



Cheshire Rural
Touring Arts

Spring 2022



Live theatre, literature, music & dance
in Cheshire's rural venues & libraries

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Welcome to Cheshire Rural Touring Arts' Spring 2022 Brochure!

Hello again!

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts are delighted to be able to present you with a new programme of live events for spring, taking place at venues across Cheshire.

Last year we were gladly able to offer a limited number of shows as we, like all other arts and community organisations, were finding our way back after the impact of the pandemic. This spring we are again able to welcome a variety of high-quality theatre, music, family and dance performances to our Cheshire audiences.

You can be assured of a warm welcome at CRTA venues and whilst we know that things generally are still uncertain and far from normal, be assured that our venues and artists are all working under covid safe guidelines to make every performance as safe and comfortable as possible for audiences.

This season we are delighted to have a range of exciting, interesting and new artists for you to discover. We have music from the talented **Zoe Gilby Trio**, we welcome Austrian virtuoso **Peter Hudler** with **Cello on Fire** and enjoy a rollicking romp through 400 years of comic songs with GreenMatthews **Witty Ditties**. We have sparking circus for all the family with **The Flying Bazazi Brothers**.

If you are looking for theatre we have the ever popular Stute Theatre with **I am No Bird**, the Brontë Story revised and retold. We have a hilarious story of youth and stamps from Quick Duck Theatre with **Yours Sincerely**. A performer with great stories in his DNA (literally!) we welcome **Gerald Dickens** to Cheshire performing classic tales penned by his great great grandfather Charles. If you are looking for exciting storytelling and dance then look out for **Stanjayvah Danza** performing **6 Feet 3 Shoes**. Our final event of the season is a unique activity day for families in the woods from **Funnelwick Limb** bringing us fun, foraging and **Tales of Atom and Luna**.

We hope to see you at a CRTA show very soon.



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Shows which have the online booking facility have this symbol in the brochure listing.

Online tickets can be booked via our website

www.cheshiruraltouringarts.co.uk

or via Ticketsource: **www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshiruraltouringarts**

Ticket booking contact numbers, emails and disabled access information for all venues can be found in the middle of the brochure.

Ticket prices: Ticket prices vary for each venue and show, but all range within **£8 - £13** (however, tickets for children's shows may be cheaper).

Please check with the venue directly for the ticket prices

To contact CRTA for any queries about the work we do or any ticket booking problems please email:

cрта@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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MUSIC

Peter Hudler *Cello on Fire*

A Solo Cello Show - no standard classical recital but an extraordinary mix of styles, ranging literally from Baroque to Rock. Austrian cellist Peter Hudler combines astonishing virtuosity with inspired musicianship.

The programme brings together specially commissioned works by contemporary musicians such as John Zorn with classical pieces from the likes of Bach and Debussy, plus a wide range of Jazz, Folk and cross-over music.

Peter Hudler introduces the pieces, explaining the background to them and including anecdotes and stories to keep it light for audiences. All together, it adds up to an entertaining and spectacular night full of cello surprises.

"Be prepared to put any pre-conceptions of what a cello can sound like to one side and be prepared to let Peter Hudler re-define this instrument for you."

The Southside Advertiser, 2019



Friday 25th March 2022 - 7.30pm - Great Budworth Parish Hall 01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472

Saturday 26th March - 12-12:45pm & 1:45-2:30pm - Ellesmere Port Market Food Court, Market Square, Market St, Ellesmere Port CH65 0HW No booking required (free), all welcome to come along and enjoy

More info: actiontransporttheatre.org/cello-market

Sunday 27th March 2022- 7.30pm - Little Budworth Jubilee Hall 01829 760 422

peterhudler.com | **suitable for all ages**



THEATRE

Quick Duck Theatre

Yours Sincerely

Will Jackson has accidentally stolen 300 second class stamps from the post office. But he's making them count. He's going to write letters.

From reconnecting with old friends and ex-boyfriends to run-ins with the marketing department at John Lewis, stamp collecting has never looked so sexy...

Based on real life correspondences, storytelling and lipsync cabaret collide in this queer coming-of-age comedy about the complications of 21st-century communication.

Yours Sincerely was originally produced by Birmingham REP Theatre and is hot off the heels of its incredibly successful Edinburgh fringe run.

★★★★ "An escalating comedy that takes you on a wild ride"
The Skinny (review), Mirren Wilson

Friday 29th April -7.30pm - Audlem Public Hall 01270 811 250

Saturday 30th April - 7.30pm - The Electric Picture House, Congleton
01260 270 908

quickducktheatre.wixsite.com/quickducktheatre | Suitable for ages 14+
(adult themes, strong language and flashing lights)



DANCE

Slanjayvah Danza

6 Feet 3 Shoes



A celebration of friendship across borders, told through feisty percussive flamenco, Scottish and contemporary dance, with three dancers, exhilarating live fiddle and guitar.

Dance, storytelling, humour, traditional foot stomping rhythms, tender moments and a good old giggle combine to tell a story that resonates across generations and cultures. Integrating traditional Scottish dance and music with Spanish traditional arts and contemporary dance "6 Feet, 3 Shoes" is a heart-warming show by choreographer/dancer Jenni Wren that will entrance audiences of all ages.

There will be an opportunity to dance together in an after show Ceilidh (Barn Dance) in **Upton** and an inclusive informal chat in **Neston** where you can discover the background behind the work and the company, its artists and their instruments.

"We are ready to jump up and give you some demonstrations to explain more about what we do, how and why we do it. Questions are not only welcomed – they are positively encouraged. Tell us about your own experiences and if you like, learn a wee ceilidh dance – at a manageable pace"

Jenni Wren, Slanjayvah Danza

"The dance show was top notch but the 'after show' Q&A and ceilidh where we could engage a bit more with the company made it a really strong community event."

Audience member, North Yorkshire

Friday 6th May - 7.30pm – Neston Town Hall 07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729

Saturday 7th May - 7.30pm – Upton Village Hall 07712 611 616

slanjayvahdanza.com | Suitable for all ages



THEATRE

Stute Theatre *I Am No Bird*



The Brontë story. Reclaimed, reimagined and retold.

This brand new show by award winning Stute Theatre, in association with the Stephen Joseph Theatre and Brontë Parsonage Museum, explores the creative lives of the Brontë sisters through a modern reinterpretation of their lives and works.

With live music, engaging storytelling and a solid dose of Northern wit and invention, this exciting contemporary show celebrates the resilience of women & the beauty of art.

In a world designed to silence them, these three sisters each find a voice, 'half savage, hardy' and, above all, 'free'.



"A wonderfully modern reimagining that will open up this fascinating piece of history to a new, more diverse audience"
Audience member

Friday 13th May - 7.30pm - Tarvin Community Centre 01829 741 468

Saturday 14th May - 7.30pm - Lion Salt Works 01606 275 066

stutetheatre.co.uk | Suitable for ages 12+



MUSIC

GreenMatthews *Witty Ditties – 400 Years of Side-Splitting Song*



GreenMatthews bring you a new show which explores our rich history of witty wordplay and melodic mirth.

Chris Green (piano, guitar, accordion) and Sophie Matthews (early woodwinds, flute, saxophone) bring you 4 centuries of chromatic comedy, ranging from bawdy Restoration ballads to stinging Sixties satire.

Featuring songs by Noël Coward, Tom Lehrer, Flanders and Swann and a host of other songwriters, this fun and fast-moving revue will have you rolling in the aisles!

Friday 20th May - 7.30pm - Neston Town Hall 07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729

Part of Neston Music Festival nestonmusicfestival.org.uk

greenmatthews.co.uk | Suitable for adults and children aged 12+



SPRING DIARY

DATE	TIME	WHO	WHAT
 Friday 25th March	7.30pm	Peter Hudler	Cello on Fire
 Saturday 26th March	12pm & 1.45pm	Peter Hudler	Cello on Fire
 Sunday 27th March	7.30pm	Peter Hudler	Cello on Fire
 Friday 29th April	7.30pm	Quick Duck Theatre	Yours Sincerely
 Saturday 30th April	7.30pm	Quick Duck Theatre	Yours Sincerely
 Friday 6th May	7.30pm	Slajayvah Danza	6 Feet 3 Shoes
 Saturday 7th May	7.30pm	Slanjayvah Danza	6 Feet 3 Shoes
 Friday 13th May	7.30pm	Sophia Hatfield	I Am No Bird
 Saturday 14th May	7.30pm	Sophia Hatfield	I Am No Bird
 Friday 20th May	7.30pm	Green and Matthews	Witty Ditties
 Saturday 21st May	7.30pm	Gerald Dickens	Great Expectations
 Sunday 22nd May	7.00pm	Gerald Dickens	Mr Dickens is Coming + Sikes and Nancy
 Saturday 4th June	7.30pm	The Flying Bazazi Brothers	The Flying Bazazi Brothers
 Sunday 5th June		The Flying Bazazi Brothers	The Flying Bazazi Brothers
 Saturday 18th June	7.30pm	Zoe Gilby Trio	Zoe Gilby Trio
 Sunday 19th June	7.30pm	Zoe Gilby Trio	Zoe Gilby Trio
 Saturday 16th July	10.30am, 1.00pm & 3.30pm	Funnelwick Limb	The Tales of Atom and Luna activity day

WHERE	POSTCODE	TELEPHONE	ARTFORM
Great Budworth Parish Hall	CW9 6HL	01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472	Music
Ellesmere Port Covered Market	CH65 0HW		Music
Little Budworth Jubilee Hall	CW6 9BU	01829 760 422	Music
Audlem Public Hall	CW3 0AH	01270 811 250	Theatre
The Electric Picture House, Congleton	CW12 1QN	01260 270 908	Theatre
Neston Town Hall	CH64 9TR	07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729	Dance
Upton-by-Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	07712 611 616	Dance
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	01829 741 468	Theatre
Lion Salt Works, Northwich	CW9 6ES	01606 275 066	Theatre
Neston Town hall	CH64 9TR	07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729	Music
Plumley Village Hall	WA16 0TR	01565 722 259	Theatre
1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall	CW8 3NJ	07941 166 632	Theatre
Kingsley Community Centre	WA6 8ED	07935 331 982	Theatre/Family
cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk			Theatre/Family
Kelsall Community Centre	CW6 0SB	01829 751 031	Theatre
Upton-by-Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	07712 611 616	Theatre
The Woods, Lunts Moss, Scholar Green	ST7 3QJ		Theatre/Family

ACCESS INFORMATION

AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL



ELLESMERE PORT COVERED MARKET



GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH HALL



KELSALL COMMUNITY CENTRE



KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE



LION SALT WORKS, NORTHWICH



LITTLE BUDWORTH JUBILEE HALL



*NESTON TOWN HALL



PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL



TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE



THE ELECTRIC PICTURE HOUSE, SPINDLE MILL, CONGLETON



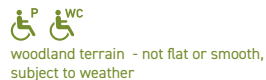
UPTON BY CHESTER VILLAGE HALL



1ST WEAVERHAM SEA SCOUT HALL



WILD RUMPUS, THE WOODS



Key

- P** Main car park / reservable parking upon request
- Designated parking within car park and / or close to entrance
- Inclined / ramp approach down to entrance
- Inclined / ramp approach up to entrance
- Inclined / ramp approach down from entrance
- Level entrance
- Total number of steps to entrance
- Wheelchair access at side / rear
- Lift / Platform Lift
- WC** Standard WC facility only
- Wheelchair accessible toilet
- Induction loop
- Infra red system
- osp** On street parking
- tsr** Transfer space restricted

* Additional on-street parking is available on drive closer to main entrance.

For all other venues not listed here, please contact the venues directly for access information.

VENUES

VENUE	POSTCODE	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	EMAIL	
Audlem Public Hall	CW3 0AH		01270 811 250	tava325@gmail.com	
Ellesmere Port Covered Market	CH65 0HW	Action Transport Theatre	0151 357 2120	events@actiontransporttheatre.org	
Great Budworth Parish Hall	CW9 6HL	Janet / Katy	01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472	jan@hiett.co.uk / kathyhopkinson@uwclub.net	
Kelsall Community Centre	CW6 0SB	Jim Struthers	01829 75 1031	jim.struthers2@gmail.com	
Kingsley Community Centre	WA6 8ED	Anne Kavanagh	07935 331 982	anne.kavanagh1234@gmail.com	
Lion Salt Works, Northwich	CW9 6ES		01606 275 066	www.lionsaltworks.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk	
Little Budworth Jubilee Hall	CW6 9BU	Joan Johnson	01829 760 422	joan@johnsonlb.plus.com	
Neston Town Hall	CH64 9TR	Pat Kynaston	07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729	pat.kynaston@btinternet.com	
Plumley Village Hall	WA16 0TR	Harry Allen	01565 722 259	tickets@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk	
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	Edward Lush	01829 741 468	bookings@tarvincommunitycentre.org	
The Electric Picture House, Spindle Mill, Congleton	CW12 1QN	Petra Lea	01260 270 908	electricpicturehouse@gmail.com	
Upton By Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	Jill Smith	07712 611 616	jillsmith837@gmail.com	
1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall	CW8 3NJ	Brian Williams	07941 166 632	briancwilliams@aol.com	
The Woods, Lunts Moss, Scholar Green	ST7 3QJ	Alana Jones		alana.jones@wildrumpus.org.uk	

Gerald Dickens

Gerald Dickens is a great great grandson to Charles Dickens and for over 25 years has been performing one-man theatre shows based on Charles' life and works. The shows are energetic, vibrant and fun.

Great Expectations – Plumley

Known as one of Charles' greatest novels, this two act adaptation of Great Expectations takes Pip from the lonely cold Kent marshes and follows his journey into the respectable world of London. Along the way we meet some of Dickens's greatest characters: Miss Havesham, Estella, Herbert Pocket, Mr Jaggers, Wemmick and the Aged P. Although simply staged Great Expectations is truly dramatic.

Mr Dickens is Coming! + Sikes and Nancy – Weaverham

Mr Dickens is Coming! - A light-hearted and varied look at the life and character of Charles Dickens. Showing scenes from the great author's works, diary extracts and observations from those who knew and worked with him, from a fresh and modern perspective
and

Sikes and Nancy - Victorian theatre at its most dramatic. In 1869 Charles Dickens introduced Sikes and Nancy to his repertoire. When he performed what he called 'The Murder' he judged the success of the evening by the number of ladies who had fainted with horror. Today it has lost none of its power.

Saturday 21st May - 7.30pm - Great Expectations (2 part show)

Plumley Village Hall 01565 722 259

Sunday 22nd May - 7.00pm - Mr Dickens is Coming + Sikes and Nancy

1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall 07941 166 632

gerald Dickens.com | Generally for all ages, 14+ for Sikes and Nancy (dark theme)





The Flying Bazazi Brothers



This heady mix of celebrity, circus, and family history steeped in tradition is a real one off. The Bazazi Brothers' style is part Cirque du Soleil, part Tom Jones - with a little Swayze thrown in for good measure.

This riotous double act dance, juggle, and fall over each other for your viewing pleasure and features internationally renowned superstars Edward and Kaveh Bazazi.

Prepare to be amazed, prepare to be dazzled, and prepare to be prepared.

If you want to forget about your troubles and focus on someone else's, come and see The Flying Bazazi brothers. Ridiculous dancing, dad humour, and a surprising amount of skill and dexterity makes this a show you won't want to miss.

"A sparkling and skilled cabaret act"
Adrian Berry, Artistic Director, Jacksons Lane

Saturday 4th June - 7.30pm - Kingsley Community Centre 07935 331 982

Sunday 5th June - see cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk for details

nealythereyet.com | **A family show suitable for ages 4+**



Zoe Gilby Trio



Zoë Gilby is a vocalist and songwriter, making a stunning impression on the music scene today. Her compelling original compositions are written with double bassist husband Andy Champion.

A powerful collection of songs with a strong narrative. Supported by guitarist Mark Williams and drummer Steve Hanley, they deliver a commanding mix of musical sophistication and dramatic edge. An engaging repertoire of storytelling and atmosphere, her stockpile of music also includes an adventurous blend of contemporary composers from Kate Bush to Pink Floyd and the sensitive treatment of jazz standards, completes this particular "story-book".

"A mix of intelligent original songs and innovative arrangements of tunes by both jazz and pop composers. It's the quality of the original songs that make this jazz vocal album stand out from the pack." The Jazz Mann

Saturday 18th June - 7.30pm - Kelsall Town Hall 01829 751 031

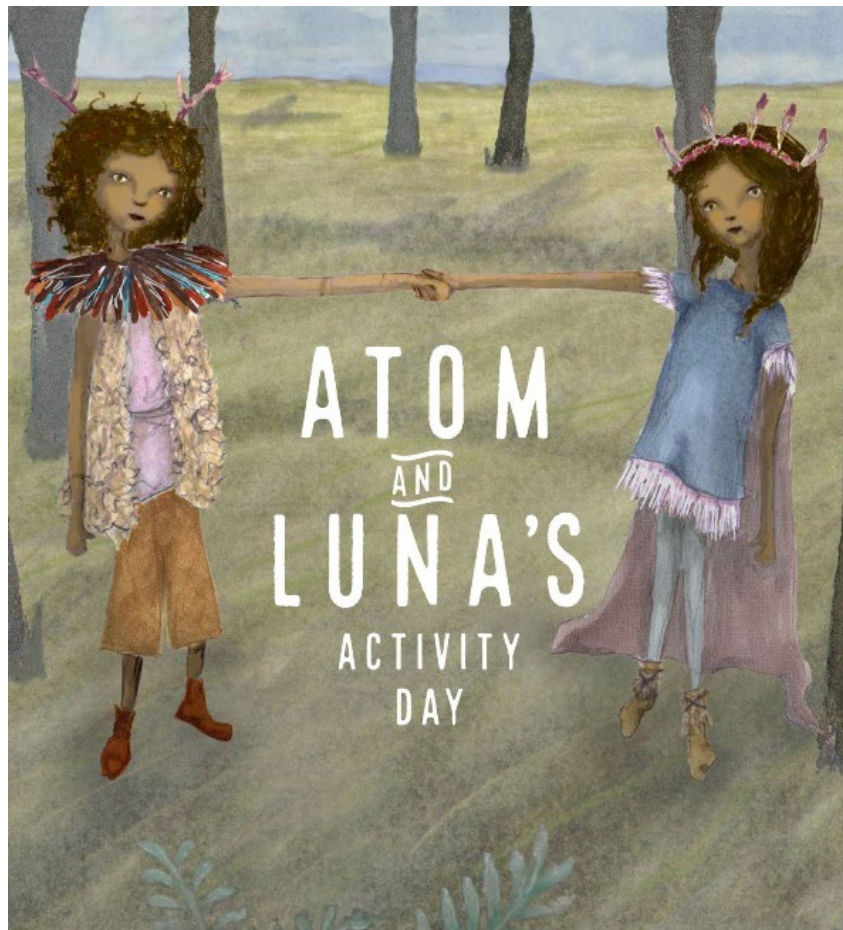
Sunday 19th June - 7.30pm - Upton Town Hall 07712 611 616

zoegilby.co.uk/projects/quartetduotrio | **Suitable for age 14+**



Cheshire Rural Touring Arts, Funnelwick Limb and Wild Rumpus present

Atom and Luna's Activity Day



Join poet and writer Murray Lachlan Young for a trip to the wonderful whirligig woods to explore the world of adventurous siblings Atom and Luna.

A day of storytelling and foraging walks.

Families can choose their own activity journey, from finding out how to make Atom and Luna's Bird Feeder or a cosy Hedgehog Nest to sending a story to a loved one or donating ingredients into Old Mother Redbeard's cauldron!

Each activity session ends with a special performance by Murray Lachlan Young.

As part of the activity day you'll be able to find out a little bit more about our new stories from The Chronicles of Atom and Luna - and we'd love to hear your ideas and to help us develop the story ahead of our brand new play!

Saturday 16th July - Sessions begin at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm and last 2 hours - The Woods, Lunts Moss, Scholar Green, ST7 3QJ

Book online at cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk



Suitable for 7+ and adventurous family of all ages.

Please wear outdoor clothing, shoes suitable for woodland terrain and bring waterproofs

Access the first Chronicle of Atom and Luna, 6 beautiful audio tales with video and Chronicle two: QUEST FOR OLD MOTHER REDBEARD - An interactive fairy tale with a playable AR (Augmented Reality) storybook experience at funnelwicklimb.com

To Book

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Ticket prices range from £8 – £13
(lower prices for Children's shows)

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