Friday 20 November to Thursday 3 December 2026

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

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MUSIC

Friday 20 November
Mike Willis: Southern Songs
7.30pm - Mike's, 74 Norman Rd
£20-30. *mikeslist.uk/product/mike-willis-southern-songs/*
Disco for Grown Ups
7.30pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
The 70s 80s and 90s disco party.
The Amy Winehouse Band: Back to Black 20th Anniversary
7.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
Stray Bentos
8.00pm - The Jenny Lind Inn, 69 High St
Latin grooves, this week alongside New Orleans desert rock duo Odom-Kunkel

Saturday 21 November
Gather Round with Brook Tate
4.00pm - 74 Norman Rd
Mister Super Juice
6.30pm - The Jenny Lind Inn, 69 High St
Cinematic jazz funk grooves
Gather Round with Siddy Bennett
7.00pm - 74 Norman Rd

Monday 23 November
Sounds from the City
6.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
New music from the best up-and-coming young musicians aged 14-18.

Friday 27 November
Gilroy Mere: Furlongs, Performed Live by Oliver Cherer & Friends
7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
Inc: Hutch Demouilpied, Riz Maslen, Maria Marzaioli, Darren Morris and Helen Edwards.
Tish Hinojosa + Anny Celsi
8.30pm - The Jenny Lind Inn, 69 High St
Folk and Latin songwriters all the way from Austin, Texas

Saturday 28 November
Equatorial Group
7.00pm - The Jenny Lind Inn, 69 High St
Eastbourne's answer to 'what if Crazy Horse met Fleetwood Mac?'
Ben Maier & the Maier Brothers
7.30pm - 74 Norman Rd
Lost in Music
7.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill

Monday 30 November
Jenny Open Mic:
Plugged in Monday
7.00pm - The Jenny Lind Inn, 69 High St
Full band open mic from 7pm-10pm. First come, first served.

Wednesday 2 December
Tony Kofi & Denys Baptiste — Coltrane/ Cannonball Project
7.30pm - Barnaby's Lounge, 46 Robertson St

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

Tuesdays
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.
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 songwriter Konnaruchi
Iron Men of The Sea - Last Tuesday Sessions
7.30pm - The Jenny Lind Inn, 69 High St
Hypnotic folk psychedelia
Folk Night
8.00pm - Stag Inn
Singing and music, all welcome
Albion Skiffle Sessions
8.30pm - Albion Hastings, 33 George St
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

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.
Apples and Oranges In The Round
7.30pm - Mikes, 74 Norman Rd
Performers and listeners welcome, BYOB, log fire, upright piano, guitars available, 7:30 start, £7.50/8 entry, message Sophie *07947507929* for more info or to reserve a spot.
The Other Band
8.00pm - The Dolphin Inn, 11-12 Rock-A-Nore Rd
4th Wednesday a month. Classic Blues, R&B and Americana

Thursdays
Open Mic
7.45pm - The Nags Head, 8-9 Gensing Rd
First 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 PA
Hosted by Justin & Dan
Shanty Night
8.30pm - The Jenny Lind Inn, 69 High St
Weekly sea Shanty Night

Fridays
Custard Caravan
4.00pm - Barnaby's Lounge, 46 Robertson St
An afternoon of music and mirth, last Friday of the month
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
Punk Night
8.30pm - The Carlisle, 24 Pelham St
Monthly on last Saturday, check Punk Rock at the Carlisle for updates on bands

PERFORMANCE

Saturday 21 November
Playhouse Creatures
2.30pm and 7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne
Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club: The Ronnie Scott's Story
7.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
Cole Morton & Ed Boxall: Everything is Extraordinary
7.30pm - The Beacon, 67-68 St Mary's Terrace
An evening of epic journey-stories exploring human experiences of displacement, curiosity, endurance and wonder.
The Forbidden Fruit Cabaret: Cherry Liquor
9.30pm - The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade

Sunday 22 November
Coffee Concert: Republic of Viols
11.00am - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
£12 includes coffee & croissant
Improv @ The Stables
7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne
Mr. B the Gentleman Rhymer's Probably Accurate Hip-Hop History Show
7.30pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
Hip hop comedy genius!
A Community in Harmony
7.30pm - Bexhill Academy, Bexhill Rd
Local amateur dramatic societies in a unique concert of songs from musical theatre's most loved productions, celebrating the incredible talent within our community while honouring the memory of Bradley Corke

Monday 23 November
Overtones and When Cupid Came to Earl's Court
2.30pm and 7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne
Two light-hearted one act plays explore the theme of love in the early 20th century

Tuesday 24 November
Bach's Goldberg Variations
7.30pm - St Leonards Church, Pevensey Rd
Tickets £7-27 Bach's Goldberg Variations – St Leonards Concerts

Thursday 26 November
Whiskey and Soda
7.30pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
A new play imagining a meeting between Margaret Thatcher and John Lennon, where politics, music and personality collide.

Friday 27 November
Seymour Mace and the Astounding Polychromatic Wisecrack Jacket
7.30pm - Makers' House Hastings, 15 Tower Rd W
£15 *makershouse-hastings.co.uk*
Richard Ayoade: Afterthoughts
7.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
The Forbidden Fruit Cabaret: Aura Jay
9.30pm - The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade

Saturday 28 November
The Forbidden Fruit Cabaret: David Dale
9.30pm - The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade

Sunday 29 November
Coffee Concert: Fenella Humphreys (violin)
11.00am - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
£12 includes coffee & croissant
Hastings Sinfonia Christmas Spectacular
3.00pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
Tickets from £15 *hastingssinfonia.com/concerts*

Tuesday 1 December
Royal Ballet Cinema Season: The Royal Ballet - The Nutcracker
7.15pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
Inc interval. Tickets £20/ £18 Conc

Wednesday 2 December
Bexhill Primary Schools present a Christmas Concert
5.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
HPO: Handel's Messiah by Candlelight
7.00pm - All Saints' Church Hastings, Hastings
With HPO Singers and Orquesta Baroque.
Tickets: *ticketsource.com/hastings-philharmonic-orchestra/hpo-singers-messiah/e-jlxlyqv*
Bexhill Primary Schools present a Christmas Concert
7.30pm - De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill
Fell
7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne
An adaptation by Frances Viner based on the novel The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte.

Thursday 3 December
Mary Poppins Jr
6.30pm - Izzard Theatre, Penland Rd, Bexhill
Bexhill College Performing Arts students in a heart-warming musical adventure for the whole family. Tickets: *bexhillcollege.ac.uk/theatre/whats-on/*
Fell
7.30pm - The Stables Theatre, The Bourne
An adaptation by Frances Viner based on the novel The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte.

WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

Wednesdays
A&O In the Round
7.30pm - Mike's, 74 Norman Rd
Poetry, Music and Comedy Night
8.00pm - The Dolphin Inn, 11-12 Rock-A-Nore Rd
Sensational acts lined up and hosted by the wonderful Tara Valentine, prepare to be entertained.

Fridays
Palmerama's Comedyrama Stand Up Comedy Night
8.00pm - The Pig, 37 White Rock
Late Night Karaoke
11.00pm - Barnaby's Lounge, 46 Robertson St

CINEMA

Friday 20 November
Wicker
3.00pm and 7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd,
Madness: Take It Or Leave It 4K Restoration
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

Saturday 21 November
Wicker
3.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd,
Theatre of Blood (with Silver Screen Sippers)
6.00pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
Start time may change. Pls check website on the day.
Wicker
7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd

Sunday 22 November
Living Sanctuaries: The Monasteries of Zanskar
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
Wicker
2.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd,
Fences
3.00pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
Dark Circles Presents: Jazz Britannia
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
Classic documentary documenting how staid, post-war Britain embraced the radical, freewheeling jazz movement and made it its own.

Wednesday 25 November
Wicker
7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd

Thursday 26 November
The Odyssey (Subtitled) + Interval
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
European Film Club
3.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
£10/£7 members. Post screening discussion with Olga Mamonova

Crossword Solution No 315:
Across: 1. Author (anagram) 3. Intern (in turn) 4. Tanner
Down: 1. (p)Art is t(hrough) 2. Runner (anagram)

and Kim Taylor-Foster.
The Weight
7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd,
The Invite
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

Friday 27 November
Phantom Thread
3.00pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
The Odyssey + Interval
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

Saturday 28 November
NAZA
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
The Weight
12.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
Hastings Smugglers Film and Q&A
2.00pm - Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, John's Place, Bohemia Rd
Nick Broomfield will be showing his fascinating film about Hastings Smugglers with a Q&A afterwards. £10 on the door. Proceeds to the Hastings and St Leonards Museum Association.
The Weight
3.00pm and 7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
The Ugly Stepsister + Intro
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

Sunday 29 November
NAZA
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
Selma + Intro
3.00pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St
B Movie Fan Club: Godzilla Raids Again
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

Monday 30 November
This Filthy Earth + Q&A with Mark Kermode
7.30pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd

Tuesday 1 December
Northern Soul: Still Burning
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

Thursday 3 December
Father, Mother, Sister, Brother
11.00am - Electric Palace, 39A High St
Teenage Sex and Death at Camp Miasma
7.30pm - Electric Palace, 39A High St

WEEKLY CINEMA

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

Wednesdays
Battle Community Cinema: Holy Days
7.30pm - Battle Memorial Hall, 81 High St

LISTINGS HERO REQUIRED



The HIP LIST needs a visionary editor – an exciting opportunity to further develop our comprehensive listings and Spotlight section and work with others to collate and promote the events, gigs and shows that make Hastings great.

This is a volunteer position, as with all our editors, but a great chance to develop your skills and experience on a real newspaper. We're also currently looking for additional volunteers to join HIP's editorial and support teams.

Please email us at listings@hastingsindependentpress.co.uk with a brief CV.

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ART

Accidental Landscapes - Jem Sharman
Until 30 November
Bus Stop Studios, London 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
The Edge of Quiet (Group Exhibition)
Until 15 March 2027
Bannatyne Hotel and Spa, Battle Rd
Edge - Where the Land Meets the Sea
Until 3 January 2027
Hastings Contemporary, The Stade
Edges - Group Show
Until 4 January 2027
Barnaby's Lounge, Robertson St
David Gilbert
Until 16 January 2027
Flatland Projects, Beeching Rd, Bexhill
Bill Greenhead - Seagull Snug
Until 26 November
The Crown, All Saints St
Emma Harding
Until 29 November
Thonett Gallery, St. Andrew's Mews
Hastings Open
Until 31 January
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, Bohemia Rd
Željko Ivanković (Jericho)
Until 23 December
Stables Theatre Gallery, The Bourne
Geoff MacCormack - David Bowie: Music Lover
Until 21 November
Lucy Bell Gallery, Norman Rd
Made for Giving
25 November until 13 December
Hastings Arts Forum, Marine Court
The Open Exhibition - Within a Landscape
Until 1 December
Baker Mamanova Gallery (*@Kino* Teatr), Norman Rd
Prem Sahib - Chamber
Until 3 January 2027
De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill
Jem Sharman
3 until 24 December
Thonett Gallery, St. Andrew's Mews
Small Wonders - Group Show (small works, £150 max)
3 until 24 December
Thonett Gallery, St. Andrew's Mews
Soco Artists - Weather
Until 22 November
Hastings Arts Forum, Marine Court
Some Prints
Until 20 November
Project 78 Gallery, Norman Rd

SPORT

Saturday 21 November
Hockey: South Saxons Women v Brighton & Hove 4 - South East Open League
12.00pm - Horntye Park Sports Complex, Bohemia Rd, St Leonards

Saturday 28 November
Hockey: South Saxons Men v Mid Sussex - South East Open League
11.00am - Mulberry Academy Bexhill, Bexhill Academy, Bexhill

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

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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. 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, St Leonard's on Sea
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*
Badminton
8.00pm - Hastings & Rother YMCA, St Paul's Rd, Hastings

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*
Barbarian Swimmers
6.00pm - Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Rd

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Saturday 21 November

Hastings Designer Maker Fair
9.30am - Observer Building, 53 Cambridge Rd
Kids' free gift, Punk Choir, food & drink and 45 stalls.
Makers' Market
11.00am - Stade Hall, The Stade
Artists, makers, designers. Free entry.
Bongo's Bingo - Christmas Special
12.00pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
Tickets: *bongosbingo.co.uk*
Batty Bingo
1.00pm - The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade
EARTHWORKS Magazine Panel Discussion & Project Launch
2.00pm - Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, John's Place, Bohemia Rd
A free event to celebrate the launch of Earthworks, an eco-art publication.
Pure Christmas Market
6.00pm - Bannatyne Hotel and Wedding Venue Hastings, Battle Rd, Hastings, Battle
A wonderful selection of unique gifts, original artwork and handcrafted treasures,
Bongo's Bingo - Christmas Special
6.00pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock
Tickets: *bongosbingo.co.uk*

Sunday 22 November

Hastings Designer Maker Fair
9.30am - Observer Building, 53 Cambridge Rd
Kids' free gift, miniature horse, food & drink and 45 stalls.
Pure Christmas Market
10.30am - Bannatyne Hotel and Wedding Venue Hastings, Battle Rd, Hastings, Battle
A wonderful selection of unique gifts, original artwork and handcrafted treasures,
11.30am - Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, John's Place, Bohemia Rd
Paleo Art through the lens of the Magic Lantern workshop. Tickets: *hmag.org.uk/event*

Tuesday 24 November

The Krays: Ronnie, Reggie and Me with Fred Dineage
7.30pm - White Rock Theatre, White Rock

Thursday 26 November

Bexhill Hanoverian Study Group and The Kings German Legion - A Talk by Peter Boyden
10.00am - Amherst Rd Sports & Social Club, 6A Amherst Rd, Bexhill
probusonline.org/bexhill-hastings-and-st.leonards

Saturday 28 November

Sidley Christmas Fair
10.00am - All Saints Church, Bexhill, All Saints Ln, Sidley, Bexhill
Makers & Bakers Christmas Market
11.00am - St Andrews Mews, 1 St Andrew's Square, Waldegrave St
Hunger, Memory and the Holodomor
2.30pm, St John's Centre, Victoria Rd, Bexhill
Professor Jeremy Hicks will be speaking at a panel discussion on the Ukrainian Holodomor.
'Pitch My Pal' Singles Night
7.30pm - The Beacon, 67-68 St Mary's Terrace
Celebrating your single pals, with friends taking to the stage to share why their mate is the ultimate catch. Funny presentations, hilarious stories and plenty of reasons to swipe right IRL. Tickets: *eventbrite.co.uk/e/pitch-my-pal-tickets-2003929474001*

Sunday 29 November

Christmas Craft Fair
1.00pm - West St Leonards Community Centre and Social Club, 130 Bexhill Rd
Showcase of local talent in handmade and personalised gifts. Refreshments available. Free entry.
St Michael's Hospice: Lights of Love service
3.15pm, Hastings Crematorium, The Ridge
Dedicate a star to someone you love. Service typically includes thoughtful readings, candle lighting, and times for quiet reflection.
People's Emergency Briefing
6.00pm - Stade Hall, The Stade
Briefing on the climate and nature crisis. *stadehall.com/event/the-peoples-emergency-briefing/*

Thursday 3 December

Wheelchair and Scooter Users Meeting
2.00pm - Central Hall, 6 Bank Buildings, Station Rd
St Michael's Hospice: Lights of Love service
6pm, St Michael's Hospice, 25 Upper Maze Hill
Dedicate a star to someone you love. Service typically includes thoughtful readings, candle lighting, and times for quiet reflection.

WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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*
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 Pl
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.
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*
Sustainability Social
6.00pm - Prince of Wales, 15 Western Rd
Mingle and discuss local sustainability projects. Share your ideas and find out how to get involved.
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,

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3, Marine Court
Make Afri-Co-Lab your home, work space, chill-out lounge and studio for the day! *afri-co-lab.org*
European Film Club
3.00pm - Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Rd
Tickets £10/ £7 Members
BASH Networking Event
6.00pm - Barnaby's Lounge, 46 Robertson St
For local businesses. £7.50 ticket pp
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 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, Hastings
Donation only. For self-identifying women. *facebook.com/groups/1578385062838116*
Forbidden Fruit Quiz Night
8.00pm - The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade

Thursdays

Hastings Tech Forum
9.00am - Observer Building, 53 Cambridge Rd
Monthly meetup for local tech professionals
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
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.
The Barbarian Wolf Chess Club
5.15pm - The Horse & Groom, 4 Mercatoria
Weekly chess
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. *hastingstownsingers.co.uk*
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*

Fridays

Writing Hour
7.30am - 7 Trinity St
Writers can come together to write at the workshops *hastingswritersworkshop.com*
Singing Down Memory Lane
10.30am - St Augustine's Church Hall, St Augustine's Close, Cooden Dr, Bexhill
A free singing group for people living 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
Broomgrove Youth Club Sessions
4.30pm - Broomgrove Community Centre, 85 Chiltern Dr
sarah.adams@freshvisions.org.uk Bev *07732 823800*
Chess at The Nest
4.30pm - The Nest, The Old Town Hall

Saturdays

Monthly Fayre
10.00am - Isabel Blackman Centre, Winding St
Weekly Indoor Market
10.00am - Saint Leonards Church Market, London Rd
Weekly market: clothes, bits, food, tarot. Stalls still available *loveamarket.co.uk*
Thai Food at the Albert
2.00pm - The Royal Albert, 293 Battle Rd
Gravity & Grace
2.30pm - Clifton Centre, 1 and 2 Stainsby St
Taking care of mind, body & soul with the Alexander Technique. Introductory talks/workshops. Booking not required, Suggested donation £5. For further details contact Chris *livingtenderly@yahoo.co.uk*

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Saturday 21 November

EARTHWORKS Free Creative Family Workshop (7 years+)
11.00am - Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, John's Place, Bohemia Rd
A hands-on creative clay workshop, brought to us by Radiator Arts' Peter Quinnell and Rebecca Child, making sculptural forms & Earth creatures and building a Bayeux Tapestry-style memory tableau.

Saturday 28 November

Christmas Wreath Workshop
10.00am - The Crown, 64-66 All Saints' St
£60 per person. All materials included. Booking essential *lidapopova@gmail.com*.
Writing & Performing Workshop
12.00pm - The White Rock Hotel, 1-10 White Rock
Comedy, ad lib, improv and funny flash fiction. No experience necessary. Tkts £8.50, £12 Downstairs bar. *nicky@diamond-minds.co.uk*

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Zachary with one of his pizzas

Vinnie's Pizza Co Launches at Barnaby's

Some businesses start with a business plan. Others start with a dream. Vinnie's Pizza Co. started with something much more personal: family, heartbreak and a desire to keep someone's memory alive.

Zachary Dominey started making pizzas at home on his own after the death of his younger brother, Vinnie, last year. He says: "Losing Vinnie has been the hardest thing our family has ever experienced. He was incredibly smart, funny and goofy, musically talented and full of personality. He was outgoing and loved being around people, although he also enjoyed his own company. He was one of a kind, and the hole he has left in our family is impossible to put into words.

"After losing Vinnie, I wanted to find something positive to put my energy into. Something meaningful that could give me a purpose and, most importantly, carry his name forward. It started quite simply with me making pizzas at home on my own."

What began as a personal passion gradually grew into something much bigger. Zachary's parents let him use their kitchen and gave him the space to experiment, develop recipes and turn an idea into a business.

He explains: "My parents have backed me every step of the way, alongside my partner Erin and the rest of our family. Their support has meant everything."

"As the business began to grow, I made the decision to go into partnership with my dad, with us owning Vinnie's Pizza Co 50/50. We started small, taking pre-orders and selling our pizzas on Saturdays. The response from the people of Hastings has been incredible. Every order, kind message and recommendation has helped us get to where we are today."

Vinnie's Pizzas are authentic 14-inch New York-style pizzas featuring 72-hour cold-fermented dough and house sauces. Over the past two months, their Saturday deliveries have become extremely popular and garnered excellent reviews. There are seven types of pizza on the menu, with the Spicy Vodkaroni currently leading the orders.

Now, they have been given the opportunity to grow the business into something much bigger: Vinnie's Pizza Co will be taking over the kitchen at Barnaby's Lounge in Hastings. The kitchen takeover starts on 21 November and there will be a grand launch on 28 November with live music from a local youth band at 4.00pm.

Zachary says: "We wish more than anything that Vinnie could be here to see what we are building. But in some way, he will always be part of it. Every pizza we make carries his name, and every step forward is a little piece of him living on. This one's for you, Vin."

Remember Someone You Love and Miss with Lights of Love

St Michael's Hospice is inviting people to dedicate a Christmas star to someone they love at their annual *Lights of Love* events between 29 November and 6 December.

A St Michael's Hospice spokesperson explains: "For many people, Lights of Love marks the start of their run up to Christmas. It's their chance to take a moment to remember those they love and miss before the hectic Christmas schedule starts."

"If you've got someone that you will miss this Christmas, why not start by dedicating a star to them? Their star will shine alongside many others, all telling the story of someone loved and missed."

You can dedicate your star online at smhlightsoflove.memorypage.org where you can upload a photo and write a message. The message will then be transferred onto a star and hung on one of the Hospice trees. Or you can pick up a star from any of the St Michael's shops or the Hospice reception to write your dedication on and send back to them.

You can also join with your community in this shared act of remembrance at a service near you. Each service typically includes thoughtful readings, candle lighting, and times for quiet reflection. Some services also feature hymns, while the non-religious services offer a meaningful space for remembrance without religious elements. After each service there's a tree lighting ceremony. Each tree is lit up, shining on the stars you've dedicated.



Find out more at stmichaelshospice.com/event/lightsoflove.

The Art of Putting Carers First

Drawing Life, who organise free art classes for carers and those they care for in Hastings and Bexhill, will be staging a Christmas exhibition at Electro Studios to celebrate the creativity and sociability of the group's participants.

Artist facilitators including leading local artists Theresa Caruana and Sineíd Codd. James Mackinnon, Peter Quinnell and Ian Shillito will also be putting work into the show, and all works will be available to purchase, with 30% directly benefitting Drawing Life. Participants' work can be purchased for donations of £10 or £20. The show will represent a festive overview of the past year, with a wide variety of works exhibited, including spontaneous sketches, with exciting visuals and energetic interpretations.

Drawing Life is currently based at Hastings Contemporary and the De La Warr Pavilion. Participants can look around the galleries' current exhibitions free of charge, as well as attending a 90-minute life drawing class led by one of the project's artist facilitators, who often take inspiration from the current shows for their classes. Many people now attend regularly, and it is rewarding to see confidence and artistic skills blossom alongside friendships, conversations and exchanges of phone numbers. Sometimes art takes second place, as participants share their worries and common challenges. These moments fulfil Drawing Life's ultimate aim: to give carers a social lifeline through the soft power of art.

Unpaid family carers are a hidden force, saving the NHS millions each year, yet they are often undervalued, isolated and overlooked. Drawing Life's meet-ups are flexible opportunities for carers and cared-for to attend together, for carers to enjoy some personal time or the cared-for to come independently while their carers take a break. Many carers say that they need activities every day, while the hours stretch ahead: Drawing Life meets that need.

Classes are currently free, thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund, Postcode Lottery, Barchester Care, Isabel Blackman, Magdalen & Lasher, Round Table, Winkle Club, Hastings Lions, and the Muffin Club. However, with plans to extend reach into Rye and Eastbourne in 2027, Drawing Life will be beginning the new year back on the fundraising frontline in order to maintain and expand their work. Donations can be made through Drawing Life's website.

Electro Studios, Seaside Road, St Leonards. Opening Event: Friday 4 December, 4-8pm. Gallery open: Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December, 12pm to 3.30pm drawinglife.org: @drawinglifeuk

Launch of the Hastings Rollers

The Hastings Rollers Group is a new support group for residents who use wheelchairs or mobility scooters. It will champion accessibility for wheelchair and mobility scooter users in Hastings Town Centre.

Cllr Solly Solamito, lead councillor for Corporate Services, Communities and Equalities at HBC, is working with Hastings Voluntary Action, Hastings Disability Rights and Cllr John Lee from Rother District Council to launch the support group in Hastings.

Cllr Lee has previously worked with the successful Bexhill Rollin' Crew (commonly known as the Bexhill Rollers), who have made significant strides in improving accessibility by supplying local businesses with ramps. They have also raised awareness of the needs of wheelchair users, and their regular meetings have helped to combat social isolation.

The new Hastings group aims to improve town-wide accessibility for wheelchair and mobility scooter users and tackle social isolation in Hastings.

Cllr Solamito says: "We're pleased to support the launch of the Hastings Rollers Group and the positive impact it will have for wheelchair and mobility scooter users in our town. Groups like this help bring people together and provide a valuable voice in highlighting any accessibility issues and opportunities. Improving access and inclusion benefits everyone, and I would encourage anyone with an interest in discussing accessibility in Hastings to come along and get involved."

The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. Its first meeting is on Thursday, 3 December at 2.00pm in the Central Hall, 6 Bank Buildings, Station Rd, Hastings TN34 1NG.



Give Us Better Jobs Fair

RICHARD WISTREICH AND LEAH LEVANE

On Saturday 21 November, Hastings Stop the War and Palestine Solidarity Campaign are holding a *Give Us Better Jobs Fair* in the town centre from 12.00-2.00pm. Everyone is invited to take part in a 'people's assembly' to discuss one of the biggest issues facing the town – the lack of opportunities and decent, well-paid jobs for young people, and why the government can only find billions to invest in military jobs. They can find money to train young people to lay bricks and kill, but not to retrofit our housing stock. Millions are available to support the arms industry but not for the renewable energy sector.

People living in Hastings and its surrounding communities, especially our youth, need secure and fulfilling jobs that are useful to the community, will enable them to realise their aspirations, and give them a sense of value in what they do with their lives. Hastings currently has one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the South East, and most entry level jobs are very poorly paid, with few opportunities for improvement. Mainly due to the impact of wars in Iran and Ukraine/Russia, the cost of living is rapidly rising, and things will only get harder this winter. Many local people are so busy struggling just to get by that they don't have time to talk with each other about how things could be different.

The government's answer to these problems seems almost perverse. Rather than focusing on addressing people's basic needs, decent housing and affordable rents, being able to keep warm and feed their families without needing food banks, getting doctor's appointments or ensuring fulfilling education for their children, they are choosing to massively ramp up spending on arms and preparing for 'war within 1,000 days'. And young people especially are expected to pay the price.

For example, in the recent budget, instead of raising the minimum wage for people under 21 so they get paid the same as older people doing the same jobs, the government committed to spending billions of pounds year-on-year on extra funding for the military and new weapons. Rather than investing in jobs and industries that contribute to the long-term prosperity and resilience of the country, we are told that the answer is building more weapons factories like the two General Dynamics US arms plants we already have in Hastings. Meanwhile, young people are told that their best chance of a future job or to get on the housing ladder is to get an apprenticeship in the arms industry or join up to the armed forces and learn how to fight in wars.

Instead of funding more war, we could spend our taxes on the things we really need: youth facilities with qualified support workers, playgrounds, arts programmes, decent roads and functioning public transport, an excellent education system that nurtures talent, a reliable and quality NHS, high-class care for the elderly and proper support for disabled people. We can use our resources to create decent and secure jobs that serve the needs of people and enables workers to live dignified and creative lives.

This madness is not confined to Britain. People across the world for example, in the recent US midterm elections are rejecting war and the terrible price being paid by its victims. In many countries across Europe, young people, supported by their parents, their teachers, and hundreds of thousands of ordinary workers, have taken to the streets to protest against the impact of decades of austerity that has led to poor quality education, deteriorating infrastructure, declining levels of healthcare, inadequate levels of house building and failure to tackle the climate crisis.

Meanwhile, important decisions that affect all our lives are being taken without consulting us. The *Give Us Better Jobs Fair* will be an opportunity for you to have your say and share your thoughts and ideas about the kinds of futures and changes to our lives you want to see prioritised in Hastings.

Where: Hastings Town Centre
When: Saturday 21 November, 12.00-2.00pm
What to Expect: Information stalls, short talks by local students, health workers, teachers, ex-soldiers, councillors, and trade unionists.
Sheltered space to sit down, chat and share ideas, free hot drinks

Sign our petition to Hastings Borough Council calling for ending the lease of Council land to General Dynamics' arms factory and add your name to our open letter to the MP for Hastings and Rye. Contact: 07783 945739 puliaschi@gmail.com



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