609)

Cozy Crypt
10.00am – London Road Share Conversation, Access Support, In Partnership with Citizens Advice 1066

Open Tech Thursdays
10.00am – Observer Building, 53 Cambridge Rd Free community led technology meetup

Plant Sale at Alexandra Park Greenhouse
2.00pm – Alexandra Park Greenhouse, St Helen’s Rd

Bingo
2.00pm – West St Leonards Community Centre and Social Club, 130 Bexhill Rd, St Leonards, Hastings Contact weststleonardsca@gmail.com for details

Friendship Café
2.00pm – Hastings Court Care Home, 314 The Ridge Hosted by the community co-ordinator for stroke rehabilitation,

a monthly support and advice session for families affected by strokes. Contact: [01424 755151](tel:01424755151)

The Barbarian Wolf Chess Club
5.15pm – The Horse & Groom, 4 Mercatoria Weekly chess

Sheer Poetry
6.00pm – Twelve Hundred Postcards, 80 Queens Rd Open mic, no entry fee, no pressure. Contact Book-Buster on Facebook

Pumphouse Late Plates
6.30pm – Pumphouse Cafe and Deli, Pumphouse, Alexandra Park, St Helen’s Rd Every alternate Thursday

War Games
7.00pm – West St Leonards Community Centre and Social Club, 130 Bexhill Rd Bar open for the duration. Contact weststleonardsca@gmail.com for details

Hastings Town Singers
7.00pm – Ark Castledown Primary Academy, Priory Rd A friendly non-auditioning community choir. Free taster sessions. hastingtonsingers.co.uk

Hyphae Collective Poetry & Music Jam
7.00pm – Barnaby’s Lounge, 46 Robertson St Poetry, musicians, singers – come and collaborate!

A Load of Poets
7.30pm – Twelve Hundred Postcards, 80 Queens Rd Poetry open mic night every 2nd Thursday of the month. Contact [@loadofpoets](https://www.instagram.com/loadofpoets) on Instagram.

Pub Quiz
7.30pm – The Dolphin Inn, 11-12 Rock-A-Nore Rd Free entry plus prize money to be won!! Booking recommended [01424 434326](tel:01424434326)

Hastings Humanists Meeting
7.30pm – The White Rock Hotel, 1-10 White Rock Monthly. [facebook.com/hastingshumanists/#](https://www.facebook.com/hastingshumanists/#). Zoom meeting may be available.

Fridays
Writing Hour
7.30am – 7 Trinity St Writers can come together to write at the workshops hastings-writersworkshop.com

Singing Down Memory Lane
10.30am – St. Augustine’s Church Hall, St Augustine’s Close, Cooden Dr, Bexhill Free singing group for people with Dementia and their carers in Bexhill. Every 1st and 3rd Friday. discdementiasupport.org

Health Walk Church

Wood St Leonards
10.30am – Church Wood Meet at Nature reserve car park, free one hour walk, just pop along tcv.org.uk/southeast/sussex

The Damascus Runners
11.00am – Bonjour Café, 13 Grand Parade Social walking group, meet on the seafront opposite

Hastings Library of Things + Make and Mend Fixing Days
11.00am – Maslow House, 5 Harold Place Borrow tools and useful items, from bolt cutters to sewing machines. umbrellasussex.org.uk.

Dementia Carer Support Group (carers only)
11.00am – Robsack Centre, Bodiam Dr Come for a chat and support, refreshments incl. Every 2nd Friday discdementiasupport.org

Broomgrove Youth Club Sessions
4.30pm – Broomgrove Community Centre, 85 Chiltern Dr sarah.adams@freshvisions.org.uk Bev [07732 823800](tel:07732823800)

Saturdays
Saturday Table Sales
9.30am – Christ Church St Leonards, Silchester Rd First Saturday of the month

Heritage Explorers
10.00am – Christ Church St Leonards, Silchester Rd Free drop-in family art & heritage activities.

Weekly Indoor Market
10.00am – Saint Leonards Church Market, London Rd Weekly market: clothes, bits, food, tarot. Stalls still available loveamarket.co.uk

Plant Sale at Alexandra Park Greenhouse
10.30am – Alexandra Park Greenhouse, St Helen’s Rd

Monthly Vinyl Market
11.00am – The Piper, 1 Norman Rd

Thai Food at the Albert
2.00pm – The Royal Albert, 293 Battle Rd

Hastings and St Leonards Community Singing and Drumming Circle
6.00pm – Clifton Centre, 1 and 2 Stainsby St Food sharing, meditation, drumming, singing and sometimes dancing! [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com)

Let’s Make Karaoke Great Again
9.30pm – The Seadog, 32 Station Rd Every 2nd Saturday.



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Friday 3 July
Point, Shoot, Repeat
7.00pm – Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W £5 inc refreshments. Open to anyone of any experience interested in making film. makershousehastings.co.uk

Saturday 4 July
How to Act with Chris New
10.00am – The Stables Theatre, The Bourne £20 drop in.
Chinese Brush Calligraphy with Yan Mak
10.00am – Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W £50. Materials provided. makershousehastings.co.uk

Friday 10 July
Funky Friday Ecstatic 5Rhythms
7.45pm – Stade Hall, The Stade
Tickets: emmadance.co/shifting-perspective

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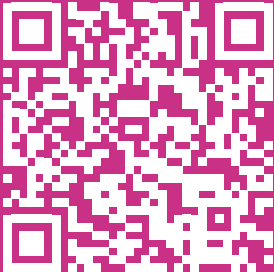
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Old Town Boating Lake Makeover

PAUL MCLAUGHLIN

The Old Town Boating Lake has been a popular feature of Hastings seafront for almost a hundred years. Opened in 1933 to plans drawn up by Borough Engineer Sidney Little – a figure widely credited with almost single-handedly reshaping the town in the aftermath of the First World War – the lake was part of a broader transformation that also included the Carlisle Parade Underground Car Park, Bottle Alley, and the iconic bus shelters dotted along the seafront.

Originally almost twice its current size, the lake featured a small children's paddling pool, which closed in 1952. The lake itself was reduced in the 1980s to its present-day dimensions of approximately 220ft by 230ft.

After years of neglect, it could be about to get a dramatic makeover. Flamingo Amusements, sub-lessees of Novomatic Luxury Leisure, who

in turn lease the site from the Fore-shore Trust, have taken the first step in the restoration by appointing family-run chartered surveyors Hawkins & Hawkins to lead the renovation design.

Hawkins & Hawkins have published their plans to turn the site into a "thriving community hub" and gave a presentation at a meeting last week on improving the seafront, organised by local MP Helena Dollimore at the East Hastings Sea Angling Association and Social Club. They told residents that they had spent the past year working closely with Flamingo to develop detailed master plans to transform the site, which, they acknowledged, was in desperate need of rejuvenation. Their plans seek to "build upon the distinctive character and charm of Hastings Old Town."

The plans include a new "Dino-themed" splash park and landscaped public spaces, seating areas, an outdoor entertainment and events venue, and food and drink outlets.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

These plans have now reached what the surveyors describe as a "crucial moment", with the launch of a public consultation inviting residents to "review the draft proposals, offer feedback, and suggest alternatives". Hawkins & Hawkins stress that local input will "help ensure we deliver a community space that truly reflects local aspirations."

The online consultation webpage contains a series of AI-generated glossy images depicting how the boating lake might look. Unfortunately, there are very few details about the plans on the web page, which includes typos that detract from the overall message.

Residents at the meeting were left frustrated by the lack of detail, especially over when the work would start and how it would be funded. The complex leasing relationship between Flamingo and Novomatic also drew murmurs of discontent. Some traders also expressed concerns that the plans showed a lack of imagination and understanding of the Old Town's needs, and could lead to an over-concentration of food and drink outlets which would directly compete with established businesses.

Helena Dollimore clarified that the proposals were not linked to the



£21.5m Pride in Place fund, which will be spent on improving Hastings over the next ten years.

The lack of clarity also appeared to undermine the cautious welcome given to the plans by John Bownas, manager of Love Hastings Ltd (the business group for town-centre traders). He noted that there seemed to be broad agreement that the scheme would mark "a vast improvement" on what currently exists there; however, without a clear financial roadmap, the scheme risked losing the trust of the very

community it was meant to benefit.

He acknowledged that the plans are still at an early stage and are likely to evolve. As such, he called on everyone to feed their ideas into the consultation to ensure nothing gets missed. He stressed, however, that whatever the outcome, any redevelopment of the lake needs to be fully integrated into the wider regeneration of Hastings seafront.

The online consultation can be viewed at hawkins-hawkins.co.uk/the-boating-lake. The deadline for responses is 27 July.

Art and Craft in Priory Meadow



A new initiative, Mosaic Malarky, is expanding access to arts and community creativity in Hastings, bringing local people together through hands-on workshops, inclusive making sessions and event-led activities at Hypha Studios in Priory Meadow Shopping Centre.

Led by artist and facilitator Emma Law, the programme includes regular mosaic workshops every Thursday from 11am–1pm and 3pm–5pm, alongside the popular Craft Hub every Saturday from 1pm–3pm. These sessions give people of all ages and abilities the chance to work on their own creative projects, share ideas and skills and take part in a supportive social space centred on making.

Across the year, Mosaic Malarky

will also deliver drop-in workshops linked to seasonal celebrations, local events and wider community initiatives, helping to make creative participation more visible and accessible in the town centre.

Recent support from Chalk Cliff Trust is enabling a series of free, family-friendly sessions, including activities connected to Hastings' much-loved Pirate Day celebrations. The Pirate Day workshops will take place on Saturday 4 July and Saturday 11 July, inviting visitors to create pirate hats, eyepatches, colourful parrots and other themed crafts in the lead-up to one of Hastings' best-known annual events.

"Having a base at Hypha Studios has been invaluable," says Emma. "It gives us an affordable, accessible space for creative activity and helps local craft practitioners grow their work while engaging directly with the community."

The workshops also reflect Hypha Studios' wider mission to support artists, makers and creative enterprises while creating more opportunities for the public to take part in arts and culture.

Emma will also exhibit work in this year's Coastal Currents Arts Festival, showcasing her distinctive mosaic and pattern-based practice inspired by nature, transformation and the coastal environment.



SARA LOUISE BOWREY

kids of all ages to join in. Drumming – an essential at any Hastings' event – will include the Raven Drummers, Sambalanco and Section 5 Drummers as they open the show with a drumming circle. The afternoon's entertainment will be completed with musicians Yasmin Huband and Erin Colley.

The Ribbon Tunnel is a new event for this year's festival – an interactive walk-through installation promising bright colour and movement.

On top of all that, an array of activities will be happening throughout the day. Inside Richard Storybeard's cosy yurt, families can enjoy some storytelling, while in the workshop marquee, there will be craft activities. Children will be able to make animal-themed items to take on the parade and visitors are encouraged to come along in animal-themed costumes or creations for this year's parade.

St Leonards Festival Committee Chair, Aretha George Tooley, says: "St Leonards Festival is such a special moment in our year. It brings people together in a way that feels joyful, creative and full of heart. Every performer, every volunteer and every visitor who joins us helps create something truly uplifting for our community. We cannot wait to welcome everyone back to Warrior Square Gardens for a day that celebrates the spirit of St Leonards and its community."

The event is free of charge, free of alcohol, family friendly and accessible.

St Leonards Festival Returns

TOBY BULA-EDGE

Warrior Square Gardens will come alive on 11 July from 12.00pm–5.00pm with the annual St Leonards Festival and Community Parade along the seafront at 3.00pm. It promises to be an energetic and diverse celebration – and all for free.

The variety of St Leonards as a community will be echoed in the variety of performances: a mix of

roaming events and stage-based displays. One of the 'walkabout' acts is 'Enchanted Flower Globe', an engaging new act from festival regulars, The Show Globe. The globe contains Floris, a performer who interacts with the audience and who is "the enthusiastic keeper of a garden, living inside this magical and unique mobile microclimate".

The UK African Acrobats will be flying around while Xena Flame shows off her impressive Hula Hooping prowess and encourages



Joss Peach, Josephine Davies, Terry Pack, Enrico Pinna, Paul Wertico

Wertico One-off at Jazz Hastings

VICTORIA KINGHAM

Soft-spoken and unassuming, Paul Wertico becomes, behind his kit, a force to reckon with. You can hear

why he remained for many years the lynchpin of the Pat Metheny band, and why his lifelong list of awards, recordings, professorships, books, and compositions is unrivalled. Hence his lead, in a rapidly organised session on a normally

quiet Monday night in Hastings, resulted in a superb one-off.

He flew in from Copenhagen, and along with acclaimed jazz/fusion guitarist Enrico Pinna, was joined by tenor/soprano maestra Josephine Davies, the Monk-like spare piano sounds of Joss Peach, and the mellow unflinching bass of local luminary Terry Pack – these last three work together as (most of) Pack's Full Circle. Nobody knew what was going to happen, Wertico announced, but that was jazz: experiencing the moment.

Under his unobtrusive but definitive direction, his elegant fills, faultless time, intuitive dynamics, and technical brilliance, that moment rapidly expanded into two exceptional sets. Beginning with a pensive line from Davies, the music morphed into an exploratory guitar/bass alternating riff session. A subsequent blues-based number, in which Davies' concentrated awareness and clarity absolutely shone, clearly drew the attention and response of Pinna and his guitar. Together the two emerged as a formidable duo lead – outstanding renditions of 'Someday My Prince Will Come' (we all hope for that, don't we? said the woman on my left) and 'Willow Weep For Me' – favourites which, in lesser hands than these, could have sounded trite (overshadowed by so many immortal renditions) but instead settled in, moved forward, developed, and transfixed a wildly enthusiastic, capacity audience.

The second half progressed seamlessly through free-improv to 'Open Water' (from Full Circle's latest CD) and finally into the modalities of 'Impressions', foregrounding not only Davies' unique, windswept soprano inventions, but also Pinna's incisive, casually brilliant work on a supreme electric

guitar that he had custom made from a vintage Steinberger (a firm specialising in minimalist, headless instruments) and which Pinna finished himself with dye and wax, pickups and other hardware. A completely original evening in all directions then – but that's jazz: experiencing the moment...

So Jazz Hastings has moved to Barnaby's with a definite, defiant, noise. The jazz musicians who have always played here because they love it now have a new outlet and potentially a double-sized audience. There are whispers that Barnaby's may have to expand to the next-door building ...



Paul Wertico played at Barnaby's Jazz Lounge on 15 June, and went on the day after to The Jailhouse at

Arundel. All a quick trip from Copenhagen, where until 27 June he is taking part in a three-week tour with The Doky Brothers, whose eponymous gold-winning 1996 album featured The Brecker Brothers and Curtis Stigers. Further information: paulwertico.com, Barnaby's at barnabys-lounge.co.uk, and many tracks on Bandcamp tinyurl.com/Wertico

Classical Music this weekend

MOZART AND CHAUSSON AT CHRIST CHURCH ST LEONARDS

Max Baillie's St Leonards Concerts series hosts this weekend The Kleio Quartet, rising stars in the music world here and abroad. Since their formation in 2019, they have amassed a huge range of prizes, awards, and prestigious residencies, and have played dates in major concert halls around the UK and Europe.

Along with Baillie himself and pianist Yunyan Chen, they will play Mozart's C Major quintet, and in the second half a gorgeous, lush piece by Ernest Chausson, Concerto 21 for violin, piano, and string quartet. Uniquely, Baillie invariably introduces his concerts with a history concerning the gestation of the music and/or anecdotes about the composer, so besides world-class music, there's an education factor as well.

String quartet evenings at Christ Church in the summer are unforgettable events – sit with your glass of wine and let the music float above you.

HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL PIANO PICNIC AT FAIRLIGHT HALL

If you didn't already know, the wonderful Roman Fediurko will play



Kleio Quartet

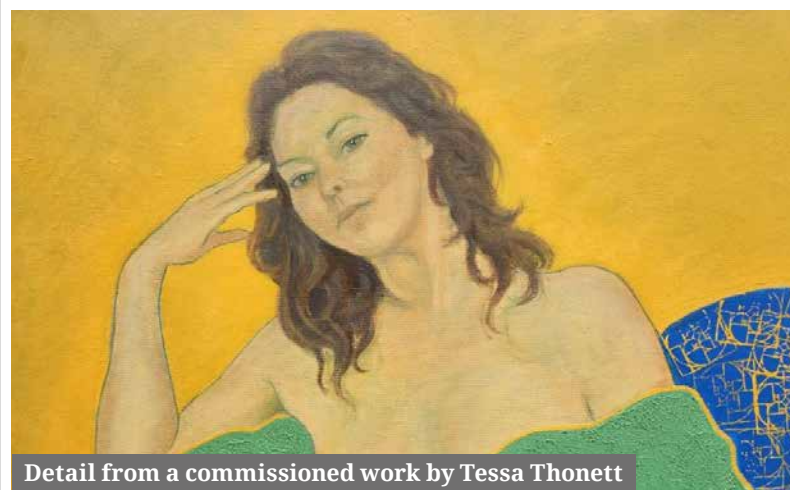
Scriabin's second sonata. Scriabin, born into Russian nobility, dead at 43, produced works of musical genius that were both celebrated and reviled during his lifetime. This early sonata is undeniably gorgeous, and doesn't present to the listener the harmonic innovations present in Scriabin's later, more difficult, and more dissonant works. His synesthesia allowed him to colour-code his harmonies, inspired by the then-popular occult 'system' of theosophy. Also on the programme is Chopin's 3rd Sonata, the last Chopin wrote, the most complex and also the most archetypal.

This isn't an everyday performance: these are virtuoso pieces, and the ability to play them is given to only a very few artists.

Ukrainian Fediurko, runner-up in the Hastings International Piano competition is, at only 21, fast gaining an international reputation with his scintillating, technically perfect, and emotionally charged prizewinning performances. Take a picnic on Sunday and sit in the glorious garden at Fairlight Hall, and enjoy the privilege of hearing greatness, of both composition and exposition.



Kleio Quartet tickets: ticket-source.com/stlc/t-jxxenra, Fediurko and picnic tickets: eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-picnic-concert-tickets-1987312793061



Detail from a commissioned work by Tessa Thonett

BLAST Reopens as The Thonett Gallery

The art gallery run by Markus and Tessa Thonett, hitherto called 'BLAST' has now changed its name to the more literally descriptive Thonett Gallery, which they feel is more representative of their current artistic output.

At the Grand Opening at St Andrews Mews (next to M & S, on the other side of that road, just off Queen's rd), there will be live music provided by Grey Skull bar, which will be open, and drinks will also be served.

The gallery's guest artist for July is Ruth Bullock, who also trained at Chelsea Art School, and whose work includes powerful abstracts and portraits. A sample of her abstract work is shown here.

The sitter for Tessa's recent nude paintings, who is a muse and a real-life inspiration to her, will also be present. She commissioned the main painting – a detail is also shown.

The gallery will initially be open for 3 months, with the aim of continuing as a permanent feature of St Andrews Mews, if the response from visitors supports it.

At least three other art galleries will be open in St Andrews Mews with possible Private Views on the same day – so lots of diverse art for people to feast their eyes on!

The grand re-opening of this popular gallery will be on Saturday, 11 July, from 6pm to 9pm

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