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Stafford Music
Festival 2018

4 - 20 MAY 2018



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*Children must be accompanied. ** Concessions available. Information correct at time of going to print. We reserve the right to alter any aspects of the concerts and events.

KEEPING MUSIC LIVE

The 17th Stafford Music Festival will take place from 4th to 19th May when we will continue to bring live music of all musical styles, traditions and cultures to Stafford. We shall continue to bring a variety of music to suit all tastes from classical to popular music, jazz, folk and blues, choral and big bands.

The festival is organised by volunteers who bring many hours of their time to ensure that musical talent will flourish and Stafford will continue to hear live music.

We continue to be most grateful to our sponsors.

Maureen Compton,
Chair, Stafford Music Festival Society
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Tickets for all concerts can be bought on the door, prices vary and are listed in this brochure. Concessionary prices are available at a number of venues for students (children and young people in full time education) see individual concert details. At Stafford Gatehouse concessions apply to children under 16, full time students, the over 60's and people claiming unemployment benefit.



A PEACE OF FISH WITH FISH FROM OBLIVION

Friday 4 May, 7.30pm

St Peter's Church, Norbury

£8 including wine and nibbles

Proceeds to Norbury Church

A concert of songs about peace, justice and the natural world in memory of Pam and John Collard.



COFFEE CONCERT

Ruta Labutyte › violin
Guy Murgatroyd › piano

Saturday 5 May, 11.00am

St Mary's Church, Stafford

FREE. Coffee available from 10.30am

We are very pleased to welcome Ruta and Guy back to St. Mary's. Their programme features music by two English masters as well as a sparkling showpiece by Korngold. Elgar - Violin Sonata for violin and piano; Walton - two pieces for violin and piano. Korngold - Caprice Fantastique for violin and piano.



DUO SALTARELLO

Saturday 5 May, 12.30pm

St Chad's Church, Stafford

FREE

It's May! The flowers are out, the birds are singing... and "*in spring a young man's fancy turneth oft to thoughts of love*". Come and join local musicians Alyson Lewin and Sue Brereton-Banks as they celebrate the season with a selection of music for recorders, voice and piano.



STAFFORD FLUTE AND CLARINET FESTIVAL 2018

Saturday 5 May, 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, Stafford

FREE. Collection in aid of church charities

Stafford Flute and Clarinet Festival is a concert showcasing some of the talented young musicians from Staffordshire. The programme will feature groups and soloists from beginners to advanced levels playing music from Hollywood to the West End. This will be the fourth time we have hosted this superb concert featuring these versatile instruments.





STAFFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday 5 May, 7.30pm
Rising Brook Baptist Church, Stafford
£12.50 (£8 students)

Mozart's Mass in C minor, written around 1783 occupies a commanding position in Mozart's church music. His wife, Constanza, sang the "Et incarnates est" at its premier in Salzburg. In 2015 Pope Francis said of this movement: "It is matchless; it lifts you to God!" The Mass, with double choir, large orchestra, organ and two soprano soloists embodies pomp and solemnity with strong spiritual feelings - remarkable for a composer just twenty-two years old. The concert programme also includes pieces by Brahms and Mendelssohn. Visit www.stafford-choral.org.uk



KATE RUSBY

Saturday 5 May, 7.30pm
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
£25.50 (under 16 years £18.50)
Price includes a booking fee

Of all the stars in Folk Music's wondrous firmament few shine as brightly as Yorkshire's Kate Rusby. A career which spans over 25 years in music showcases her as one of the finest interpreters of traditional folk songs and one of our most emotive original songwriters. You'll be thoroughly entertained by Kate's choice of much-loved classics from her back catalogue together with a selection of songs from her latest studio album *Life in a Paper Boat*.



SALUTE TO TRAD JAZZ

Chris Walker and the Pedigree Jazz Band

Sunday 6 May, 12.30pm - 3.00pm

White Eagle Club, Riverway, Stafford

£6 (£5 SJS members)

Stafford Jazz Society's annual tribute to that iconic style of jazz popularised in the late '50s, early '60s by such memorable band leaders as Acker Bilk, Kenny Ball and Chris Barber. Foot-tapping "Trad Jazz" then regularly topped the charts and this concert brings back happy memories of that halcyon period of popular music. Chris Walker leads the band on reeds and presents interesting and informative narration.



MANCHESTER CAMERATA ENSEMBLE

with Mark Viner > piano

Sunday 6 May, 5.30pm

Adbaston Church, ST20 0QE

£12

Virtuoso British pianist Mark Viner joins principals from our leading regional chamber orchestra to offer an exhilarating programme of works by Schubert and Alkan, including Schubert's monumental 'Trout' piano quintet. The ensemble players include Manchester Camerata's Co-leader, Caroline Pether (violin) and Principal cellist, Hannah Roberts (who did a wonderful Elgar cello concerto rendition at the Gatehouse a few seasons ago).



TIME TRAVEL THROUGH BRASS

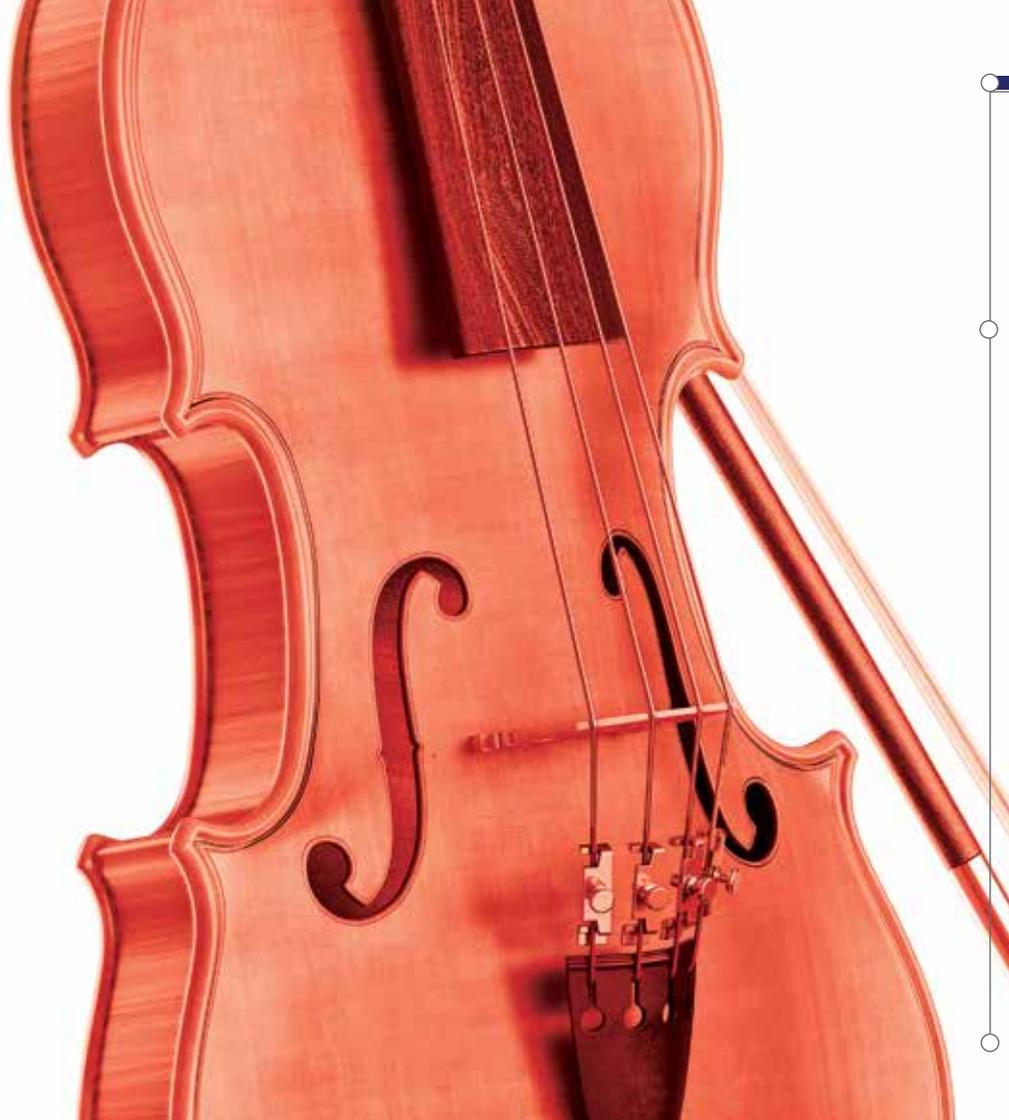
Tuesday 8 May, 7.30pm

St Chad's Church, Stafford

£5

Paul Nevins and Peter Lacey are delighted to present this journey in sound. The historic brass instruments used by Peter will include: an ophicleide, a nineteenth-century trombone made for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, the sackbutt, a helicon, a nineteenth-century euphonium, a G trombone and a valve trombone made in 1905. Paul will perform on: a number of cornets made over 100 years ago, a comopean, the slide trumpet, a cornetto, the natural trumpet, the F trumpet, a bugle and a coach horn. We will meet the personalities involved including the two Thomas Harpers, father and son, and visiting artists such as Arthur Prior.





DAN WALSH TRIO
with support from Kyshona

Tuesday 8 May, 8.00pm

The MET, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
£13.50 (unwaged £10.50)

This exciting new trio sees 'Dan the Banjo Man' team up with award winning fiddler Ciaran Algar and long time collaborator Nic Zuppari on mandolin. At the heart of the trio's sound is British, Irish and American folk music delivered with a healthy dose of funky grooves. Add to all that poignant songs, astonishing musical departures and lively humour and the result is a truly memorable live show. Kyshona has been resident in Nashville since 2014. Her songwriting skills and powerful, emotional voice are demonstrated on her latest two albums 'Go' and 'The Ride'.



JASON DONOVAN & HIS AMAZING MIDLIFE CRISIS

Wednesday 9 May, 7.30pm

Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

£25.50

Jason is hitting the road once again, but this time, it's a tour with a twist! This intimate gig is a unique opportunity to see him like you've never seen him before! At aged 49½ and with a wealth of tantalising tales under his belt, this autobiographical show will take Jason's looming 50th birthday as its starting point and will zigzag back and forth through his life. Hear some new stories (and possibly one or two you've heard before!) plus some of the songs you know and love for a night like no other!



UP ON THE ROOF People Play Vinyl

Thursday 10 May, 8.00pm

County Staff Club, Eastgate Street

FREE

A one-off special night from People Play Vinyl. Every month PPV host a vinyl only night at the Rose and Crown where like minded record enthusiasts are invited to bring their favourite albums to be heard on the resident record player. This year, as part of the Stafford Music Festival, PPV will be hosting their night on the rooftop terrace at the County Staff Club. For details check the PPV Facebook page or call 01785 276048.



DAVE DAY AND FRIENDS

Thursday 10 May, 8.30pm

The MET Studio, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

£10.50

Renowned session guitarist, producer and vocalist Dave Day will be appearing in his home town along with carefully chosen special guests. Dave will be playing a mixture of Americana influenced original and cover songs - each given a lovely jazzy blues feel. A show for any lover of quality guitar playing with top draw professional musicians at Dave's beck and call.





IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BE A STAR

Friday 11 May, 2.30pm

St Mary's Church, Stafford

£5 call June Stone on 01785 248580

Stafford's STARS will be singing at the Music Festival this year and will perform an eclectic mix of songs of varying genres under the direction of Liz Talbot. This group, comprised of over 50 singers from the over 50s age group are still proving it is never too late to be a "STAR". We are now in our 9th year of singing together and continue to attract members of the community who come together through music, seeking friendship and a healthy lifestyle. STARS members really enjoy performing and learning new material.



WILL POUND'S THROUGH THE SEASONS

Friday 11 May, 7.30pm

The MET, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

£13

A celebration of the year in folk dance, Through the Seasons gives audiences a chance to experience three exceptional musicians showcase beautiful arrangements of traditional dance tunes and songs, with Will's innovative and playful style from all the joy of a summer's festival to the thrill of a winter's fireside rapper sword-dance.



LIZA PULMAN SINGS STRIESAND

Friday 11 May, 7.30pm
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
£21.50

Liza Pulman, the acclaimed singer and comedienne of Fascinating Aida, celebrates the songs of the great Barbra Streisand. With her six piece band The Stardust Ensemble Liza brings you glorious new arrangements and orchestrations of the much loved classics Evergreen, The Way We Were, Second Hand Rose and many more in a full to bursting 90 minute show.



PEBBLES

Saturday 12 May, 12noon
St Chad's Church, Stafford
FREE

Take a musical world tour from your seat at St. Chad's at The Pebbles lunchtime concert. Offering an eclectic programme of unaccompanied music enjoy African, Eastern European American and British folk songs. This local group will liven up your day so get there early as it is always a popular event.

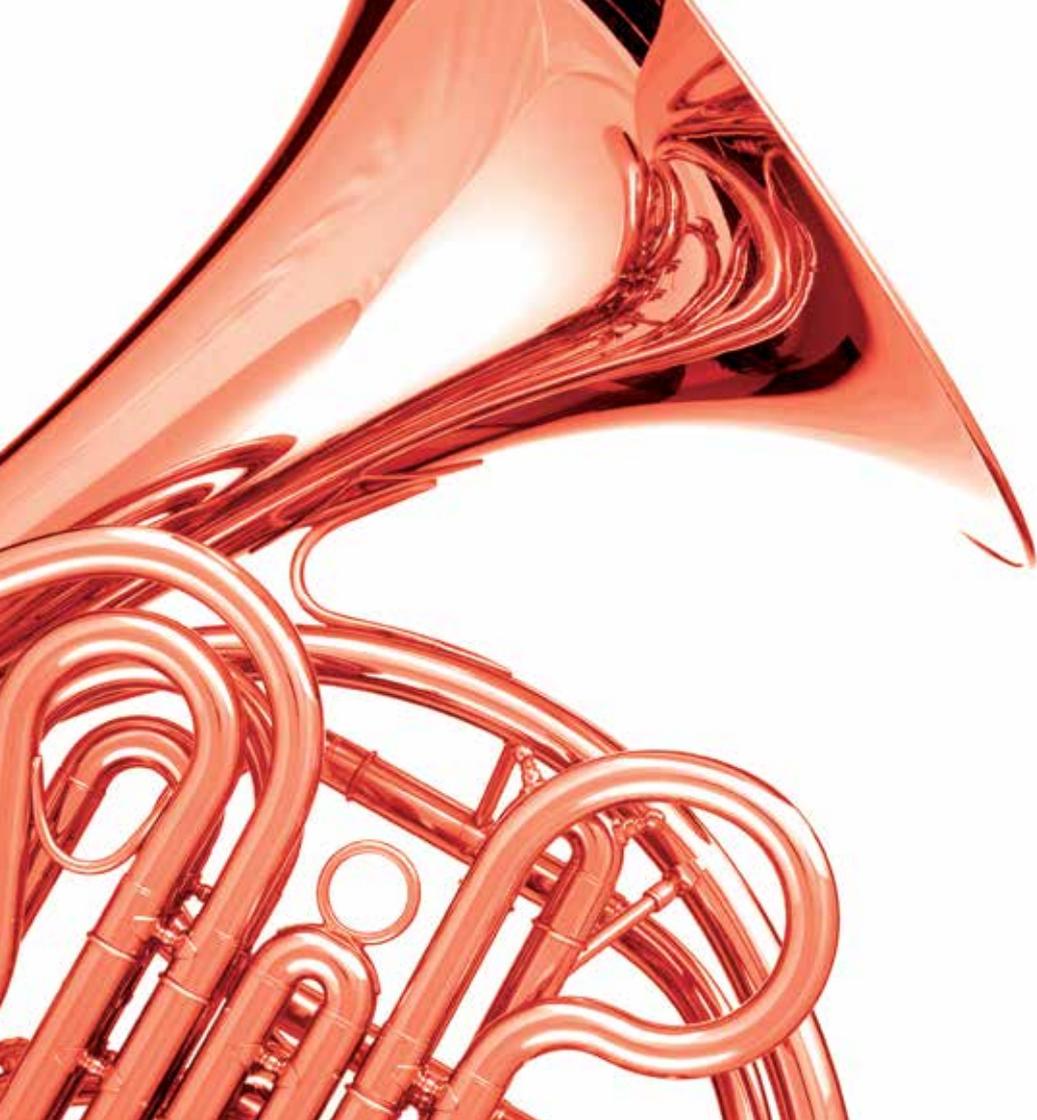


ANDANTE

Saturday 12 May, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
St Chad's Church, Stafford
FREE

Andante was formed several years ago when a small group of people from the villages of Tixall and Ingestre who came together to sing at the Christmas carol services, decided that they would like to sing more often. From those origins, the Andante community choir has developed and now has a wide and varied repertoire - sacred, secular and folksong - and performs in and around Stafford at weddings, church services and community events throughout the year.





OPEN WORKSHOP FOR RECORDER PLAYERS

**South Staffs Branch of the
Society of Recorder Players
conducted by Alyson Lewin**

Saturday 12 May 2.00pm - 5.00pm

**Penkridge Methodist Hall,
Clay Street Penkridge**

FREE. Refreshments available (small charge)

All recorder players are welcome to join this open workshop. Working on a variety of ensemble pieces from Renaissance fantasias to modern compositions and arrangements, the workshop covers a mixed bag of genres and styles! Music is provided, but please bring your own instruments (large recorders will be especially welcome) and a labelled music-stand. Listeners are also welcome



CHANTEUSE CHAMBER CHOIR WITH GUESTS VOLYA

Saturday 12 May, 7.00pm
bar opens 6.30pm
Stafford Rangers Social Club
£10 (under 16 yrs £8)

Staffordshire award winning ladies choir Chanteuse Chamber Choir under the direction of local musician Sue Brereton-Banks invite you to join them in a mixture of styles and sounds from quiet and contemplative pieces to showstoppers. They are being joined by their guests Volya, the exciting top Ukranian male voice choir from Manchester. An evening not to be missed.



STAFFORD SINFONIA

Saturday 12 May, 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Stafford
£9 on the door including refreshments.
Children free

This 'Brahms & Beethoven' concert will explore the might and majesty of these two giants of the romantic era, with Beethoven's ground-breaking Symphony No. 3 "Eroica" and Brahms' technically-demanding Violin Concerto in D major. The orchestra will welcome as guest soloist the Lithuanian-born violinist RĖta Labutyte, whose musical education began in Stafford where she had her first music lessons and played with the Staffordshire Youth Orchestra. She enjoys a busy career as a performer and teacher across the UK and Europe and is in her final year of the CBSO Orchestral Artistry Masters course.



ISLANDS IN THE STREAM: The Music of Dolly Parton & Kenny Rogers

Saturday 12 May, 8.00pm
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
£24.50

Leave your 9 to 5 worries at the door and get ready for a night in the company of Country Music Royalty! This thigh-slapping stage show brings together the beloved glamour and personality of Dolly, along with Kenny's charisma and energy with hit after hit including: Jolene, Ruby, 9 to 5, Lucille, Here You Come Again, The Gambler, I Will Always Love You, Coward of the Country, plus the smash hit Islands in the Stream. Enjoy a superb score and supreme musicianship as they bring the house down with the ultimate tribute to two country music legends.





PETE ALLEN AND HIS HOT RHYTHM

Sunday 13 May, 12.30pm - 3.00pm

The White Eagle Club, Riverway, Stafford
£6 (£5 SJS Members)

Reeds virtuoso and Honorary Citizen of New Orleans, Pete Allen, one of the busiest and biggest names on the European jazz scene brings his hugely talented HOT RHYTHM QUARTER to Stafford Jazz Society to provide what is certain to be an exciting and memorable concert of popular jazz played by the finest exponents of that music.



SINGING COMPETITION

The Grand Finale of the John WR Taylor Memorial Singing Competition

Sunday 13 May, 3.00pm

Entrust, The Riverway Centre, Stafford

£10 (£8 senior citizens, £2 students/
children) Tickets on the door or call 0300
111 8030

The John Taylor Memorial Singing Competition Final 2018 features five young solo singers in concert, together with last year's winner, Nathan di Giorgi. Each soloist will sing a mixed programme of songs of their own choice. The winner will be announced at the event. The concert is organised by Entrust Music Service Staffordshire in partnership with the Friends of Staffordshire Young Musicians who sponsor the event and award the prizes. Light refreshments available will be provided by the Friends. Do come and support young performers of the future!

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CHETWYND

Tuesday 15 May, 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Ingestre

£10 (£5 for juniors)

Chetwynd's main work in our Festival concert this year is Handel's celebratory and joyfully youthful work, Dixit Dominus. We will be joined by Bellini Strings. We will also perform music by Dvorak and Cecilia McDowall and start with Handel's great coronation anthem Zadok the Priest when Bellini will be joined by pupils from Stafford Grammar school.



THE CROOKED BAWBEES

Tuesday 15 May, 8.00pm

The Bird in Hand, Stafford

£15 on the door

Returning to the Stafford Music Festival, The Crooked Bawbees are a very popular local folk band. They feature Linda Kirtley, a well known vocalist in her own right on the Midlands folk scene, John Newby, fiddle and vocalist and Lee Haddock on keyboard.

You can be sure of an entertaining evening of lively foot tapping jigs, reels, hornpipes and songs from Northumberland, Ireland and Scotland supplemented with their own compositions. This is an event not to be missed.



ORGAN RECITAL BY TIM SAGAR

Wednesday 16 May, 1.00pm

St Chad's Church, Stafford

FREE

Tim Sagar is Assistant Organist at St. Mary's Church, Stafford and Director of Music at Newcastle-under-Lyme school. Tim has been heard in the Royal Albert Hall and on both BBC and Classic FM. His programme includes Vierne Carillon de Westminster, the imposing F minor sonata of Rheinberger and Walther's jaunty Concerto after Albinoni.





STAFFORD ORCHESTRA

Orchestral Classics at Doxey

Wednesday 16 May, 7.30pm

St Thomas and St Andrews Church, Doxey

£6

Join the Stafford Orchestra for an evening of some of the best-known orchestral favourites. The programme includes selections from Beethoven Symphony No. 6 "Pastoral", Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty Suite and Eric Coates London Suite. Under the baton of their new musical director, Adam Whittaker, the orchestra will take you on a journey through some of the best-loved orchestral pieces in a programme that is guaranteed to leave you humming tunes for days to come. Experience the thrill of hearing your favourites live in this exciting concert!



RONAN DARKLING

Thursday 17 May, 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Stafford

£5

Ronan Darkling returns to St Mary's Church, performing his original modern classical compositions and unique ambient works, partnering the music with the natural abundance of large reverb within the church. He will be playing a range of pieces - by weaving a subtle melancholic musical conversation for listeners with the comfort of repetition and progression, tying elements from ambient and classical genres. Ronan's music has been influenced by modern classical composers such as Philip Glass and Max Richter, to abstract artists like Nils Frahm and Tim Hecker.



WEST COAST EAGLES

Thursday 17 May, 8.00pm

Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

£17.50

The music of the Eagles is timeless and encapsulates pop, rock, country and a style all of their own layered with superb harmonies and blistering musicianship. Each member of the "West Coast Eagles" has been working in the music industry for over 30 years with many top name cabaret, show band and tribute acts. Their love of the Eagles music and their own accomplished careers has brought this band together in one package - West Coast Eagles. So sit back "take it easy" feel the warmth of a "Tequila Sunrise" and the cool wind in your hair.



ORGAN RECITAL

Margaret Outen

Friday 18 May, 1.00pm

St Mary's Church, Stafford

FREE

Margaret is the Director of Music at St Mary's where she has recently led performances of the Durufle Requiem and Bach's St John Passion. Her programme will include the famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor by JS Bach.



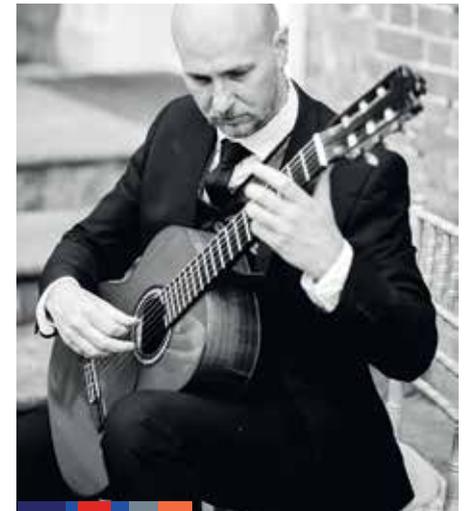
ALEX WILLIAMS

Friday 18 May, 7.30pm

St Chad's Church, Stafford

£3

Guitar teacher and local guitar guru Alex Williams will be toning down his rock roots by switching to acoustic guitar for an evening of classical playing in the heart of Stafford. Alex will entertain classical guitar lovers with two instrumental sets starting the first set at 7.30pm. A great night of peaceful entertainment.



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SUNDAY 3RD JUNE | 5.30PM | £10

Young Scottish virtuoso pianist Yuanfan Yang plays music by Beethoven, Chopin, Haydn, Yang, and Brahms

SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER | 5.30PM | £10

Jazz trio, led by (classically trained) jazz violinist Ben Holder

SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER | 5.30PM | £10

The return of Ivan Kiwuwa (piano) with David Kadumukasa (cello) works by Schubert, Beethoven, Schumann and Debussy

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SCHOOLS AND THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The music in schools workshop will consist of lyric writing, singing practice including the use of percussion and guitar and will culminate in a performance of a newly written song or a just, on that day, learnt and practiced song.

We thank Stafford Rotary and Stafford District Arts Council for partly funding these events.



KEEPING MUSIC LIVE

IN PUBS IN STAFFORD



Wednesday 9 May, 8pm

FOLK IN THE ROUND

Rose and Crown, Eastgate Street

Thursday 10 May, 8.30pm

DAVE DAY PLUS GUESTS

MET, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

Thursday 10 May, 8.30pm

UPON THE ROOF, PPV SPECIAL

County Staff Club

Saturday 12 May, 9pm

PISTOL PETE WEARN

The Market Vaults

Tuesday 15 May, 8pm

THE CROOKED BAWBEES

Bird in Hand

Thursday 17 May, 8.00pm

THURSDAY 17TH MAY

Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

Friday 18 May, 7pm

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Redrum, Crabberly Street

Friday 18 May, 7.30pm

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St Chad's Church

Saturday 20 May, 9pm

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