Friday 6 to Thursday 19 November 2026

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

# The HIP List

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## MUSIC

**Friday 6 November**
**Max Watts/ 5TR8TCH/ SUGAR**
9.00pm - The Deep End, Courtyard, Source Park, White Rock
Hastings meets Detroit with Hastings Techno Militia

**Saturday 7 November**
**Lazarus Lake, Electric Hoarse, Slow Munitions**
7.30pm - The Piper, 1 Norman Rd
Trifecta of psychedelic rock excellence
**Bob Marley Reimagined by London African Gospel Choir**
7.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
Gospel power meets reggae spirit in a unique, soul-stirring live experience.
**Sarah Gillespie + Chris Montague in The Shop**
8.00pm - 74 Norman Rd
£25. BYOB.
**Millie Manders and The Shutup**
8.00pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock

**Sunday 8 November**
**Jazz Breakfast at the Kino: Mike Hatchard & friends**
11.00am - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
£14 Mike Hatchard + Steve Sidwell (trumpet) and Paul Morgan (double bass).
**Paul Gunn Cello Duo**
1.30pm - Barnaby's Lounge, 46 Robertson St
**Silver Hill**
4.00pm - Noah's Goat Wine, 68 George St
**Tony Hadley – The Christmas Big Band Tour**
7.45pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock

**Monday 9 November**
**Twitten Revellers**
8.00pm - The Crown, 64-66 All Saints' St
Free. Toe-tapping folk music.

**Tuesday 10 November**
**Francis Rossi**
7.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill

**Thursday 12 November**
**The Drifters**
7.30pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock

**Friday 13 November**
**Millie's Nightclub**
7.00pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
£4. A nightclub for adults (18+) with disabilities.
**Michael Starring Ben**
7.30pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
Saturday 14 November
**Alabama 3 (Acoustic) + Drum Club**
7.30pm - St Leonards Church, Pevensey Rd
£25 *ticketpass.org*
**Will Varley**
8.00pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock

**Sunday 15 November**
**Matt Boulter**
4.00pm - Noah's Goat Wine, 68 George St

**Tuesday 17 November**
**Jake Bugg (Instore)**
1.30pm - Music's Not Dead, De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
Special lunchtime album launch show in main foyer. Jake will play songs from new album, 'Alamo', and sign copies after. To guarantee entry, pre-order the new CD or Album from us.

## 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**
**Twitten Revellers Open Session**
8.30pm - The Bull Inn Battle, 27 High St
Monthly open folk session, every 3rd Monday.

**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 at Barnaby's Lounge**
7.00pm - Barnaby's Lounge, 46 Robertson St
Any skill level is welcome, you don't need to bring anything (but can if you want to), we will supply a PA, guitar and piano.
**Open Mic**
7.00pm - Barnaby's Lounge, 46 Robertson St
Every second Tuesday, hosted by NZ songwriter Konnaruchi
**Monthly Jazz Jam**
8.00pm - Barnaby's Lounge, 46 Robertson St
2nd Tuesday of the month
**Folk Night**
8.00pm - Stag Inn
Singing and music, all welcome
**Albion Skiffle Company**
8.30pm - Albion Hastings, 33 George St
Open acoustic music session.

**Wednesdays**
**Apples and Oranges In The Round**
7.00pm - Mikes
The only open mic session in town to offer use of a baby grand piano, Apples and Oranges In The Round provides a uniquely intimate and professional setting for performers.
**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**
**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
**Open Mic Night @ The Pig**
8.00pm - The Pig, 37 White Rock
Guitars, digital piano, drum pads, Full P.A. Hosted by Justin & Dan
**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
**The Get Down**
7.00pm - The White Rock Hotel, 1-10 White Rock
Funk music every first Friday of the month

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

## PERFORMANCE

**Friday 6 November**
**Moonlight and Magnolias**
7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne

**Saturday 7 November**
**Franky**
6.00pm - Stade Hall, The Stade
Frankenstein for kids and not at all scary! Adult £10, Kids £7.50, Family of 4 £25
**THE UNKNOWN: A Show-Portal for the Extremely New**
7.00pm - Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W
£5 *makershousehastings.co.uk/allevents*
**HPO: Songs of Light**
7.00pm - All Saints Church, All Saints' Lower Hall, The Bourne
Hastings Philharmonic with HP Choir. Tickets: *hastingsphilharmonic.com*
**Moonlight and Magnolias**
7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne
**National Theatre Live: Golden Boy**
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**The Forbidden Fruit Cabaret: Snow White Trash**
9.30pm - The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade

**Sunday 8 November**
**Lucy Hopkins & Lexi Strauss: Auntie Show and Nana Subversion Share Their Biscuits**
2.00pm - Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W
£15 *makershousehastings.co.uk/allevents*
**Moonlight and Magnolias**
2.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne
**The Tailor of Gloucester**
5.00pm - Stade Hall, The Stade
This is Beatrix Potter as you've never experienced her before: mischievous, musical and tailor-made for anyone aged 3+.
Tickets: *stadehall.com*

**Tuesday 10 November**
**The Royal Opera: Carmen**
7.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
**Moonlight and Magnolias**
7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne

**Wednesday 11 November**
**Moonlight and Magnolias**
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**Thursday 12 November**
**Friday 13 November An Evening of Indian Classical Music - Sarod, Tabla & Voice**
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£15
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**The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain**
7.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
**Moonlight and Magnolias**
7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne
**The Forbidden Fruit Cabaret: Scarlett Harlett**
9.30pm - The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade

**Sunday 15 November**
**Coffee Concert: Birsen Ulucan (piano) & Ozcan Ulucan (violin)**
11.00am - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
£12 inc coffee + croissant
**Rautio Piano Trio: Patronage & Influence in Vienna Jane Gordon (violin), Victoria Simonsen (cello), Jan Rautio (piano)**
3.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
£18

**Wednesday 18 November**
**SUFG Comedy Night - Jen Brister & More!**
7.00pm - The Printworks Ltd, 14 Claremont
*jokepit.com/comedy-in/hastings/stand-up-for-gaza-hastings/73256*
**Playhouse Creatures**
7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne

**Thursday 19 November**
**Dan Schreiber - This Changes Everything**
7.30pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
Astonishing facts, hilarious tales & a showcase of his latest investigations into the world of the weird.
**Playhouse Creatures**
7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne

## 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 6 November**
**Digger**
3.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
**Labyrinth 40th Anniversary**
4.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
Free themed craft workshop at 4pm. Film starts 4.30pm.
**NAZA + Introduction**
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**Digger**
7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd

**Saturday 7 November**
**Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World**
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**Digger**
12.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
**Super Nature (Relaxed Screening)**
3.00pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**Digger**
5.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd

**Sunday 8 November**
**Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World**
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**Everybody Digs Bill Evans**
2.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
**Classic Sundays: Saving Private Ryan**
3.00pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

**Tuesday 10 November**
**50 Years of Punk + Director's Q&A + Hastings Punk Choir**
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

**Wednesday 11 November**
**Everybody Digs Bill Evans**
7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd

**Thursday 12 November**
**The Invite (Subtitled)**
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**NAZA**
12.00pm and 3.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
**Super Nature + Q&A with Artist Beccy McCray**
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**NAZA**
7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd

**Friday 13 November**
**Withnail & I (Interactive)**
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

**Saturday 14 November**
**Japanese Film Club: Linda Linda Linda 4K Restoration**
6.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

**Sunday 15 November**

**Crossword Solution No 314**:
**Across**: 1. Before (anagram) 3. (Note)D red ge(yser) 4. Drones (anagram)
**Down**: 1. Bond-ed 2. (rec)Ent ers(twhile)

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**Nova 78**
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**The Man Who Fell to Earth 50th Anniversary**
3.00pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**Madness: Take It Or Leave It 4K Restoration**
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

**Thursday 19 November**
**Nova 78 (Subtitled)**
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
**The Civil Dead**
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

## WEEKLY CINEMA

**Mondays**
**The Forbidden Fruit Movie Night**
7.30pm - The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade
Free movie screening.

## ART

**Accidental Landscapes - Jem Sharman**
Until 30 November
Bus Stop Studios, London Rd
**Bayeux Around Britain: casting a masterpiece**
Until 8 November
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, Bohemia Rd
**Mike Bowler**
Until 26 November
The Crown, All Saints' St
**Discrete Violations - Gordon Matta-Clark**
Until 3 January 2027
De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill
**Edge - Where the Land Meets the Sea**
Until 3 January 2027
Hastings Contemporary, The Stade
**Extraction and Artefacts - Sally Cox and Fiona Denning**
6 - 8 November 11am -5pm
Electro Studios Project Space, Seaside Rd
**David Gilbert**
Until 16 January 2027
Flatland Projects, Beeching Rd, Bexhill
**Hastings Open**
Until 31 January
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, Bohemia Rd
**HAF Volunteers and Trustees Exhibition**
Until 8 November
Hastings Arts Forum, Marine Court
**Oli Kellett: Sussex Spotlight Free Entry**
Until 8 November
Hastings Contemporary, The Stade
**Geoff MacCormack - David Bowie: Music Lover**
Until 21 November
Lucy Bell Gallery, Norman Rd
**The Open Exhibition - Within a Landscape**
Until 1 December
Baker Mamanova Gallery (@*Kino* Teatr), Norman Rd
**Parallel Lives (Group Exhibition)**
Until 14 November
Project Artworks Gallery, 12 Claremont
**Passing Through Nature to Eternity - Martin Brockman and Mark Daniels**
Until 8 November
The Mint House, Pevensey
**PhotoHastings Group Exhibition: Flux**
Until 17 November
Barnaby's Lounge, Robertson St
**Prem Sahib - Chamber**
Until 3 January 2027
De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill
**Soco Artists - Weather**
11 until 22 November
Hastings Arts Forum, Marine Court
**Some Prints**
Until 20 November
Project 78 Gallery, Norman Rd
**The Tapestry of Black Britons**
Until 8 November
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, Bohemia Rd

## SPORT

**Saturday 7 November**
**Hockey: South Saxons Women v East Grinstead 4 - South East Open League**
12.00pm - Horntye Park Sports Complex, Bohemia Rd

**Tuesday 10 November**
**Football: Hastings Utd v Sevenoaks Town - Isthmian League**
7.45pm - The Pilot Field, Elphinstone Rd

**Saturday 14 November**
**Tennis: Amherst Mixed v Hawkhurst - Wealden League**
10.30am - Amherst Lawn Tennis Club, Amherst Rd
**Hockey: South Saxons Men v Brighton & Hove 2 - South East Open League**
12.00pm - Mulberry Academy Bexhill, Bexhill Academy, Bexhill
**Rugby: Hastings & Bexhill v Old Williamsonians - Counties Kent League**
2.00pm - Ark Alexandra Academy (William Parker Campus), Park Ave
**Football: Hastings Utd v Steyning Town - Isthmian League**
3.00pm - The Pilot Field, Elphinstone Rd

## 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/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
**Badminton**
6.00pm - Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd
£5.60 or £4.70 with a Leisure Pass. Booking: *01424 457691*
**PB Runner**
6.15pm - Various locations.
Group effort running sessions £2. For info: *slinklater65@gmail.com*
**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*
**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

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

**Thursdays**
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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. *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. *freedom-leisure.co.uk*
**Badminton**
8.00pm - Hastings & Rother YMCA, St Paul's Rd

**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
*isabelblackmancentre.co.uk*
**Barbarian Swimmers**
6.00pm - Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd

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

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Friday 6 November**
**Bonfire Blazing**
6.00pm - Crafted at Powdermills, Powdermill Ln, Battle
Whisky tastings, fire pit s'mores, hog roast, hot chocolate and sparklers on arrival, music from Woodpig. Tkts:*staycrafted.com/whats-on/bonfire-blazing-at-crafted*
**Sing the Musicals**
7.30pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
A sing-along celebration of all your favourite hits from stage and screen, led by an amazing live band.

**Saturday 7 November**
**Bexhill Artists Workspace Makers Fair**
10.00am - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
**Oktoberfest**
1.00pm and 7.00pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock

**Sunday 8 November**
**Christmas Craft Fair**
10.30am - The Relais Cooden Beach Hotel, Cooden Sea Rd, Bexhill
Festive shopping, local makers, food and crafts.

**Wednesday 11 November**
**Bettany Hughes - Uncovering Ancient Egypt**
7.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
Award-winning historian brings the land of the pharaohs vividly to life.

**Friday 13 November**
**Makers' House Winter Fair**
12.00pm - Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W
A house full of independent makers. Candlelight, glowing fires, mulled wine and a warm welcome.
**St Michael's Hospice Christmas Market Festive First Look**
6.00pm - St Michael's Hospice (Hastings and Rother), 25 Upper Maze Hill
An exclusive evening of relaxed browsing, just for adults, before the crowds arrive. *stmichaelshospice.com/event-diary*

**Saturday 14 November**
**Christmas Market**
10.00am - St Peter & St Paul Church in the Parish of St John the Evangelist, Parkstone Rd
Free entry. Come and start your Christmas shopping!
**St Michael's Hospice Christmas Market**
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Seasonal shopping and fun for all the family.
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glowing fires, mulled wine and a warm welcome.
**The Feast of the Raven**
6.00pm - Mews Industrial Quarter - Managed by FulCel Ltd, 15 Harold Mews
A night of thunderous celebration in an immersive historical Viking feast! Tkts: *mewsindustrialquarter.co.uk/events/vikings*

**Sunday 15 November**
**The Big Flea**
10.00am - St Leonards Church, Pevensey Rd
Vintage goods, antiques, mid-century modern items, pre-loved clothing, bric-a-brac, food, drinks, and live music.
**St Michael's Hospice Christmas Market**
10.30am - St Michael's Hospice (Hastings and Rother), 25 Upper Maze Hill
Seasonal shopping and fun for all the family.
Sonic Sanctuary
3.00pm - The Humble Hub studio, 4-5 Shepherd St
**Grandslam Wrestling**
3.00pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
Classes & Workshops

**Saturday 7 November**
**Babywearing with Emma**
10.00am - The Crown, 64-66 All Saints' St
FREE info session on what babywearing safely is.

**Tuesday 10 November**
**Watercolour Art: How to Paint a Robin**
1.30pm - 5 Harold Pl
£25. Book: *07904 751935*.

**Wednesday 11 November**
**Professional Acting Training - Taster Evening**
7.00pm - Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W

**Saturday 14 November**
**Terrarium Workshop**
10.00am - The Crown, 64-66 All Saints' St
Suggested donation £20, fundraiser for Shelter. All materials provided. Call *07723638982* to book.

**Sunday 15 November**
**Shadow Puppet Making Workshop**
11.30am - Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, John's Place, Bohemia Rd
Tickets: *hmag.org.uk/event*

**Tuesday 17 November**
**Watercolour Art: How to Paint a Robin**
4.00pm - 5 Harold Pl
£25. Book: *07904 751935*.

**Wednesday 18 November**
**Writing Workshop Event - Writing Sketch Comedy**
10.00am - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
£200

**Thursday 19 November**
**Writing Workshop Event - Writing Sketch Comedy**
10.00am - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
£200
**Christmas House Scene Workshop**
10.00am - The Crown, 64-66 All Saints' St
Join Emily from Tiny Timber in this creative workshop. Booking essential. £30 per person. To book, email *emily.neal@tinytimber.co.uk*.

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12.00pm - Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W
A house full of independent makers. Candlelight, glowing fires, mulled wine and a warm welcome.
**St Michael's Hospice Christmas Market Festive First Look**
6.00pm - St Michael's Hospice (Hastings and Rother), 25 Upper Maze Hill
An exclusive evening of relaxed browsing, just for adults, before the crowds arrive. *stmichaelshospice.com/event-diary*

**Saturday 14 November**
**Christmas Market**
10.00am - St Peter & St Paul Church in the Parish of St John the Evangelist, Parkstone Rd
Free entry. Come and start your Christmas shopping!
**St Michael's Hospice Christmas Market**
10.30am - St Michael's Hospice (Hastings and Rother), 25 Upper Maze Hill
Seasonal shopping and fun for all the family.
Makers' House Winter Fair
11.00am - Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W
A house full of independent makers. Candlelight, glowing fires, mulled wine and a warm welcome.
**The Feast of the Raven**
6.00pm - Mews Industrial Quarter - Managed by FulCel Ltd, 15 Harold Mews
A night of thunderous celebration in an immersive historical Viking feast! Tkts: *mewsindustrialquarter.co.uk/events/vikings*

**Sunday 15 November**
**The Big Flea**
10.00am - St Leonards Church, Pevensey Rd
Vintage goods, antiques, mid-century modern items, pre-loved clothing, bric-a-brac, food, drinks, and live music.
**St Michael's Hospice Christmas Market**
10.30am - St Michael's Hospice (Hastings and Rother), 25 Upper Maze Hill
Seasonal shopping and fun for all the family.
Sonic Sanctuary
3.00pm - The Humble Hub studio, 4-5 Shepherd St
**Grandslam Wrestling**
3.00pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock

## WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Sundays**
**Hastings Beach Meditation**
9.00am - Hastings Motor Boat & Yacht Club, Rock-A-Nore Parade
40 mins quiet meditation on beach opposite. Check Hastings Beach Meditation on Facebook
**Pokemon League**
1.00pm - Table Flip, 201 Queens Rd
Play packs for entry and prizes to be given.
**The Alternative Market & Creative Hub Open Mic**
3.00pm - 5 Harold Place
In association with Hastings friendship group.

**Mondays**
**Writing Hour**
7.30am - 7 Trinity St
Writers can come together to write at the workshops *hastingswritersworkshop.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.
**Dementia Carer Support Group (carers only)**
10.00am - Robsack Centre, Bodiam Dr, Hastings
Come for a chat and support, refreshments incl. Donations welcome.
Every 3rd Monday *discdementiasupport.org*
**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
**Overeaters Anonymous**
7.30pm - Clifton Centre, 1 and 2 Stainsby St
**The Hastings and St Leonards Model Railway Club**
8.00pm - Baldslow Memorial Hall, 216 Harrow Ln,
New members welcome *hastingsmrc.org.uk*
**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*.

**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*
**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*
**Sound Waves Community Choir**
7.30pm -The Church of the Latter Day Saints, Ledsham Ave.
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: *crewruxleys@gmail.com*

**Wednesdays**
**Writing Hour**
7.30am - 7 Trinity St
Writers can come together to write at the workshops *hastingswritersworkshop.com*
**Green Gym at Hastings Centre**
10.00am - The Hastings Centre, The Ridge
Horticultural volunteering for health, *carrie.edmonds@tcv.org.uk / 07764 655609*
**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 Pavilion, 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*.
**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, South Terrace
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*
**Forbidden Fruit Quiz Night**
8.00pm - The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade
**Mosaic Triangle Jazz Residency**
8.00pm - Barnaby's Lounge, 46 Robertson St

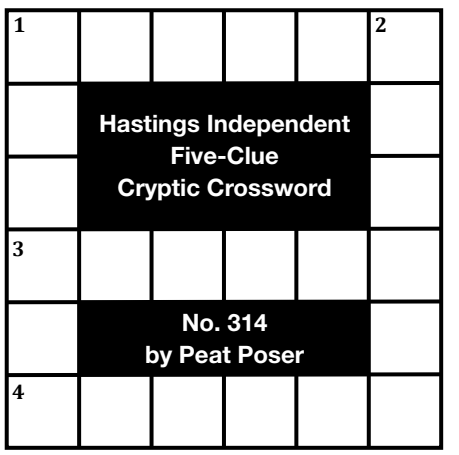
**Thursdays**
**Cozy Crypt**
10.00am - London Rd
Share Conversation, Access Support, In Partnership with Citizens Advice 1066
**Open Tech Thursdays**
10.00am - Observer Building, 53 Cambridge Rd
Free community led technology meetup
**Free energy advice community drop-in**
10.00am - Hastings Community Info Hub, Queens Rd
**Green Gym at Church Wood**
10.00am - Church Wood, Hastings
Conservation volunteering for health, contact *carrie.edmonds@tcv.org.uk / 07764 655609*
**Just Friends Hastings**

## CROSSWORD CORNER

**Across**
1. Free Bo to get ahead of (6)
3. Noted red geyser shows way to remove mud (6)
4. Ends or changes bees (6)

**Down**
1. Spy newspaper man has financial guarantee in place (6)
2. Some recent erstwhile steps on stage (6)

Crossword Solution: Answers on page 3 of The HIP List



# The HIP List

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11.00am - His Place, Robertson St
Free membership. £1.50 per meeting including raffle entry, refreshments. Info: Dawn *hastings@just-friends.uk, 07786 237215*

**Bingo**
2.00pm - West St Leonards Community Centre and Social Club, 130 Bexhill Rd
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*

**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, 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. *hastingstownsingers.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 *@load-ofpoets* 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*

**Hastings Humanists Meeting**
7.30pm - The White Rock Hotel, 1-10 White Rock
Monthly. *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 Fridays**
11.00am - Hastings Town Hall, Station Rd
Borrow tools and useful items, from bolt cutters to sewing machines, from tents to trombones. Find out more: *umbrellasussex.org.uk*.

**Dementia Carer Support Group (carers only)**
11.00am - Robsack Centre, Bodiam Dr.
Come for a chat and support, refreshments incl. Donations welcome. Every 2nd Friday *disc-dementiasupport.org*

**Broomgrove Youth Club Sessions**
4.30pm - Broomgrove Community Centre, 85 Chiltern Dr
*sarah.adams@freshvisions.org.uk* Bev *07732 823800*

## 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*

**Monthly Vinyl Market**
11.00am - The Piper, 1 Norman Rd

**Family Day** *@PLAY*
11.00am - play., St Andrews Mews
Good food, good company, good play and a lovely way to spend your Saturday.

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

**Let's Make Karaoke Great Again**
9.30pm - The Seadog, 32 Station Rd
Every 2nd Saturday.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### Saturday 7 November

**Babywearing with Emma**
10.00am - The Crown, 64-66 All Saints' St
FREE info session on what babywearing safely is.

### Tuesday 10 November

**Watercolour Art: How to Paint a Robin**
1.30pm - 5 Harold Pl
£25. Book: *07904 751935*.

### Wednesday 11 November

**Professional Acting Training - Taster Evening**
7.00pm - Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W

### Saturday 14 November

**Terrarium Workshop**
10.00am - The Crown, 64-66 All Saints' St
Suggested donation £20, fundraiser for Shelter. All materials provided. Call *07723638982* to book.

### Sunday 15 November

**Shadow Puppet Making Workshop**
11.30am - Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, John's Place, Bohemia Rd
Tickets: *hmag.org.uk/event*

### Tuesday 17 November

**Watercolour Art: How to Paint a Robin**
4.00pm - 5 Harold Pl
£25. Book: *07904 751935*.

### Wednesday 18 November

**Writing Workshop Event - Writing Sketch Comedy**
10.00am - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
£200

### Thursday 19 November

**Writing Workshop Event - Writing Sketch Comedy**
10.00am - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd £200

**Christmas House Scene Workshop**
10.00am - The Crown, 64-66 All Saints' St
Join Emily from Tiny Timber in this creative workshop. Booking essential. £30 per person. To book, email *emily.neal@tinytimber.co.uk*.

### Wednesday 11 November

**'Sound Bath Session' with Julia Scott-Russell**
4.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd £15

## WEEKLY CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**For regular classes and workshops visit**: *hastingsindependentpress.co.uk/*classes-and-workshops

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# Fun with Fossils

The Mantell-Lyle Legacy is a project from the puppet and theatre iDOLRiCH Theatre Rotto, a charity-based company in Hastings.

The first in the series of workshops, *Mrs Mantell's Tooth*, took place on 1 November. The rest of the series are open for booking.

**Sunday 15 November**: *Geology and Shadow Puppet-Making Workshop*
Meet Phil Hadland, palaeontologist, who will show and talk about the geology of fossils from the Museum's collection. Those attending the workshops are invited to design and make creatures from the Jurassic and Cretaceous in landscape settings. The session will conclude with showings bringing characters to life for the whole group. 11.30am-2.30pm

**Sunday 22 November**: *Paleo art Through the Lens of the Magic Lantern Workshop*
Keith Leech BSC will introduce this session describing how the Victorians came to comprehend the reality of deep time. This is followed by an introduction to the Magic Lantern – an early technology that projected coloured images painted on glass. Dinosaurs and landscapes from prehistory had to be imagined, and this was an ideal vehicle for illustrating the hitherto unknown. Participants design their own paleo artistic impressions on slides, to create a Victorian parlour 'sharing and showing' with the group. 11.30am-2.30pm

**Sunday 29 November**: *The Line-up of Victorian Scientists Workshop*
Phil Hadland gives an introduction to the early geologists who made the first discoveries from the iguanodon of Gideon Mantell in Sussex, and the conclusions drawn by Charles Lyell in his *Principles of Geology*. Lyell was a prime influence on Darwin's *Origin of the Species*. Also to be considered are lesser recognised female scientists, from Mary Anning and MaryAnn Mantell onwards, who brought these realisations to fruition.

This is a puppet making and performing session where participants create 2D characters from the Victorian toy theatre. 11.30am-2.30pm.

iDOLRiCH Theatre Rotto is an award-winning company that has toured widely throughout the UK and Europe but in recent years has focused on productions, events and training closer to home, in connection with Sussex and its prehistory.

Workshops are fully accessible and suitable for children 8+ and accompanied younger children although the scheme has a wide age range. There will be a short lunch break in each session for packed lunches. Coffees and teas will be provided. Puppets and artefacts which participants have created can be taken away for future enjoyment.

*Places limited. Bookings through the HMAG website. Individual workshops £9 per session, 3x workshops £25, children under 10 £5. For more information email info@theatrerotto.co.uk phone 01424 203944 or visit theatrerotto.co.uk*

# EARTHWORKS Project Launch

EARTHWORKS is inviting people to two events at Hastings Museum and Art Gallery on Saturday 21 November to celebrate the launch of their eco-arts publication, a new magazine that "welcomes all voices".

**EARTHWORKS FREE CREATIVE FAMILY WORKSHOP (7 YEARS+), 11.00AM-1.00PM**
This begins with a hands-on creative clay workshop making sculptural forms and Earth creatures, hosted by two of Radiator Arts' team: creative dynamo Peter Quinell, and multi-media community-focused artist, Rebecca Child.

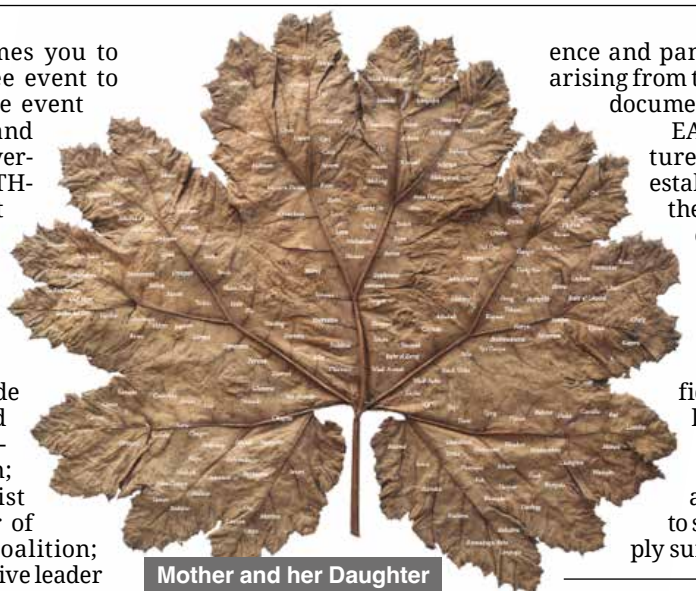
Contributors will be encouraged to help us build a Bayeux Tapestry-style memory tableau, adding their own marks, drawings and responses to a series of environmental questions about what makes us feel connected to the Earth.

This creative work will be documented and featured in EARTHWORKS Magazine, so take part and add your voice to help shape its journey.

*Booking: hmag.org.uk/event/earthworks-family-workshop*

**EARTHWORKS MAGAZINE – PANEL DISCUSSION & PROJECT LAUNCH, 2.00-3.30PM**
EARTHWORKS welcomes you to have your say at a free event to launch the project. The event brings together artists and thinkers for a lively conversation curated by EARTHWORKS founder, poet Patricia Hope Scanlan. Topics will centre around art, ecology, culture, hope, resistance and the world we find ourselves in.

Those featured include Iain Sinclair, acclaimed novelist, thinker and environmental champion; Kate MacGarry, gallerist and founding member of the Gallery Climate Coalition; Polly Gifford, collaborative leader in Arts & Culture, Environment & Community Engagement; Gopala Davies, award-winning actor and director whose work reflects his commitment to authentic, thought-provoking narratives; and artist Mark Lawson Bell, who places nature at the heart of his work.


Mother and her Daughter
MARK LAWSON BELL

This is a dialogue between audience and panelists. The thoughts arising from the discussion will be documented in the magazine.

EARTHWORKS will feature both emerging and established artists and at the event we will extend our call-out for contributors. In the magazine, artists, writers, filmmakers and musicians shine a light of hope and confidence for a better ecological future, offering a way forward; finding positive, creative and sustainable ways to see our planet not simply survive but prosper.

*Booking hmag.org.uk/event/earthworks-magazine-discussion-project-launch/ For more information please contact: info@earthworksmagazine.com*

# Buddy Project Winter Market




On 5 December, the Refugee Buddy Project will be welcoming winter and bringing the community together with their annual Winter Market at Hastings Museum & Art Gallery. Join them for a joyful community gathering that celebrates connection, creativity, and the rich diversity of our town.

You can support local makers by purchasing handmade gifts directly from the people who create them and enjoy festive activities including face painting and warm mulled wine. Dove Café will be there serving homemade soup, tea and coffee, and sweet and savoury pastries.

The Winter Market is an opportunity to slow down, be together, and celebrate what makes our community strong: kindness, solidarity and a commitment to creating places where everyone belongs. Throughout the day there will be music, singing, poetry, stories and conversation.

Local businesses have donated amazing prizes for the annual raffle: tickets will be available to buy at the market or online at: *therefugeebuddyproject.org*. The Refugee Buddy Project looks forward to sharing a safe and welcoming space that celebrates difference and brings people together. Everyone is welcome.

The Refugee Buddy Project opened in 2017 as a community group welcoming people seeking refuge who had recently arrived in Hastings. Now, they are a refugee and migrant-led charity supporting families and individuals from refugee backgrounds with their buddy programme, advocacy, and financial and emotional support. They rely on cultural events to help raise awareness, provide much needed funds and give participants of the project and the public an opportunity to share space to celebrate life in Hastings together.

# Hospice Christmas Market

If you're looking for the perfect way to kick off your festive celebrations, you won't want to miss the Christmas Market at St Michael's Hospice, taking place on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November.

The Market will be open from 10.30am-4.00pm on Saturday 14 and 10.30am-3.00pm on Sunday 15 November, offering a mix of seasonal shopping and fun for families with young children. Visitors can browse a wide range of stalls brimming with local handmade crafts, jewellery, gifts and decorations. There'll also be live music, festive refreshments and games.

A highlight for families will be a visit to Santa's Grotto, a magical cosy cabin in the Hospice garden, where you can share your Christmas wishes with Santa, snap a seasonal photo and take home an early Christmas treat. Booking early



is recommended to avoid disappointment.

Can't wait for the weekend? Check out their *Festive First Look* on Friday 13 November from 6.00-8.00pm. It's an exclusive evening of relaxed browsing at the market, just for adults, before the crowds arrive the next day. Spaces are limited, so secure your tickets today.

*Visit stmichaelshospice.com/event-diary for more information and bookings.*

# The Viking Victory Feast



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Inside the Viking tent

On Saturday 14 November, a unique immersive historical experience is coming to East Sussex. *The Great Raid of the River Rother Victory Feast* at 15 Harold Mews, St Leonards. It will transport guests back to the winter of 892 AD, dropping them directly into the roles of Scandinavian raiders celebrating a brutal series of victories along the River Rother.

Blending physical performance, live music, traditional games, and an authentic longtable feast, the event offers an interactive exploration of local history, charting the exact path the historic Viking fleet took through Bodiam, Northiam, and Appledore on their way to challenge King Alfred the Great.

Visual animations for the event are spearheaded by Battle Cat, the creative force behind the projections at the highly acclaimed *Beyond Bayeux* event at Hastings Castle. Their involvement guarantees a striking, historically grounded aesthetic that bridges the gap between folklore and cutting-edge live curation.

The event is built upon a real, pivotal moment in regional Anglo-Saxon history known as 'The Great Raid of the River Rother'. In the late autumn of 892 AD, a massive fleet of 250 Viking longships crossed the English Channel from Boulogne and pushed deep into the inland waterways of the High Weald. The performance-driven evening picks up at a moment of triumph: the invaders have successfully destroyed the half-built Saxon fort at Bodiam, shattered the local Saxon *fyrd* (militia) beneath the ancient oaks of Northiam and established a heavily fortified encampment at Appledore.

Before the army packs their longships to march north to the Thames to unite with the warlord Jarl Haesten, they gather for one final, raucous night of victory celebration.

True to the spirit of living off the land, the event features a spectacular menu entirely focused on seasonal, locally sourced East Sussex and Kent produce. The longtables will groan under a rustic winter banquet. The bar will champion regional viticulture and brewing excellence, serving: traditional honey mead to pour into celebratory horns; award-winning Biddenden Cider, produced just miles away from the historic raid route; local wines from the vineyards of the Sussex Weald.

Guests will not just watch the story unfold; they will actively participate in the victory camp through competitive historical activities:

Flyting (The Viking Rap Battle): A fast-paced verbal battle of wits, poetry, and cutting insults.

Meier / Liar's Dice: A high-stakes, high-energy traditional Nordic table game of bluffing and deception.

Kubb: A strategic tactical lawn game where teams hurl wooden batons to isolate and topple the enemy.

Hammerschlagen: A competitive test of strength and accuracy where guests compete to drive nails into a giant wooden stump using a blacksmith's hammer.

Local Hastings-based performers and comperes for the evening include Chris Young (Founder of Hastings Comedy Festival) as the Jarl and musician Andrew Harlsten as the Skald.

*Location: 15 Harold Mews Hastings, St Leonards-on-sea, TN38 0EA. Date: Saturday, 14 November 2026, 6:00pm-11:00pm. Tickets £45 to include admission, welcome drink, multi-course feast, and all interactive entertainment. For more information contact Lee Degiorgio 07980479886 /Emma Raw 07713252338*

# Book Launch for Million-Selling Author

After years living and working abroad, bestselling philosophy writer Martin Cohen has returned to his roots in East Sussex, where he is launching his latest book *Israel-Palestine and The Case for One State: The Theft of a People's Land, Lives and Identity*, on Wednesday 11 November.



Martin Cohen

The event, hosted by Hastings & District Palestine Solidarity Campaign at Stade Hall in Hastings from 7.00pm, will be a chance for readers to hear directly from Martin about his uncompromising look at the foundational philosophies of the Israeli state.

After the talk, you can buy a copy of the book (£15), chat with the author and enjoy an authentic Palestinian meal. Funds from the sale of the book will go to Hastings Friends of Al-Mawasi.

Explaining what led to him writing the book, Martin says: "Like everyone else, I've been watching what's been happening to Gaza over the last few years and asking myself what I could do to make a difference. It's the journalist's responsibility not only to tell the truth, but to make sense of events, and I felt this wasn't happening in the case of Gaza, often presented as random violence.

Martin was drawn to Hastings' political and literary scene and returned to the area 18 months ago, after years working in Australia, France and before that Yorkshire.

His two bestselling books – *101 Philosophy Problems* and *101 Ethical Dilemmas* – have sold over 750,000 copies between them and been translated into 20 languages. His new work, *Israel-Palestine and The Case for One State: The Theft of a People's Land, Lives and Identity*, similarly strips down the often-conflicting accounts to expose the underlying core issues.

Martin insists a political thread runs through all his books because he doesn't believe in splitting off philosophy from other areas of life. "Everything connects up," he explains. "And the political aspect is where it's most important. It's the cutting edge."

Martin sees glimmers of hope for the future: "My books have been popular because they offered a new way of looking at and teaching philosophy, one which wasn't elitist or hierarchical... People are being fed the same old version of politics, and they don't accept it. They want a different version, and so today, I think that we may be on the cusp of a radical shift."

Martin's new book has already been accepted as a recommended text on the reading at Exeter University, winning praise from highly-respected Israeli academic Dr Ilan Pappé and celebrated American–Palestinian writer Yahia Lababidi.

A Vegan Palestinian buffet will be served after the talk. This specially designed menu by Arta is being offered at a discounted price of £12 per person, to be paid on the night (cash or card). Don't miss this chance to enjoy authentic Palestinian food!

*Tickets (£5 pp) for Martin's talk on 11 November are available here: ticketlab.app/event/39964-Ignorance-Myths-and-Lies-The-Philosophical-Roots-of-the-State- of-Israel-tickets#/*



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