

Outstanding Summer Exhibition!



The 21st Guildford Arts Summer Exhibition at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre had more than 2,000 visitors, including so many children that the quiz had to be reprinted as it was so popular. By the end of the exhibition 48 works of art had been sold.

This popular annual event was attended by a number of local dignitaries including the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford, and opened by celebrity Bamber Gascoigne, who gave a witty speech with his usual attention to detail and interest in the arts.

The exhibition aimed to produce a varied and well balanced selection for the people of Guildford and its visitors to enjoy. The end result was a delightful mix of many different styles and subject matter, from monochrome prints through to extravagant riots of colour.

Artists were drawn from both local and national areas and happily participated in the very popular "Meet the Artists" events during the exhibition.

Guildford Arts is extremely grateful to the sponsors of the exhibition: **Prospect Insurance Brokers Limited, Guildford Financial**, patron **George Weil**, and to **Matrix Moving Group** for storing the exhibition equipment.

All-in-all a successful and interesting event.

Jan Wilkinson, Guildford Arts Y.A. Curator

AGM and Chairman's Report



The recent Annual General Meeting of Guildford Arts was held in the Vanbrugh Room at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.

Reference was made to the various ways in which Guildford Arts supports the arts locally, whether that was by mounting its own visual arts exhibitions or through grants to organisations such as the *Book Festival*, and the *International Music Festival*, as well as by more modest grants to groups trying to get a new idea off the ground.

All the work by Guildford Arts depends on the support of its members and, following many requests, at the AGM it was agreed that a new *Life Membership* category of membership would be introduced on the basis of a ten year subscription, meaning that single *Life Membership* will cost £100 and a *Joint Life Membership* for a couple will be £150. It is hoped that for some people this will provide a new opportunity to underline their support for all the work Guildford Arts does in supporting and developing our rich arts environment.

Two key services which are complementary in supporting the local arts scene are this magazine 'News and Views' and the 'artsEGG' website. The artsEGG gateway web site will be formally launched and promoted in the autumn. This will provide an easy access website which all arts organisations can use to promote their activities and which can be used by everyone to see the huge, rich and varied opportunities there are locally for people to spend time getting out more and rejoicing in what is available.

Guildford Arts is fortunate to have a dedicated team of committee members which is able to rejoice in the patronage of **Clyde & Co, RSM** (formally Baker Tilly) and, of course the **Yvonne Arnaud Theatre**. This enables Guildford Arts' bedrock activity of displaying good art to flourish. Without the support of these organisations and their hospitality during the year, invited artists would not be able to display their work and anyone interested in the arts would not be able to enjoy the fruits of their labours.

During this last year Guildford Arts has held two arts affiliated workshops, which have involved a good number of different groups and associations, to debate common areas of publicity and marketing. Discussions were held on how best to use each other's expertise to develop and promote each other, and it is hoped these workshops will become a regular feature.

Bill Ward, Chairman Guildford Arts

Don Quixote - Sold!



Gilbert Whyman's welded steel sculpture of *Don Quixote* that was purchased by Bamber Gascoigne, leaves G.A.'s Summer Exhibition, on its way to Bamber's orchard at West Horsley, in readiness for delighting the opera goers next summer.

The Old & The New Websites Update

A number of you may well have noticed that our long established website www.guildfordarts.com was recently 'infected'. Person or persons unknown managed to 'hack' into it and insert some malicious code. The owners of the major 'browsers' continuously check all web sites looking for suspicious content and, when they find it, 'black list' the site.

This happened to us! Using Google Chrome, in particular, visiting www.guildfordarts.com would have resulted in the dreaded red screen.

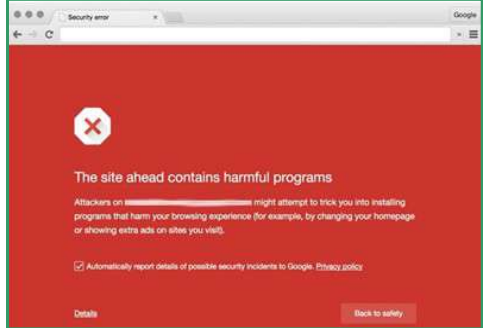
Guildford Arts has resolved the problem by paying for a specialist service to protect the site. However, the problem is due to the site being based on what is now old and out-dated software that is vulnerable to attack.

Having developed the new site ArtsEGG.uk to provide a collaborative focus on the promotion of arts activity for any and all arts providers in the Guildford Area, attention has now turned to building a replacement site for www.guildfordarts.com. The site will have a reduced content - as ArtsEGG will take care of some major elements - but will replicate, in a new form, much that is familiar together with some new capabilities.

The existing site contains an enormous amount of historical information relating, in particular, to our programme of art exhibitions. It is planned to retain this data as an archive accessible from the new site. More problematic is the information posted by our Organisation and Practitioner members. Retaining the current data - much of which is out of date - will not be possible. We will be contacting the affected members at the appropriate time to offer advice and support to ensure a smooth transition.

Timescales? ArtsEGG.uk is to be publicly launched in the very near future. It is planned that the new Guildford Arts web site should follow soon afterwards.

More information will be provided via our regular mailings.



Private Views?

When was the last time you went to a Private View?

Guildford Arts is a well-supported organisation that energetically pursues its objective - the promotion of **all of the arts** in the Guildford area - but offers relatively few occasions for its members to meet and share that enthusiasm.

Each Private View in our 'Art@Work' Programme is the best opportunity for our members to get together in a more social atmosphere.

Our next exhibition on Thursday, 8th September will be at **Clyde and Co.**, which has been successfully running for more than 15 years, with a high level of commitment shown by our hosts and our participating artists. It is as much of a social occasion as the opportunity to view and acquire stimulating works of art. The high quality and generosity of the refreshments provided by Clyde & Co. are well known. Perhaps less well understood is the conviviality of these events and the interest generated by the illustrated short talks given by one of the exhibitors, and, for an increasing number, an overture to further socialising in one of Guildford's eating spots!

Not been to one for a while? The next one is happening on the 8th September. Come along at 6.00 pm. and enjoy!



A Plate of Trees by Rita Barrett



Coffee Pot Sparrow by Stacey Allan

Come along and bring a friend!

2006 - 2016, Ten Years of Excellence!

The Guildford Shakespeare Company is celebrating ten years of professional theatre - making!

Art, in all its forms, contains the unparalleled ability to transform lives. Whether it is a watercolour being looked at, a book being read aloud, a dance at a wedding or a piece of live theatre, art has the power to take us to places we have never been, feel emotions we've never felt, inspiring us to new ideas and ways of looking at our world and how we live in it.

Although easily accessible to everyone, art still carries certain misconceptions that it is an expensive hobby, for an educated elite, or a 'daunting occasion that's not for me'. At GSC, part of its mandate is to challenge those perceptions and encourage a new way to experience theatre-going and arts engagement.

In 2006 co-founders Sarah Gobran and Matt Pinches had an idea:

"To create a company that, in a time when we seem to be dumbing down art and promoting celebrity culture, will produce Shakespeare that is exciting, engaging and accessible, whilst remaining faithful to the original works. Shakespeare is not exclusive or old-fashioned, and we have made it Guildford Shakespeare Company's passion to prove it!"



Ten years, 27 shows and 62,000 audience members, the company's energy and commitment have never been greater. Coinciding with Shakespeare's 400th anniversary, this year has certainly been momentous, with Brian Blessed becoming their Honorary Patron.



The New Beginnings Campaign:

A fund-raising campaign has been set up to raise money for the company to fund their own premises. The 'New Beginnings' campaign is about finding a permanent home to provide private rehearsal, storage, workshop and education spaces, along with larger administration offices. This in turn will give GSC a more holistic approach to the work that they create, continuing the mission to make theatre, and Shakespeare, accessible, affordable and inclusive for everyone.

You can pledge your support at:

www.everyclick.co.uk/gsnewbeginnings

Latest news on the moos...



CowParade, the world's largest public art event, has arrived in Surrey! This exciting initiative organised by *Surrey Hills Enterprises* has seen over 60 full-size, fibreglass cows uniquely decorated by artists and placed around Surrey for all to discover! The idea behind **CowParade** is that cows are sponsored by businesses, decorated by artists and eventually auctioned off during October to raise lots of 'moolaa' for the *Surrey Hills Trust Fund* and other charities!!

These beautifully painted cows are appearing in Surrey's towns, villages and countryside until the end of August. 'Cow Spotters' can make use of a specially designed app which is free to download and shows where each cow is located as well as allowing virtual collection of each cow. Discover lots about each cow, win rosettes, take part in quizzes and more. Those who find all the cows will be entered into a prize draw to win a luxury Kuoni holiday for two to Mauritius!

Visit: www.cowparadesurreyhills.com if you want to bid for a cow, find out more or just download the app.

Surrey Hills
Festival of Food & Drink
www.surreyhillsfest.co.uk

Coverwood Farm, Ewhurst, Surrey

3 September 2016
10am - 5pm

Children under 12 are free!

See all the cows in CowParade Surrey!



ADULT DAY £20*
CHILD DAY £10
UNDER 11s FREE

Always
THE SUN
♦ MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL ♦

ADULT WEEKEND £40*
CHILD WEEKEND £20
UNDER 11s FREE

* GATE PRICE TBC

STOKE PARK GUILDFORD

To celebrate its 10th Anniversary, **The Boileroom** is organizing '**Always The Sun Festival**' in Guildford's Stoke Park on 10th and 11th September - collaborating with local promoters, arts, theatre and wellness practitioners, and community groups that they have worked with over the years, into one big celebration!

The Boileroom has a national presence as a destination venue, and to date has played host to no less than 10 Mercury Music nominated artists, BBC 2 Folk Award Winners, MOBO Award Winners, Ivor Novello Award Winners and BBC Sound Of Artists.

More Information: www.alwaysthesunfestival.co.uk or www.boileroom.net



www.guildfordarts.com

ArtsEGG.uk





Surrey University

Something wonderful has happened.

Would you like to know more about the University on your doorstep?

Named the *'University of the Year'* by the Times and Sunday Times, 2016 is an exciting time to pay a visit. From state-of-the-art community facilities at the *Ivy Arts Centre* and *Surrey Sports Park* to inspired architecture at the *5G Innovation Centre*...there is much to see on the Stag Hill and Manor Park Campuses.

There is a **free** 90 minute tour taking place on **Saturday, 10 September**. To book your place visit:

www.surrey.ac.uk/public tours



'De/Liberate Gestures' is a one-day event of interdisciplinary talks, performances and practical workshops to celebrate the launch of the **Centre for Performance Philosophy**, - a new research centre at the University of Surrey, on Friday, 16th September, 9.00am - 10pm.

ALL WELCOME. For further information visit: www.surrey.ac.uk/arts/dance/deliberate-gestures

18th Annual Sculpture Trail



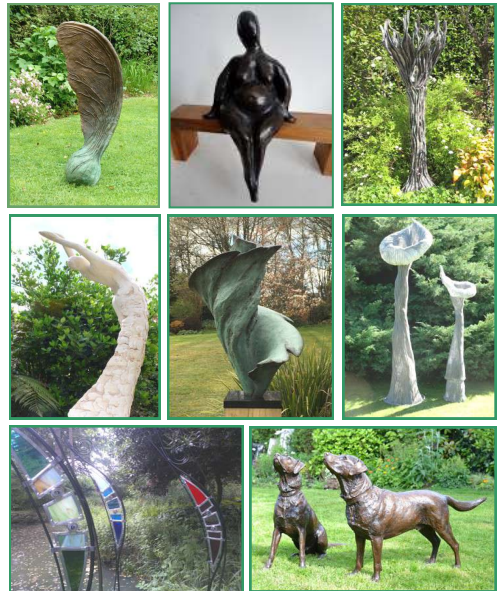
Surrey Sculpture Society

at the RHS Garden Wisley

20 August - 25 September

The stage is set for the Surrey Sculpture Society to show off more than 60 of its members' sculptures displayed along the ever popular trail through the garden. There will be great variety so you will be sure to find something to admire.

All works are for sale with prices to suit different budgets.



A sample taster of some of the sculptures that will be on display. For further information visit:

www.surreysculpture.org.uk or www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley



www.guildfordarts.com

ArtsEGG.uk



The Big Draw

Draw, doodle, sketch, paint or just make marks with meaning, *The Big Draw* celebrates the importance of drawing. Ages and abilities don't matter as long as you enjoy yourself!

For the month of October, *Guildford Borough Council* has organised more than ten drop-in events in and around the town. They give everyone the chance to have fun at free workshops led by local artists, designers and illustrators.

These events are for those who love to draw, as well as those who think they can't!

Guildford Borough Council has been successfully co-ordinating the local programme since 2013. The event has grown each year, and this year will see the chance for more people than ever to take part.

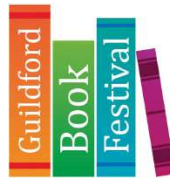
For arts students/graduates and artists at the start of their career, there are three mentoring opportunities that Guildford Arts are funding.

For further information take a look at some inspiring videos on [The Big Draw website](#) and, for a complete event and venues programme go to:

www.guildford.gov.uk/thebigdraw



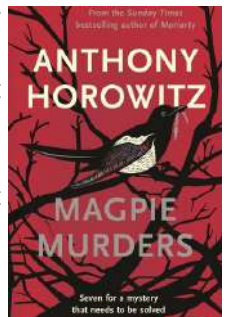
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Guildford Arts Sponsors Anthony Horowitz

On Monday, 10 October at the Electric Theatre Anthony Horowitz, best-selling novelist and creator of *Foyle's War* and *Midsommer Murders*, will be talking about his new novel ***Magpie Murders*** to be published in October. It is a fiendishly clever whodunit inspired by Agatha Christie and the Golden Age of crime fiction and a deliciously dark take on the typical crime novel theme, brought bang up-to-date with a wicked modern twist.

Apart from his new novel, Anthony will be talking about writing crime stories in general, as well as his other adult writing including his James Bond novel 'Trigger Mortis' and his award-winning TV scriptwriting.



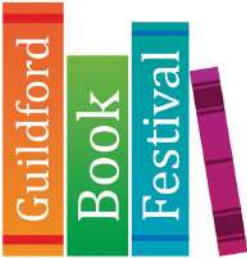
Booking for this special event that is sponsored by Guildford Arts is through www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk

Twitter: @gfordbookfest

Facebook: facebook.com/guildfordbookfestival

ArtsEGG.uk





Host to the Nation's Storytellers

Once again Guildford is proud to host the nation's storytellers, journalists and opinion leaders at the week-long Festival from 9-16 October being held at various locations throughout the town. In this, the 27th year, there is an exciting and eclectic mix of more than 50 writers providing an outstandingly rich and varied programme.

The full programme of events and ticket information can be found on: www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk from late August

The Remarkable Fringe!

Once again *Guildford Fringe*, under the enthusiastic direction of *Nick Wyschna* and *Charlotte Bateup*, has surpassed all expectations. This year's *Fringe Festival* was a delight of fun and entertainment.....sometimes quite quirky but at all times totally professional.



There was an increase in audience participation and the quality of the overall event was more diverse, exciting and funny!

With so many different facets to their programme of forthcoming events the future is looking very positive and bright for their continued success.



For some *Fringe* Benefits, become a Friend!
Contact Nick at : nick@GuildfordFringe.com



East Horsley's Hidden Gem



In 1957 the Nomads moved into its first permanent home, an old builder's store in East Horsley. In 1994 with the aid of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund the present theatre was built with specialist input from the Arts Council of England.

The result is a little gem of a small country theatre with a dedicated team of enthusiasts that continue to put on a wide range of professional productions.

For further information: info@nomadtheatre.com

Twelfth Night

27 September - 1 October

Haunted!

19 October

Blue Remembered Hills

25 - 29 October

*The Lion,
The Witch
& The Wardrobe*

13 - 17 December





Diary Events for your delectation!

September

- **1 - 25 SEPTEMBER:**
Surrey Sculpture Society, 18th Annual Sculpture Trail, RHS Garden Wisley.
www.surreysculpture.org.uk
- **Saturday 3 SEPTEMBER :**
Surrey Hills Festival - Coverwood Farm Ewhurst. www.surreyhillsfest.co.uk
- **10/11 Heritage Week-End:**
Always THE SUN Festival, Stoke Park .
www.boilerroom.net
- **'The Tillingbourne, from Source to Confluence'** Photographic Exhibition by Mike Hutchinson, Albury Old Saxon Church.
- **Thursday 8 SEPTEMBER:**
Guildford Arts PV@ Clyde & Co.
www.guildfordarts.com
- **Saturday 10 SEPTEMBER:**
Surrey University, Public Campus Tour
www.surrey.ac.uk/publictours
- **Saturday 24 SEPTEMBER:**
Surrey Mozart Players, Autumn Concert - Symphonic gems at the Electric Theatre.
www.surreymozartplayers.com
- **Tue. 27 - Fri. 30 SEPTEMBER:**
Twelfth Night is one of *Shakespeare's* great comedy plays - Performed by the **Nomad Theatre Company**, East Horsley.
www.nomadtheatre.com



October

- **Saturday 1 OCTOBER:**
 *Soirées at Breinton*, Noriko Ogawa piano recital.
www.breinton.com
- **1 - 31 OCTOBER:**
The Big Draw, Guildford Borough Council, various locations.
www.guildford.gov.uk/thebigdraw
- **9 - 16 OCTOBER:**
Guildford Book Festival - Various locations in and around Guildford.
www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk
- **Monday 10 OCTOBER:**
Anthony Horowitz - *Maggie Murders*
Electric Theatre.
(Sponsored by Guildford Arts)
www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk
- **Friday 14 OCTOBER:**
 *'Impressionist London' and 'Paris, Art & Culture 1850-1940'* an evening at the Guildhall,
Hosted by GEDFAS.
www.nadfasguildford.org.uk
- **Tuesday 25 October:**
JAZZ CAFÉ- Sarah Moule sings earthy blues and sensual re-workings of classic songs.
www.electrictheatre.co.uk
- **Friday 7/14/21/28 OCTOBER:**
Ghost Walks in Guildford, Every Friday evening 8.00. Meet at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford High St.



November

• **Saturday 5 NOVEMBER:**

‘Lest we forget’
 Guildford Choral Society
 and the *London Mozart*
Players perform Mozart’s
 Requiem Mass at G Live.
www.guildfordchoral.org



• **Wednesday 9 NOVEMBER:**

Annual Architecture Lecture 2016
TOMORROW’S HOMES by Professor
 Robert Adam, sponsored by The
 Guildford Society and University of
 Surrey. Free admission to lecture.
www.guildfordsociety.org

• **Saturday 12 November -**
3 December

 **Guildford Art Society**
Autumn Exhibition at
 the Guildford House
 Gallery, High Street is
 just in time for your
 Christmas shopping!

www.guildfordartsociety.co.uk

• **Wed. 23 - Sat. 26 November:**

 proudly presents **“The**
Bartered
Bride”. This is
 a wonderfully
 uplifting show, with singing
 and dialogue in English....with
 a distinctive Czech flavour!
 Fully staged with orchestra, chorus and a
 fine cast of soloists. Electric Theatre.
www.electrictheatre.co.uk



December

• **Sunday 11 DECEMBER:**

Guildford Choral Society
 Presents

Festive Favourites

Popular family Christmas
 Concert, G Live at 3pm.



www.guildfordchoral.org

• **Tue. 13 - Sat. 17 DECEMBER:**

The Nomad Theatre
Players... present -
‘Some journeys take us
far from home. Some
adventures lead us to our destiny’
 Nomad Theatre, East Horsley
www.nomadtheatre.com



• **Thur. 1 - Sat. 31 DECEMBER:**

“And now for something completely
different”.....performed in the Back
Room, Star Inn, Quarry Street.

THE ADULT PANTO!!

www.guildfordfringe.com

For more detailed **DIARY** of **EVENTS**
 please refer to each of the main
 venues.



News and Views Next Edition January 2017

Members and other arts organisations may send events and articles at any time before **20 November** for publication on or about **15 December 2016**. Please send your contributions to the editor by e-mail.
gaeditor@guildfordarts.com

Members' Flyers in our Mailbag

MEMBERS: advertise your arts event in our mailing.

E-mail below for the mailing schedule and confirmation of available space. Flyers should be A5 size. We send out 550 copies and are able to include flyers from other groups, dependent on weight at a nominal cost of £45

gaflyers@guildfordarts.com

Become a Member

- Are you interested in or involved in the literary, visual or performing arts?
- Would you like to know more about what arts events and activities are available?
- Perhaps you would like to promote your own artistic activities to a wide Guildford based audience?

If your answer to any of the above is 'yes' then **Guildford Arts** should be of interest..

- We are an organisation dedicated to the nurture and promotion of the arts in the Guildford area.
- We are a registered charity that draws its membership from both the providers of artistic experiences and those who delight in and support those offerings.
- We run exhibitions, talks and events organised by ourselves, or in association with others.
- We provide financial support for arts initiatives of all kinds.
- We provide promotion of arts endeavours through our regular **News & Views** and our **two web sites**.

Contact the Membership Secretary below.

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