

FESTIVAL WARM-UP



Serenades on Sundays present
The Bach Double Concerto
Sunday 23 September 3pm
Heswall URC £6
Tea, cake and some Bach. What a great way to warm up before our Festival and open the Serenades season.



Orchestra dell'Arte present
Tchaikovsky No. 1
Wednesday 26 Sept. 7.30pm
St George's Hall, Liverpool £12.50
Tchaikovsky's best-known piano concerto, Dvorak's earthy Symphony No 8 and Vaughan Williams Overture to The Wasps: a concert not to be missed.



Brain testing
Quiz Night
Friday 28 September 7.30pm
Heswall Hall £15 table of 6
A limited number of tables for you to test your knowledge. Cheese and bread platters available £15 per table.

OPENING DAY



Our Opening Concert
Merseysippi Jazz Band
Saturday 29 September 8pm
Heswall Hall £10
New Orleans, San Francisco or UK: fabulous entertainment by the oldest Jazz Band in the UK. An evening of foot-tapping jazz gets Fest 2018 off to a great start.



A workshop afternoon
Mindful Writing
Saturday 29 Sept. 1-4pm
Melrose Hall Hoylake
£15 (£10 concession)
Free your inner voice and create without self-judgement. Guided meditation, creative writing, connecting with your senses and interacting with natural objects. Led by Tom George.



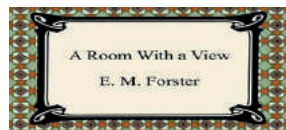
Your original craft creations
Show, Tell ... and Sell
Saturday 29 Sept. 10am-4pm
Good Shepherd, Heswall
£10 exhibitor. Free to view
Arts & Crafts pitches available for you to exhibit your work. Then tell your audience your story and sell your wares.



The return of
Henry Priestman
Saturday 29 Sept. 7-10pm
West Kirby Arts Centre £12
Henry returns with Les Glover and will feature songs from their latest album plus some oldies. Keep your eyes open for other Special Guests on the night.



The Johnny Pye Pub hosts
SWING ERA
Sunday 30 September 3-5pm
Johnny Pye Heswall Free
Back by popular demand, come and listen or dance to our great local Kings of Swing.



Cream Tea
Afternoon Cinema
Sunday 30 September 2pm
Heswall Hall £7
Take a leisurely Sunday afternoon drift into Edwardian England with Merchant Ivory's film A Room With a View followed by a cream tea.



More Pye Pub hosting
Brian Murphy
Sunday 30 September 6-8pm
Johnny Pye Heswall Free
Brian brings his friends back to Heswall for a few good music sets. Get the beers ready.



Wirral's Nordic Roots
Brunanburgh & Back
1-6 October 11-4pm
Bridge Cottage, Port Sunlight Free
A feast of art in every room of Lord Leverhulme's first home. Take a tour with Sylvia and Mette, then hear their music or try some homemade cake.



Linghams Bookshop present
Gary Barlow
Tuesday 2 October 7pm
Thornton Manor £25 SOLD OUT
Gary Barlow in person talking about his new memoir 'A Better Me'.



Foot-tapping music
Peninsula Jazzmen
Tuesday 2 October 8.30pm
Royal British Legion Heswall
Donations please
Wirral's own Jazzmen famous for playing with Acker Bilk, the Black Eagles and at the International Garden Festival.



The Singing Café
Bring Me Sunshine
Wednesday 3 October 2pm
Good Shepherd, Heswall
£6 all day ticket
Sing your hearts out from 10.30am before a light lunch at 12.30. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the concert Bringing the Sunshine to You. What great value! £6 includes lunch.



Premiere Production
Captain Duncan's Diaries
The Wirral Tour: all at 7.30pm
3 Oct Good Shepherd, Heswall
5 Oct West Kirby Arts Centre
10 Oct Birkenhead Town Hall
12 Oct St Mary's Upton
Tickets £5
Exploits and adventures in captivity in SE Asia in WWII. True life stories of Wirral GP Atholl Duncan written by Meg Parkes and dramatized for the stage by Ann Warr.

Free to enter competition
What's Not Right?!
Everyday during the Festival in Heswall shops & businesses



Have a walk around Heswall. Can you spot something wrong?



Linghams Bookshop present
Michael Palin
Thursday 4 October 1-2pm
Linghams Heswall £20
'EREBUS' book signing only.
Michael Palin brings HMS Erebus back to life writing of its epic voyages and the careers of those who shared the journeys.



Your turn in the spotlight
Open Mic Nights
Thursday 4 October
Johnny Pye, Heswall and the Soul Café, Wallasey Village Free
Sing and play your hearts out, this is your moment to star.



Heswall U3A & Rotary present
Science Day
Thursday 4 October 9.30am
Heswall Hall £1 per talk
Our famous information packed day includes talks about Drones for conservation, Sundials, Sleep and Society and The Anatomy of Friendship.



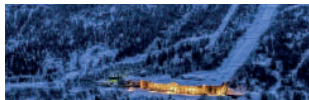
Mid-Wirral Rotary Club
Three Choirs-Encore
Friday 5 October 7.30pm
Heswall Hall £10
Back by popular demand The Bunker Boys and The Off-Pitch Choir, joined now by The Wallasey Choir, will sing and encourage some participation. Raising money for local charities, alone but yet together.



Neston Cricket Club present
Annie Long's "All That Jazz"
Friday 5 October 8pm
The Café Bar at Parkgate Clubhouse £5
Annie and her super 5-piece band, the splendid views from the Clubhouse plus a well-stocked Bar. What's not to like?



Hankies, Bells and Sticks
Mockbeggar Morris
Saturday 6 October daytime
Heswall Free
Always loved by all ages. Our English heritage and traditions are the envy of the World.



Heroes of Telemark
Nordic Scouse
Saturday 6 October 2pm
Bridge Cottage, Port Sunlight Entrance Free
To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the heroes of Telemark watch a short DVD made in Rjukan, Norway. Live music of guitar and violin plus a display of Nordic knitted accessories.



Learn Papercutting
Saturday 6 October 2-4pm
Williamson Art Gallery
Booking essential 07511 303567
Re-discover this ancient art form. Emma will help you create your own unique artwork.



Making their Premiere
An Evening of Choirs
Saturday 6 October 7.30pm
St James' New Brighton £7.50
Cantemus at Calday, the WMC Chorale and St James' Choir join together for a unique evening of Three Choirs in the glorious setting of St James' Church.



Heswall Community Trust
Entertaining Miss Austen
Saturday 6 October 2pm
Heswall Hall
£8 including a cream tea
Hear words by the costumed actors from the Woolgatherers. Watch dances accompanied by the Pemberley Players. See the houses that inspired the stories.



Flat Pack Music present
La Bohème
Saturday 6 October 7.30pm
Hope Church, Hoylake
£10 (£8 concession)
Puccini's romantic, tragic and unforgettable opera, sung in English by a cast of young professional singers. Full of comedy, friendship and love expressed in music and words.



Keith James presents
Songs of Nick Drake
Saturday 6 October 7 for 7.45pm
West Kirby Arts Centre £12
1,500 international concerts from Spain to Glastonbury and Keith is here with timeless songs. Hear the poems of William Blake set for guitar in Nick's own style.



Heswall Community Trust
Jane Austen Regency Ball
Saturday 6 October 7.30pm
Heswall Hall
£20 including a light buffet
Dance to the music of the renowned Pemberley Players with their dancing master Mr R. Battle. Period costume optional.



Late evening sounds
Amy Carr sings
Saturday 6 October 9pm
Johnny Pye, Heswall Free
Relax and enjoy the lovely vocals of Amy.



Eyes and ears
Annie Long's Jazz Trio
Sunday 7 October 2pm
Williamson Art Gallery
Donations please
Surrounded by works of art in the superb Gallery setting Annie and her Trio will help you unwind and relax to her jazz, blues and latin styles.



Oliver to One Day More!
The Magic of Musicals
Sunday 7 October 7.30pm
Birkenhead Town Hall £10
All our local theatre groups join with professional soloists to perform some of the best songs written for this stage.



Lunchtime Concert
Julian Boyce
Monday 8 October 12.30pm
Atkinson Centre Southport
£12 including coffee & cake
The lovely baritone voice of Julian will be heard in Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel. And maybe a little something else too!



From Welsh National Opera
Music at the Manor
Monday 8 October from 6.45
Thornton Manor £29.50
Lord Leverhulme's historic Music Room in Thornton Manor will be brought back to life by our 3 singers and pianist John Gough. Arrival and reception is from 6.45pm for a welcome drink, canapes and time to stroll around the grounds or house. Formal concert begins at 7.45pm.



The Jug and Bottle
Philosophy in Pubs
Tuesday 9 October 7pm
Jug & Bottle, Heswall FREE
Enjoy another session of lively debate over a glass or two of your favourite tittle. Everyone welcome.



Library Theatre Touring Co.
Two Talking Heads
Wednesday 10 October 7.30pm
West Kirby Arts Centre £10
From Alan Bennett's monologues we bring you "Bed Among the Lentils" AND "A Lady of Letters."
Two for the price of One!



Linghams Bookshop present
Rosemary Schrage
Thursday 11 October 7 for 7.30
Neston Cricket Club £20 or £10
Bubbling with laughter and originality, a character larger than life, a TV personality and a good cook as well. You want more!?



I.Mech.E presents
Engineering Day Space: our Challenges
Thursday 11 October 2-7.30pm
Wirral Boys Grammar School FREE
Will she be "The first scouser in space?" Dr Jaclyn Bell from BBC2 Astronaut series, plus talks about elements, binoculars and stars.

Cash in Your Attic?
Pre-Auction Valuations
Everyday during the Festival
Strictly by prior appointment.
48 The Mount, Heswall
CH60 4RD Tel 0151 342 2321
Visit the Cato Crane Pre-Auction Valuation Office. Pictures, silver, jewellery, clocks & watches, ceramics and more.



Pros and Coms
Pour me another round
Friday 12 October 7pm
West Kirby Arts Centre £6
Great value from 3 comedians, Jack Shanik, Daniel Triscott and Carl Pol, plus the Rat Kings and singer Reid Atkinson.



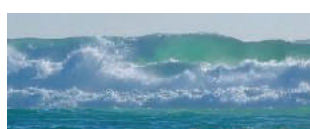
Traditional Cinema
Film Nostalgia - 1933
Friday 12 October 7.30pm
Birkenhead Town Hall £7.50
The roar of King Kong shown on our traditional 35mm projection system together with vintage news reels and historic short films will take you back to an earlier age of cinema.



For One Night Only
BeSPOKE
Friday 12 October 7 for 8pm
Heswall Coffee Shop £10
Performance Poetry & Blooming Verbiage from Keith Wilson & John Gorman plus special guests in an intimate environment: close up and personal! You have been warned!



Art Rock
Evolvr in Concert
Friday 12 October 8pm
Heswall Hall £7.50
Bond suave, Hollywood strings, baritone spaghetti western guitars. A cinematically driven live band of epic proportions.



In aid of the RNLI
Ocean Waves
Saturday 13 October 7pm
West Kirby Arts Centre £8
Songs of the sea by the Celebrated West Kirby Arts Club Band. Sing along and raise much needed money for the RNLI.



Gala concert
From Russia with Love
Saturday 13 October 7.30pm
Heswall Hall £15
The fabulous Orchestra dell'Arte with conductor Edward Peak will guarantee a great close to Festival 2018. Wonderful music from Tchaikovsky, Glazunov, Kachaturian and Glinka includes Swan Lake, Ruslan & Ludmilla, Masquerade and the Classic FM favourite, the 1812 Overture. Early booking advised.

POST FESTIVAL EVENTS
1914-1918 Music, Words & Art
Sunday 14 October 2pm
Trinity with Palm Grove Oxtan £10
An afternoon in aid of the church roof fund but remembering WWI and the people in a programme of words, music and art.

Linghams Bookshop present
Liane Moriarty
Monday 15 October 7pm
Neston Cricket Club £18.99 or £10
Liane, author of Big Little Lies, in person talking about her new book 'Nine Perfect Strangers'. Liane has sold over 10m books!

Serenades on Sundays present
Mozart & Seiber
Sunday 28 October 3pm
Heswall URC £6
Familiar or not? Dell'arte's wind soloists know you love a Mozart Octet but how about the folk tune styles of Hungarian composer Mátyás Seiber? Tea and cake of course.