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If you've been keeping up with the current national landscape for arts and culture, you'd be forgiven for opening this brochure expecting a scant programme of blank pages. I would be lying if I said we did not enter into this year with a certain degree of trepidation, fearing that community arts festivals like this one no longer have the power to bring people together as they once did.

I shouldn't have worried, though. And as the Festival team and I reflect on this year's bumper programme, I feel compelled to remind you that Frome Festival is anything but normal.

It is not normal to have such a thriving community of artists, promoters, venues, organisations and volunteers, who are the stars behind every event listing you're about to pore through. As with every Frome Festival programme, the vast majority of the events you are about to pore through are independently organised, so the breadth of this festival represents the amazing variety Frome has to offer all year round.

It is not normal to have the level of support we gratefully receive from our community. Despite our excellent ongoing partnership with Frome Town Council, public funding for the arts is tighter than ever before, so we are immensely grateful for the support of our Festival Friends, sponsors and charitable funders. If you'd like to find out how you can help our work, read more on page 48.

And, most importantly, it is not normal to have such an excellent, diligent team of staff and volunteers who work across the year to bring this programme to life. After Gavin Rea and Beverley Jones' many years of outstanding contributions, Rosie Eliot and Sarah Swales have made enormous impacts since stepping into the roles of Chair and Manager respectively in the past year. Alongside our brilliant bookkeeper Clare Lloyd, board members, fundraisers, stewards, marketeers and more, everyone has given so much to make Frome Festival 2024 happen.

So – who wants normal, anyway? In the words of our cover star, Willy Wonka – *“a little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest men”*.

See you there,
Adam Laughton Director



Iain Ballamy's Festival All Stars Jazz Club
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The Festival Food Feast, ©David Chedgy Photography



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FROME FESTIVAL RADIO

FromeFM is the town's community radio station, with programmes made by and for the people of Frome. The station will be broadcasting in advance of and during the programme, promoting events and sharing stories from the Festival. For more details > www.frome.fm



GENRES

- Music
- Theatre
- Dance
- Comedy
- Spoken Word & Literature
- Exhibitions
- Visual Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor
- Activities
- Food/Drink event
- Wellness
- Over 18s only
- Film

EVENT INFORMATION

- Bar available
- Food available
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Event Number
- Family Friendly



FRIDAY 5 JULY >

9:30-12:30 EXTENDED HEALTH WALK - FROME WALKING WHEEL

501

Walk the five mile inner ring of the Frome Walking Wheel at a gentle pace. There will be a refreshment break at Trinity Church. Please wear comfortable/weatherproof clothes and appropriate footwear. Children are the responsibility of the adults who bring them.

Frome Train Station (Meeting Place) / FREE

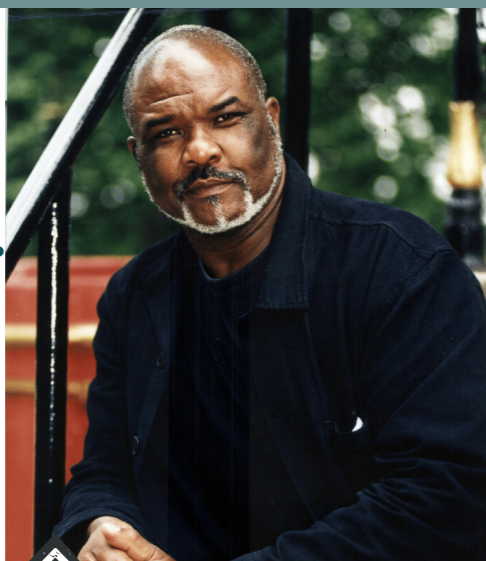


17:00-19:00 / 19:30-21:30 MINIMALIST MARTINIS - STILL LIFE GIN

502

The Martini is a drink of elegant simplicity. Join Still Life Gin as they explore the possibilities presented by their unique botanical distillates to put a twist on this beloved classic. Tickets include three drinks, each accompanied by a small snack.

Still Life Gin / £30



18:00-19:30 AN EVENING WITH SIR WILLARD WHITE

503

One of the best-loved and most versatile opera stars of the last 40 years, Sir Willard White's illustrious career has taken him to the most prestigious opera houses and concert halls throughout the world. This delightful programme from one of today's great bass-baritones travels from Schubert to spirituals, musicals to traditional songs - accompanied by Eugene Asti on piano. Doors and bar open at 5pm. All proceeds from this concert will be donated to support the Frome Festival.

Cooper Hall / £30



ALSO HAPPENING TODAY: ALL DAY / FROME OPEN ART TRAIL 11:00-17:00 EPIC JOURNEY FLORAL DISPLAYS ALL DAY FROME STORIES AND MUSIC WALK

17:00-20:00 THE CHROMATIC DIALOGUE - PART TWO

For more information, see Visual Arts & Activities section pages 42-46

18:00-19:00 ROCKTOPUS - THE ROCKTOCADEMY

504

Rocktopus, the world's number 1 rock band for families, will help your kids unleash their inner rock star. They graduate from rookie to rocker at this fully inclusive and interactive family show suitable for nursery and primary aged children. The Rocktoacademy is the live music show that leaves your kids feeling like THEY are the true rock stars!

Merlin Theatre / £10 / £35 Family Ticket

(2 adult + 2 child)



18:30-19:30 CARBON 14 DATING - FROM THE TURIN SHROUD TO ÖTZI THE ICEMAN

505

How old is this old bone and how could we find out? Historical artefacts that were once alive can be analysed using Carbon 14 dating techniques. Professor Elspeth Garman from the University of Oxford will show some artefacts that have been dated in Oxford over the last 30 years, including the Turin Shroud and Ötzi the Iceman.

Frome Town Hall / FREE / Booking Required



19:00-23:00 SOUNDHOUSE SESSIONS

506

In the intimate and creative setting of Makers' Yard in Lower Keyford, Soundhouse Sessions launches with three of the most interesting acts from the Frome grassroots scene - Ma Polaine, Lorikeet and Izzy Yardley. Expect a high level of musicianship and songs laced with imagination and emotion creating a truly inspiring experience.

Makers' Yard / £16



19:00-23:00 THE BIG O'CAJUN FEAT. JOLI BLON

507

Joli Blon play traditional dance music from the swamps of Louisiana featuring accordion, fiddle and gutsy, driving guitar. All tickets include a feast of Cajun delights (vegan/GF options available) and a late night acoustic session 'round the campfire. A night like no other!

The Silk Mill / £23



19:30-22:00 ALBERTA CROSS

508

Alberta Cross' anthemic Americana-tinged songs possess a vulnerability and earthiness, pushing the boundaries of alternative rock. They have embarked on high-profile jaunts with Oasis, Mumford & Sons, Johnny Marr, Neil Young and Rag'n'Bone Man plus performed live on distinguished TV shows such as the Late Show With David Letterman.

The Tree House - Vine Tree Pub / £18



19:30-21:30 FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE

509

Ecstatic dance is a liberating, alcohol-free experience where there are no choreographed steps and no expectations - only pure, unbridled self-expression. Come as you are and move as you feel while DJ Manarva weaves a tapestry of eclectic beats, soulful melodies and deep bass.

Mycelium Space / £12



19:30-22:00 KATHRYN ROBERTS & SEAN LAKEMAN

510

For over a quarter of a century, multi-award winning folk duo Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman have developed a partnership that has proved personal, permanent and pivotal. From their early days in folk supergroup "Equation", this multi award-winning musical couple continue to exude timeless class with their exquisite brand of traditional and contemporary acoustic music.

Rook Lane Chapel / £20





20:00-22:45
BACK WOOD REDEEMERS
 / DRY WHITE BONES

511

Tequila-soaked double billing to kick off The Cornerhouse's Festival programme. An evening of dirty rock 'n' roll, dark country, twisted blues, hot chilli sauce and funky garlic mayo from rusty throated Back Wood Redeemers and Dry White Bones. Something to shake your hips at.

Cornerhouse / FREE



20:00-21:30
TWO PLAYS SET ON A
COASTAL PATH

512

On a clifftop path overlooking the sea, weary walkers find a bench with fine views across the water. Over two different plays, Lil Jill and Keep Breathing, four different people encounter each other. Each has their own reason to come there. Two world premieres by local Frome writers Peter Halpin and Rosie Finnegan.

The Crown Inn / £12 / £10 Income Support



21:00-21:30

BACH BY CANDLELIGHT

513

Experience the beautiful, sacred music of J. S. Bach in this half-hour, candlelit performance. Enjoy two of his most famous motets, 'Komm, Jesu, komm' and 'Singet dem Herrn' with cello and chamber organ accompaniment. Conducted by Alan Burgess. Free event with donations for church funds.

Christ Church / FREE



CHRIST CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Frome Festival 2024 marks the launch of a major refurbishment project at Christ Church, a building which has stood in the heart of Frome for over two hundred years and has been central to the Festival from the first programme in 2001. On visiting Christ Church throughout the Festival, please peruse the ambitious plans and discover more.

21:00-23:00

THE RAGGEDY MEN

514

Kicking off The Sun's Frome Festival programme The Raggedy Men never disappoint! It's punk... but not as you know it.

The Sun Inn / FREE



SATURDAY 6 JULY >

10:00-15:30

FROME SMALL PUBLISHERS' FAIR

601

Join Frome Writers' Collective at Frome's acclaimed Small Publishers' Fair - a day for readers, writers, publishers, artists, illustrators and visitors of all ages, with books and small press publications to interest, excite and buy. A must for all book lovers!

The Silk Mill / FREE



10:00-12:00

PHOTO|FROME DSLR/MIRRORLESS
PHOTO WALK

602

David Chedgy is a lifelong Frome-based local photographer who knows the town inside and out. Join him in exploring through some of the town's most photographically interesting & unknown spots, finishing with time for a chat and refreshments. Charge up your batteries, clear space on your memory cards and take some photos whilst making new friends.

Cheese & Grain (Meeting Point) / £10



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10:00-11:00 / 11:30-12:30

SOLSBRURY HILL ENSEMBLE
- JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD

603

Join Solsbury Hill Ensemble in a joyful celebration of music from around the globe. A relaxed concert atmosphere for all ages, with ribbons for dancing and craft activities for children, featuring Alison Boden on violin, Lucy Hewson on violin/viola and Lorna Davis on cello.

Rise, Whittox Gallery & Rye Bakery
 £10 / £4 2-18 / FREE 0-1



10:30-12:30

CONTACT IMPROVISATION

604

Contact improvisation is a welcoming form of partner dancing that involves the exploration of one's body in relationship to others by using the fundamentals of sharing weight, touch, and movement awareness. There will be a guided class followed by a 'jam'. Accessible to all levels including beginners.

Mycelium Space / £8



11:00-12:00

AFRODANCE LYDS WITH
LIVE PERCUSSION

605

All are welcome to join an African Dance workshop featuring Zimbabwean dancer Lydia Moahy Moore and percussionist Abi Bailey of Djembe Tots.

Victoria Park - Bandstand / FREE



13:00-14:30

CARA DILLON

- "COMING HOME" BOOK TALK

Join award-winning singer, Cara Dillon, for this special event in which she'll be discussing her debut book, *Coming Home*. Published in March 2024, it features Cara's original poetry and reflections, and provides the text for Cara's acclaimed companion album. Alongside chatting with award-winning author Suzanne Joinson, Cara will perform some of the pieces live. Includes audience Q&A and book signing.

Cheese & Grain / £12.50



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11:00-12:00 / 13:00-14:00

16:00-17:00

BOULDERING WORKSHOPS

Join Frome Boulder Rooms for family-friendly bouldering workshops, perfect for beginners or those wanting to improve their skills aged 5 years and up. Their experienced instructors will guide you through the basics of bouldering in a safe and supportive environment, teaching technique and safety tips along the way. Group size: 8. Kit and entry to the centre included.

Frome Boulder Rooms / £5



11:00-12:00

POETRY INTO SONG

Frome Youth Choir warmly invite you to their free summer concert, exploring wonderful words and music from writers and composers past and present.

Christ Church / FREE



13:30-17:30

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE AT MYCELIUM SPACE

Mycelium Space is an experimental shared co-working and events space at The Station, near Frome Railway Station. They prioritise shared rhythms and rituals that promote wellbeing, community and productivity to help build a more joyful, creative and impactful working life. Say hi and join this afternoon of free workshops and activities. Kids welcome!

Mycelium Space / FREE



606

14:00-16:00

CACAO CEREMONY AND SOUND BATH

Join Intuitive Health Coach Ali Hutchinson and Sound Healer Jae Moss for a blissful Cacao Ceremony and Sound Bath Experience! Immerse yourself in an afternoon of joy, connection, and rejuvenation. Ceremonial Cacao is said to unlock creativity and alongside the soothing vibrations of a Sound Bath can help reduce stress and promote deep relaxation.

Rook Lane Chapel / £23.50



14:00-15:30

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The Crown Inn / £12 / £10 Income Support



14:30-16:30

FROME TOWN BAND

There's something timeless and touching about the sound of brass band music floating on the air of a summers afternoon. Picnic, snooze in your deck chair, or cartwheel in the grass as Frome Town Band heads to the Blue House garden.

The Blue House / FREE



610

14:30-16:00

JACKDAWS SONGBIRDS

Jackdaws Songbirds sing of the power of love and friendship bringing you diamond days, frosty mornings and walks toward freedom. They clap, click, dance and move the spirit and also sing about how they'd like to open a little shop! Enjoy an a cappella feast of songs from Britain and beyond.

Christ Church / FREE



17:00-18:00 / 19:30-21:00

MUSIC & MYTH - LEGENDS FROM THE CELTIC ISLES

Award-winning musician and storyteller Jon Pickard will tell ancient tales accompanied by video images and original music on the 'Harp-Guitar'. This fun-filled event is for the young at heart and those who enjoy tales of Celtic Saints, Welsh Giants, Eastern Mystics and much more.

St John's Church / £13 / £11 U16s, O65s



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614



17:00-22:00

THE FESTIVAL FOOD FEAST

Frome's favourite free event returns to Market Yard with another celebration of amazing street food, live music and entertainment. Sample delicious offerings from around the world and dance the night away! The cacophonous Frome Street Bandits will be leading a procession through town leaving from St John's Church at

615

5:30pm to the Cheese & Grain for 6pm. Gather with the band from 5pm at the church, or join the fun along the way.
Cattle Market Car Park / FREE



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18:00-23:00

**SWEET MACHINE /
SUSPECT THE BIRDS / DJ SOJO**

616

An evening of free music in the Silk Mill's courtyard. Go for the whole evening, or pop in for a quick drink after the Food Feast. London 4-piece 'Suspect The Birds' at 7.30pm, special guests Sweet Machine at 8.30pm with their danceable synth-pop, and DJ Steve Sojo ends the night with electronic dance music.

The Silk Mill / FREE

18:00-19:00

TRANSFORMATIONAL VOICE

617

Reflecting her personal journey from an opera singer to a sound healer, Annie Bourne will perform songs, arias, mantra and heartsong that have been pivotal in discovering her own true voice. Accompanied by Alan Burgess (piano), Alex Bartlet (harp), Paul Leonard (guitar) and James Watts (oboe and percussion).

Christ Church / £10 / FREE U18s

18:45-22:00

MANARVA ACOUSTIC GIG

618

Original folk music incorporating elements of electronica, Manarva is Frome-based Matthew Adams, known for his Ecstatic Dance Sound Journeys. Reminiscent of Bon Iver with a twist of Nick Drake, the live music starts at 19:45 followed by a chill-out cafe from 21:00.

Mycelium Space / FREE

20:00-21:30

FEAR THE DARK

619

One night, a stranger comes knocking on the door of a remote Scottish cottage, hoping to meet his favourite but reclusive author. But maybe all is not what it seems? The world premiere of a spine-tingling ghost story by local Frome writer, Sam Gwyn. A By Word Theatre production.

The Crown Inn / £12 / £10 Income Support

20:00-22:30

PURPLE FISH

620

Purple Fish are an incredible rock covers band who have been thrilling audiences across the South West and are a firm favourite of the Cornerhouse. Certainly not to be missed!

Cornerhouse / FREE

21:00-23:00

BILLY IN THE LOWGROUND

621

A six-piece West Country band with a distinct Irish influence and fiddle-fuelled, hi-octane folk rock! "If Nashville were in Somerset, Billy in the Lowground would be one of its leading lights".

The Sun Inn / FREE**SUNDAY
7 JULY**

10:00-11:30

SPIRIT OF FROME KINDNESS TOUR

701

Alongside its great arts, eats and winding streets, Frome is famous for its feisty community spirit with hundreds of non-profits, dynamic green initiatives, and an annual Kindness Festival. Get inspired on Frome's new guided Kindness Tour, ending with discussion over tea and cake at the Good Heart Cafe. Note that this event is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

The Good Heart (Meeting Point) / £8 / £5 U18s, Students, People with Disabilities, Income Support**ALSO HAPPENING TODAY:****ALL DAY****FROME OPEN ART TRAIL**

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10:00-15:00

THE FROME INDEPENDENT @ FROME FESTIVAL

702

The Frome Independent is an award winning, destination street market, reclaiming Frome's high street once a month to showcase the best independent craftspeople, designers, makers, food producers and vintage traders in the South West. In this special July market, Frome Festival will take over the market with music, drama, dance and performances of all shapes and sizes. Explore the street and find amazing activities at every turn!

Central Frome / FREE**FEATURING**

Lily Ramona / Billy Kelson / Something Moves

Dizzi Dulcimer / Aerial Hoop Dance

BroccoliBoy / Wild Moon Morris / Stoneface

Beached Wailers Theatre Co / The Shepton Mallet

Land Based Synchronised Swimming Display Team

and so much more!



10:30-14:30
PHOTO|FROME WET CYANOTYPE WORKSHOP 703

Photographer and artist Anjalika Baker returns with another of her highly popular workshops. During this extended session, Anjalika will demonstrate her process to enable you to create unique sun prints.

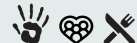
Vine Tree Pub (Meeting Point) / £35



11:00-12:00 / 13:00-14:00
16:00-17:00
BOULDERING WORKSHOPS 704

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Frome Boulder Rooms / £5



11:00-12:30
THE PURPLE UFO WITH HARRY PACK 705

A drawing and creativity workshop with psychedelic artist Harry Pack. The Purple UFO seeks to bring together various spiritual, therapeutic and creative practices. Harry will take you on a journey into the realm of psychedelic art, inspiring you to unleash your inner artist and allow your creativity to flow.

Mycelium Space / £15



11:30-12:30 / 14:30-15:30
THE STORY EXPLORERS 706

Join Nellie and Nathaniel, intrepid explorers who travel the world collecting story ideas for their Story Generator. From this magical machine they will spin tales with words, puppetry and movement. Watch them crank the starter handle and conjure up adventures from its secret compartments – the Cabinet of Curiosities and even the Box of Disasters!

The Silk Mill / £7 / FREE U2s



13:00-14:30
RAINBOWS - POETRY OR PRISM! 707

David Buss, Emeritus Professor of the University for the Creative Arts, demonstrates that rainbows are both poetry and prism - and a lot more besides. David discusses examples of rainbows together with photographs from his own creative work which feature both real and manufactured images of rainbows.

Cheese & Grain - Meeting Rooms / FREE

Booking Required



14:00-16:00
SOUND MAKERS STAGE FAMILY CONCERT 708

Experience the magic of Sound Makers Stage, an inspiring afternoon of live music for the whole family. Enjoy captivating performances by Lorikeet with Heather Truesdall, Rosanna Shura and Dave Smith and participate in some Groove Tots classics and a beatbox extravaganza!

Makers' Yard / £5 / U18s £2



14:00-16:00
THE NEW ACADEMIC FEETWARMERS TRAD JAZZ BAND 709

The legendary New Academic Feetwarmers Trad Jazz Band will be playing in the lovely gardens at The Blue House. Come along with your picnic blankets, sit on the lawn or available chairs and listen to this fantastic local band in the open air.

The Blue House / FREE



14:30-16:00
PHOENIX RECORDER ORCHESTRA - 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT 710

Join Phoenix Recorder Orchestra, comprised of players from across the South West, as they celebrate 20 years of playing together. Enjoy music from the Renaissance to the present day, played on recorders covering 3 octaves, from soprano to sub-great bass.

Christ Church / FREE



15:00-18:00
RAVING RASCALS - BASS BEATZ KIDS RAVE 711

Join this family-friendly rave where you can encourage your kids to get on the dance floor and listen to some heavy beats in a safe environment! There will be a bouncy castle, tuck shop, and a fantastic Glitter Temple to help your little ravers look the part.

Rook Lane Chapel / £6 / £5 13+ / £18 Family Ticket (2 adults + 2 children)



15:30-21:00
30 MILE FEAST WITH VALLIS FARM 712

A celebration of local food and drink in the beautiful kitchen garden at Vallis Farm. Drinks will be followed by a tour, then a sumptuous feast with all ingredients coming from the farm or producers within a 30 mile radius. The bar will stay open to watch the sun sink with a glass of local wine by the fire.

Vallis Farm / £45



15:30-17:30
CHOC ET AL - CHOCOLATE TASTING EXPERIENCE 713

Chocolate lovers are invited to this popular chocolate shop and cafe for a decadent chocolate tasting experience. A lucky participant at one of their Sunday events can also win one of Frome Festival's Golden Tickets with a sweet spending spree, generously sponsored by Choc et al.

Choc et al / £15



18:00-19:00
CHORAL EVENSONG 714

A traditional church service with music by Edward Bairstow and Charles Villiers Stanford, whose gorgeous Magnificat in G opens with a soaring soprano solo that will fill Christ Church's special acoustic. Free event with donations for church funds.

Christ Church / FREE



19:00-21:00
DEEP REST WITH GONG 715

This workshop is an opportunity to let go and find a state of deep relaxation through evidence-based methods that activate the parasympathetic nervous system. A series of guided relaxation techniques, including vocal exercises and a gong bath, will support attendees to foster presence, self-compassion, and tranquility.

Mycelium Space / £16



19:30-22:00

AN EVENING WITH JENNY ECLAIR

716

Jenny Eclair has been a stand-up comic for donkey's years. She was the first woman to win the coveted Perrier Award at the Edinburgh Festival in 1995 and hasn't stopped banging on about it ever since. Join her for a one-off special evening of tall tales and compelling chat with actor and personal friend, Lynne Miller.

Merlin Theatre / £22



19:30-22:00

JAZZ JAM

717

Hosted by Simon Williams, Jazz Jam has the house band playing old favourites and probably anything you want to throw at them! Sometimes they attract a full brass section as well as double bass, bass, keyboards and drums. The more the merrier and all are welcome, whether you want to play or just listen and join in the fun.

Cornerhouse / FREE



19:30-21:00

RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE - TALK

719

Technology has always proved a challenge for working people. This workshop with folk songs explores two 18th & 19th century stories from the village of Horningsham, dramatising the options people faced and discussing the implications of advances in Artificial Intelligence today. Nicola Grove is a storyteller, with musical accompaniment from Guy Wilson.

Trinity Hall / £10 / £5 Income Support



19:30-22:00

RAGHU DIXIT

720

Often hailed as India's biggest cultural & musical export, Raghu Dixit's unique brand of infectious, happy music transcends age, genre, and even language. His music is strongly rooted in Indian traditions and culture and is presented with a very contemporary, global sound.

Cheese & Grain / £22



19:30-21:30

LAURA JURD TRIO / IAIN BALLAMY & ELLIOT GALVIN

718

A night of contemporary jazz and improvised music with some of the UK's most prolific players. Drawing from the worlds of Celtic, European and American folk music, alongside 20th century jazz icons, trumpet-player and composer Laura Jurd joins forces with bassist Henrik Jensen & drummer Dave Smith to present melodies old & new.

The Silk Mill / £16 / £14 Students



19:30-21:00

THE SWAN SINGERS - THE MUSICAL ROADS TO COMPOSTELA

721

The Swan Singers of Wells trace the major medieval pilgrimage routes to Santiago di Compostela through music from the Renaissance to modern times, alongside extracts from the Codex Calixtinus, the extraordinary 12th century guidebook for pilgrims - the Rough Guide or Baedeker of its day. Travel the English, French and Portuguese roads through music by Peter Phillips, Vivanco, Debussy and others.

St John's Church / £15 / £12 U18, Income Support



19:45-21:45

QUORUM / CHARLES WIFFEN

722

Quorum and Charles Wiffen are back again, this year to perform the spectacular Shostakovich piano quintet. They are joined by Moira Alabaster and Matthew Greswell for Brahms Sextet in B flat, and an early, little known sextet by Mendelssohn for piano and strings.

Christ Church / £18.00



20:00-22:00

ELECTRIC ROOSTER

723

A little bit of rock, a touch of country, a full helping of Americana & a pinch of punk... all served up the Rooster's way!

The Sun Inn / FREE



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MONDAY 8 JULY

12:00-13:00 MEDITATION - JULIAN OF NORWICH

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Julian of Norwich was a lady ahead of her time. In her 30th year, she became dangerously ill and received visions of Christ - "Revelations of Divine Love"

Holy Trinity Church / FREE



12:00-13:00 / 14:00-15:00 THE STORY SNATCHER

802

Stories make the world go round, right? They light a light on every heart and hearth. But what would happen if all the stories were stolen? Let's discover...together.

Rise, Whittox Gallery & Rye Bakery / £5



13:00-14:00 ALPHABET 1 - ORGAN RECITAL BY ANN BURGESS

803

A is for Alain, B is for Bach, C is for Couperin, D is for Duruflé. The start of a journey through the organist's lexicon of composers, A-Z. Performed by Ann Burgess.

Christ Church / £8 / £25 Christ Church Lunchtime Concert Series Pass



CHRIST CHURCH LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES PASS

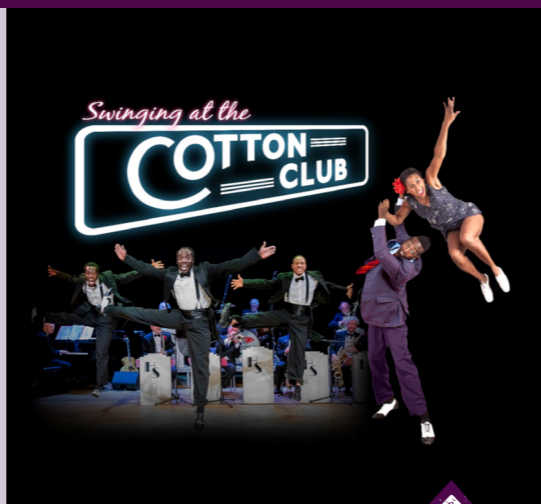
Enjoy a fantastic selection of lunchtime performance at Christ Church on Mon 8th - Fri 12th July for £25.

17:30-19:00 WHO LIST TO HUNT!

804

A talk about love and intrigue at the court of Henry VIII. Thomas Wyatt's story features loyalty, betrayal, subterfuge, plots, revenge and some of the greatest poetry ever written in the English language. Nicola Grove has been researching their history for more than 20 years.

Trinity Hall / £15 / £5 Income Support



19:00-21:30 SWINGING AT THE COTTON CLUB

807

Step back in time for a night of glitz and glamour. Swinging at the Cotton Club is the spectacular show celebrating the dance and music of New York's most celebrated 1920s nightclub. A visual and musical feast, the show pays homage to legends like Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald who had the crowd singing, whilst dancers lit up the stage with breathtaking routines. The show features the incredible Lindy Hop Dance Company, the 10-piece Harry Strutters Hot Rhythm Orchestra, American vocalist Marlene Hill and compere Megs Etherington.

Cheese & Grain / £22



19:00-21:00 DAVID R ABRAM'S "TRACES" - PREHISTORIC BRITAIN FROM ABOVE

805

Writer-photographer David R Abram presents a one-off show specially devised for Frome Festival, combining highlights from his acclaimed book "Aerial Atlas of Ancient Britain". Featuring awe-inspiring new views of forgotten prehistoric sites across the country, his images and words will transform the way you perceive the British landscape.

Merlin Theatre / £11



19:00-21:45 FOOL EXPRESSION WORKSHOP

806

Christie Animas invites you to deepen your relationship with your body and understand the basics of The Fool's Way, learning to play with all of our masks, or different personalities within ourselves. The Fool's work brings the theatre back into the centre of the community. A place to just be who we are.

Mycelium Space / £25



19:30-20:30 AMY WEBBER - NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

808

Amy is an award-winning comedian as heard on BBC Radio 4. Armed with her mini keyboard and an opera degree that's never been useful, she's on the hunt for a new job. You may pity her, you may love her but you will definitely want to employ her. Expect banging pop songs, live networking and a world class singing voice.

Rook Lane Chapel / £12 / £5 U18s, Students, People with Disabilities, Income Support



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ALL DAY FROME STORIES AND MUSIC WALK

For more information, see Visual Arts & Activities section [pages 42-46](#).


19:30-22:00
JAZZ MORLEY / ROSANNA SCHURA 809

Jazz Morley has performed at BST Hyde Park, The Royal Albert Hall and most recently as Tom Jones' protégée on ITV's The Voice. This fast-rising singer-songwriter's beautiful voice and emotive lyrics have earned her comparisons to Joni Mitchell. Multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Rosanna Schura glides through jazz to folk-pop and is also known as a founding member of The Puppini Sisters.

The Silk Mill / £12


19:30-20:30
PIPES, BOGS, BATHS AND SMELLS 810

Why did the upper classes dislike gas lighting? When were baths first plumbed in? Find the answers to these pressing questions and the, sometimes dangerous, introduction of domestic comforts that we now take for granted. Talk by Matthew Williams, curator of Cardiff Castle.

Assembly Rooms / £12


19:00 - 21:30
THE BIG FROME FESTIVAL QUIZ 811

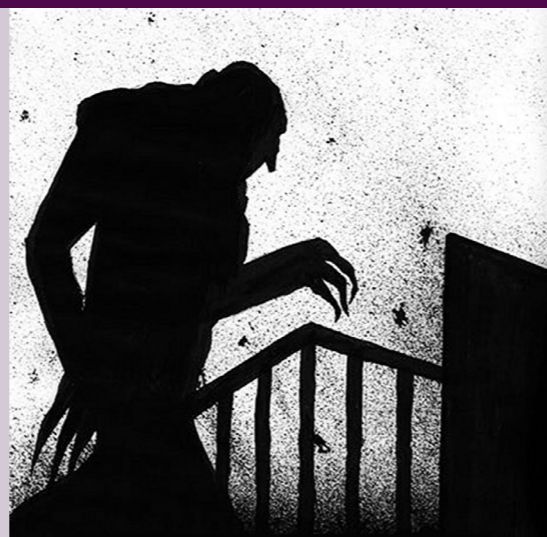
The culmination of the popular monthly quizzes across the year, the Frome Festival quiz is an annual fixture of the programme. Pull together your brainiest friends and settle in for a lively night of trivia. All proceeds go towards the Festival!

Frome Rugby Club / £5


19:30-21:00
THE LIST OF SUSPICIOUS THINGS WITH JENNIE GODFREY 812

Join Hunting Raven Books for an evening with Sunday Times bestselling author Jennie Godfrey as she talks about her hit debut novel The List of Suspicious Things. York, 1979. Thatcher is prime minister, drainpipe jeans are in, and Miv is convinced that her dad wants to move their family Down South. Because of the murders. Leaving Yorkshire and her best friend Sharon simply isn't an option, no matter the dangers lurking round their way; Perhaps if she could solve the case of the disappearing women, they could stay after all?

Archangel / £12


21:00-22:30
NOSFERATU (1922) - SILENT FILM WITH ORGAN IMPROVISATION 813

F W Mernau's iconic silent film Nosferatu has delighted and enthralled audiences for over a century. Returning after his sensational Festival debut in 2023, organist David Bednall, one of Europe's finest improvisers, will provide the musical accompaniment for a late-night screening of this classic cinematic gem in the atmospheric setting of Holy Trinity Church.

Holy Trinity Church / £10



TUESDAY 9 JULY

12:00-13:00
MEDITATION - ST PETER 901

Simon was a young fisherman who became Saint Peter. What took him from catching fish to being the first leader of the Christian church? Join Rev. Ian Snares to take a look at the life and legacy of this important character.

Holy Trinity Church / FREE


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ALL DAY

FROME STORIES AND MUSIC WALK

For more information, see Visual Arts & Activities section [pages 42-46](#)


19:30-22:00
SOFAR SOUNDS 911

Sofar Sounds will bring three high quality surprise musical acts to a secret venue in Frome! Grab some pillows to sit on, put away your phone and really listen. Ticket holders find out where to go 36 hours before and are assured of a magical evening discovering incredible, varied new talent in a welcoming setting.

Secret Venue / £14


13:00-14:00
SONGS OF SHAKESPEARE 902

If music be the food of love, play on! Richard Pinnock (tenor) and Gareth Burgess (piano) return with a feast of Shakespearean songs and piano music from Purcell to Bernstein, with favourites from Arne, Schubert, Walton and many more along the way.

Christ Church / £8 / £25 Christ Church Lunchtime Concert Series Pass


14:00-17:00
BARN DANCE 903

Join members of Frome Folk Dance Club for a Barn Dance with caller Phil Preen and accordionist Norman Yeaman for some fun and exercise. No experience needed, and refreshments are included!

Trinity Hall / £7


14:00-16:00
DORE & REES AUCTIONEERS - EVER WONDERED WHAT IT'S WORTH! 904

Hear tales from behind the scenes with well-known faces from the BBC Antiques Roadshow - Lee Young, Marc Allum, Susan Rumfitt, Duncan Campbell and Richard Price. Bring up to 5 items for appraisal and receive an auction estimate. All proceeds to The Bennett Centre in Frome.

Dore and Rees Auction Salerooms / £10


14:00-16:00
FOR THE LOVE OF THEM - WRITING WORKSHOP 905

After loss often comes regret about things not said or done. This workshop will explore 'collaborating' with a departed loved one to help find connection, resolution, joy. You will bring and respond to two cherished objects or photographs, guided by Dawn Gorman's gentle prompts, and her own experience of a similar 'collaboration'.

Frome Library / £20



14:00-17:00

HAVE A TRY AT BOWLS

906

Looking for something new to try? Why not have a try at bowls, a sport for people of any age and ability. An experienced bowler will be on hand to give you some guidance and will have you bowling within a matter of minutes. Please wear flat shoes, all other equipment will be provided.

Victoria Park - Bowls Club / FREE



17:45-19:15

A GUIDE TO TRAVEL WRITING BY PETER AND FELICE HARDY

907

This travel writing talk is for beginners without any professional writing experience, and also for writers wanting to know more about the subject. Felice and Peter get you started on the road to seeing your work in print or online - as a blog, or to submit for publication.

Frome Library / £7.50



19:30-22:00

AN EVENING FOR PALESTINE

909

Join singer and musician Ali Elmubarak from Sudan and storyteller Michael Loader for live music with oud and darbuka, plus fables from the incomparable Arabic sage, Nasrudin. The evening will also include three monologues and a short film on life in Palestine. Proceeds to Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP). 16+

23 Bath St / £15 / £12 Income Support



19:30-21:00

BURNE-JONES WINDOWS TALK

910

Built in 1836-38, Holy Trinity Church is home to a world class collection of stained-glass windows by the Pre-Raphaelite artist Edward Burne-Jones and the William Morris workshops. Rob Martin, vicar from 1995-2008, will give a short talk on the windows, their history and the truths they seek to convey.

Holy Trinity Church / FREE



19:30-21:30

POP-UP COMEDY WITH JARRED CHRISTMAS

912

Pop-Up Comedy are back at The Silk Mill for the third year. Hosted by award-winning local funny man Jarred Christmas, this show will be packed with laughs. You won't be disappointed, unless you're too slow to buy a ticket and you miss out....so act fast!

The Silk Mill / £16 / £14 Students



19:30-21:30

THE ANCIENT TREES OF WINDSOR - HISTORY, LEGACY & LORE

913

Julian Hight has travelled widely, camera in hand, to document and tell the stories of historic ancient trees. Using archive and contemporary photographs, music and film, Julian explores the story of Windsor Great Park and Forest told through remaining ancient trees and customs - living links to history - and its relevance to Selwood Forest.

Frome Town Hall / £8



19:30-21:00

TWO GUYS, THREE DRAMS - THE ULTIMATE LIVE BLUES AND WHISKY EXPERIENCE

914

Join The Rhythm and Booze Project as they play some stomping blues music and serve you three superb whiskies. In a whirlwind show, get ready to learn how to sound clever about whisky, appreciate top-quality drams, and enjoy some raucous tunes. A 2022 and 2023 Edinburgh Fringe sell-out show.

Rook Lane Chapel / £25

£23 Students, O65s, People with Disabilities



19:30-22:00

OLD TIME SAILORS

915

Join The Old Time Sailors for a night of footstomping, dancing and singing! Sail back in time and experience traditional seafaring music, performed by a 30-piece band in a way you have never seen before. Sing and dance along like a drunken sailor as the band perform centuries old folk and shanty songs. Fancy dress encouraged!

Cheese & Grain / £22



18:00-21:00

DINNER & DISTILLATES - BISTRO LOTTE & STILL LIFE GIN

908

Bistro Lotte and Still Life Gin have collaborated to create a special four-course menu, paired with a range of unique drinks including creative cocktails, tailor-made gins, exclusive individual distillates, and the opportunity to blend your very own gin at the table. Each booking also includes a small gift of Bistro Lotte's exclusive Masterpiece gin.

Bistro Lotte / £60



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For more information,
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10:00-12:30 / 12:00-14:30

14:00-16:30 / 16:00-18:30

18:00-20:30

1001

FROME TUNNELS TOURS

Visit sites that the Frome Tunnels Project have investigated and hear about local history. Please be aware that a high degree of mobility is necessary to access tight spaces and climb ladders. Tours will start outside the library and hard hats will be provided. Wellington boots essential and a torch and gloves are recommended. Age 14+

Frome Library (Meeting Point) / £12



10:00-12:00

PHOTOFROME SMARTPHONE PHOTO WALK

1002

David Chedgy is a lifelong Frome-based local photographer who knows the town inside and out. Join him in exploring through some of the town's most photographically interesting & unknown spots, finishing with time for a chat and refreshments. Charge up your phone and take some photos whilst making new friends.

Cheese & Grain (Meeting Point) / £10



12:00-13:00

MEDITATION - JAMES FINLEY

1003

In this calming meditation, inspired by James Finley's teachings, find tranquillity through deep breaths and mindful awareness. Connect with your inner self, fostering peace and understanding. Enjoy the serenity that comes from tuning into the rhythm of your breath and the stillness within. Led by Mike Wilsher.

Holy Trinity Church / FREE



13:00-14:00

STRING2STRING - CELLO AND KORA

1004

Chris Hurn (cello) and Stefano Vandelli (kora) join forces once again as String2String (formerly known as 26 Strings) for another gorgeous musical offering. The 22 stringed kora, a West African harp, has a sweet and complex sound and combines exquisitely with the rich melodic resonance of the cello.

Christ Church / £8 / £25 Christ Church

Lunchtime Concert Series Pass



13:30-14:30 / 15:15-16:30

FAMILY BUG HUNT AND POND DIP

1005

Engage with nature, search for bugs by the water, inspect them under the microscope and do some nature-inspired crafts. This Science Boost event is aimed at families with preschool children or home educators with older children. All children must be accompanied by an adult for the whole event. Donations accepted.

The Round House / FREE



14:30-15:30

THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURE RESERVES

1006

In this time of climate change and the ever-increasing threat from human action, why are nature reserves still an important tool for us to save the world? Paul Rowland has worked in local nature conservation for 20 years and gives insight on the role protected areas play, both within and beyond the boundary fences.

Holy Trinity Church / £8 / £4 U14s



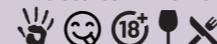
17:30-19:00

THE STORES CHEESE & WINE TASTING

1007

A fun and informal tasting showcasing 4 examples of the very best of British cheese with delicious hand selected wines from independent producers around the world.

The Stores in Frome (Cheese & Wine) / £22



18:00-19:00

CLARINET & PIANO RECITAL - FROM BRAHMS TO BLUES

1008

Neil Moore (clarinet) and Jacquelyn Bevan (piano) present a short recital promising something for everyone. Brahms' mighty F minor Sonata is the centrepiece but Josef Horowitz's Sonata and Alec Templeton's Pocket Sonata bring a lighter feeling to the evening. Amy Beach and Olivier Messiaen also make an appearance.

Christ Church / £12



19:00-20:30

MEET THE MAKER - PILTON CIDER

1009

Great news for cider lovers! Pilton Cider, a local producer, is hosting a tasting evening sampling their selection of delicious ciders. Join an expert maker as they walk you through their range of local ciders made from traditional orchards in the Pilton parish.

Palmer Street Bottle / £10



19:00-20:30

PAUL MASON

1010

- THE BOB MORRIS LECTURE 2024

Former economics editor of Newsnight & Channel 4 News and a regular Guardian contributor, Paul Mason's vast experience in covering current affairs has informed his renowned work as a journalist, writer and filmmaker. Paul will take to the stage to deliver this year's Bob Morris Lecture, an annual highlight of the Festival programme.

Cheese & Grain / £18.00



19:00-21:45
SING YOUR HEART INTO ONENESS

1011

In this Community Cacao & Voice Weaving Ceremony, local healing arts facilitators Emma Shoemsmith & Jenny Waiguen invite you to explore the multi-dimensional healing frequencies of your voice. You will be taken on a cosmic breathwork journey to become part of one unique sonic soundscape, leaving you feeling fully free.

Mycelium Space / £20

**19:00-21:30**
UKULELE WORKSHOP

1012

Learn the ukulele with Roger Southard, perfect for beginners. There will be a limited amount of instruments to borrow - if you would like to use one, please contact office@fromefestival.co.uk to request an instrument.

Cheese & Grain - Meeting Rooms / £14

**19:30-21:00**
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1013

After hearing William Ruff's talk about the surprising origins of everyday words, you may never think of tulips, magazines or toilets in quite the same way - and you'll certainly be more respectful of your pants! You will also find out why noise can make you feel sick and why explosions were originally made by theatre audiences.

Holy Trinity Church / £8

**19:30-21:30**
CROSSING THE ROCKIES • CAMPFIRE AFTERPARTY

1014

Playing a lively mix of traditional and contemporary folk tunes and songs from England, Scotland, Ireland and America, on traditional instruments including the fiddle, whistle, banjo, mandolin and bodhran, Crossing the Rockies are sure to get you out of your seat. Stay after the gig for a special campfire session till late!

The Silk Mill / £14 / £12 Students

**19:30-22:00**
FLY YETI FLY

1015

Returning to the intimate setting of the Tin Church by popular demand, Fly Yeti Fly are guaranteed to put a smile on your face. Blending rich vocal harmonies with intricate guitar arrangements, mandolin and harmonica, the duo weave songs and stories about connection, community and the seasons, with a sound that is reminiscent of the late-60s folk scene.

The Tin Church - Brokerswood / £18 / £12 U16s

**19:30-23:00**
T'BARRY BINGO

1016

Join your hosts Toby & Graeme 'fer night 'o mildly offensive comical Bingo. Full 'o daft sound effects & singalongs to yer favourite balls - PLUS many many shots! Proper winning t'be had, including 'ard cash & a load of treats t'give away. You got to be in it to win it lad.

23 Bath St / £10 Four Strips / £13 Six Strips

**19:30-22:00**
THE FREE FOUR

1017

Polyrhythmic, psychedelic trance grooves from four storied music innovators. Originally coming together in Robert Plant's legendary Sensational Space Shifters band, Dave Smith, Justin Adams, John Baggott and Billy Fuller have helped to create cutting edge music in collaborations with Portishead, AfroFuturists Fofoulah to Rachid Taha and Tinariwen's Desert Rock 'n' Roll.

Bar Lotte / FREE

**19:30-21:00**
TWO GUYS, THREE DRAMS - THE ULTIMATE LIVE BLUES AND WHISKY EXPERIENCE

1018

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Rook Lane Chapel / £25 / £23 Students, O65s,

People with Disabilities

**19:30-21:00**
MIND SET

1019

In this funny and touching new play by Polly Lamb, Stella's been seeking answers and finds herself intrigued by an alternate truth. Outspoken Helen struggles not to take the bait, while level-headed Christine sees the hidden dangers but can't afford to lose her pals. Layers of truth are peeled away to expose the personal cost of conspiracy theory.

Merlin Theatre / £14 / £12 Students

**20:00-21:30**
FEAR THE DARK

1020

One night, a stranger comes knocking on the door of a remote Scottish cottage, hoping to meet his favourite but reclusive author. But maybe all is not what it seems? The world premiere of a spine-tingling ghost story by local Frome writer, Sam Gwyn. A By Word Theatre production.

The Crown Inn / £12 / £10 Income Support

**20:00-22:30**
HIP YAK POETRY SLAM 2024

1021

The Hip Yak Poetry Shack is back with the much-loved Frome Festival Poetry Slam. Prepare for an exhilarating night of poetry hosted by the phenomenal poetic talents of Chris Redmond, Jonny Fluffypunk and Liv Torc. Poets will be competing for a slot on the Hip Yak Poetry Stage at WOMAD 2024. To sign up for the slam, email livtorc@yahoo.com

Archangel / £10 / £7 Slammers



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THURSDAY 11 JULY

12:00-13:00

MEDITATION - ST FRANCIS

1101

Saint Francis lived an indulgent lifestyle in his youth, but after his conversion to Christianity, he became known for his ministry to the poor and his care for nature and animals. Led by Rev. Jo Robinson.

Holy Trinity Church / FREE



13:00-14:00

CHARLES WIFFEN - PIANO

1102

Pianist Charles Wiffen returns for a recital of luscious piano melodies from the eighteenth, nineteenth and twenty-first centuries. Alongside works by Mozart and Muhly, the programme will feature two masterpieces by Franz Liszt - his transcription of Schubert's dramatic song 'Gretchen am Spinnrade', and his epic Sonata in B minor.

Christ Church / £8 / £25 Christ Church
Lunchtime Concert Series Pass



17:30-19:00

WILLY WONKA FAMILY RAVE WITH THE SUPER PIRATES!

1103

Nobody leaves a Super Pirates rave without feeling more awesome about themselves. Expect banging tunes, fun themed games for all the family and yummy hot chocolate from the Rye Bakery, all celebrating this year's Frome Festival theme. Fancy dress encouraged!

The Awesome Studio / £5



18:00-19:00

FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG

1104

Enjoy the glories of a traditional Choral Evensong in the magnificent Parish Church of St John the Baptist. Displays and floral arrangements in the church on the theme Epic Journeys will be reflected in the music which will also include items written by composers celebrating significant anniversaries this year.

St John's Church / FREE



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EPIC JOURNEY FLORAL DISPLAYS

18:00-19:00

MUSICKE IN THE AYRE - FROM FERRARA WITH LOVE

1105

Musicke in the Ayre present a happy hour of early Italian Baroque works for up to three sopranos. This all-female format pioneered by the Este court in Ferrara started a fashion that inspired composers such as Monteverdi and Rossi and helped pave the way for Barbara Strozzi and Francesca Caccini.

Christ Church / £12 / £5 U18s



18:00-19:00

OAKFIELD CHOIR CONCERT

1106

Oakfield Choir returns with a programme of music to put a spring in your step! Elgar's Scenes from the Bavarian Highlands contain a whole host of emotions from jubilant elation to heart-wrenching loss. Coupled with these are George Shearing's jazzy Songs and Sonnets from Shakespeare. Accompanied on the piano by Alan Burgess and directed by Neil Moore.

Holy Trinity Church / £12.50



ALL DAY

FROME STORIES AND MUSIC WALK

11:00-17:00

THE CHROMATIC DIALOGUE - PART TWO

11:00-16:00

ART FOR WELLBEING EXHIBITION

For more information, see Visual Arts
& Activities section pages 42-46

19:00-23:00

ELLA CLAYTON

1107

Ella returns to the HydeAway stage after a truly spellbinding sold out show last year. A rising star of the UK songwriter scene, her songs resonate as honest portrayals of love and loss. Enjoy this magically intimate micro-concert presented by Night River.

HydeAway / £12



19:00-20:30

MEET THE MAKER - TRUE STORY BREWING CO.

1108

Experience the unique and delicious flavors of True Story's locally brewed craft beer and put your taste buds to the test. Hosted by one of True Story's expert brewers, the evening promises to take you on a tasting adventure where you'll get the chance to sample their unique beers. Get ready for an unforgettable, hoppy evening!

Palmer Street Bottle / £10



19:00-21:30

MYCELIUM CONNECTION

1109

Do you crave deeper, more meaningful connections in your life? Have you ever felt the longing for conversations that go beyond the surface? Are you seeking a space where you can be your true self without fear of judgment, regardless of your cultural or gender background? This community-building event is open to everyone.

Mycelium Space / FREE



19:00-22:00

THE SUN INN'S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

1110

A night of fun and frivolity at this charity pub quiz. Come and test your wits with a chance to win prizes and ultimately our quizmaster cup! Max 5 per team. Limited spaces available, reserve a table to guarantee entry.

The Sun Inn / £10



19:30-23:00

BLACK EYED DOGS

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Returning by popular demand, Bar Lotte are delighted to welcome Ethan Johns and the Black Eyed Dogs. Expect an electric show with their very own unique and expertly executed take on Americana.

Bar Lotte / FREE



19:30-22:00

RICHARD HERRING - CAN I HAVE MY BALL BACK!

1112

In 2021, Richard Herring found out he had testicular cancer and was lying in hospital waiting to have his murderous gonad removed. Would he survive? (No spoilers!). In his much-anticipated return to stand-up after a six year hiatus, Richard takes to the Cheese & Grain stage to talk bollocks.

Cheese & Grain / £22





19:30-21:30
SHEELANAGIG • CAMPFIRE
AFTERPARTY

1113

For nearly two decades, Sheelanagig have brought their array of foot-stomping folk tunes to audiences across the globe. These fine musicians create a real dynamic which is inherent in the furious dance medleys. Stay after the gig for a special campfire session till late!

The Silk Mill / £16 / £14 Students



20:00-22:00
BAKOSÓ - SCREENING / Q&A
SESSION WITH DIRECTOR AND CAST

1114

Experience an evening of Cuban music, culture and history told through the eyes of DJ Jigue. Travel to his hometown of Santiago de Cuba to find inspiration for the African-Caribbean musical fusion, Bakosó, through stunning visuals and scoring. The documentary will be followed by a Q&A session with the director & cast and, of course, some fine Cuban rum!

Merlin Theatre / £20



20:00-23:00
CELTIC & TRANSATLANTIC
FOLK SESSION

1115

Encompassing both Celtic trad and old-time American bluegrass, this will get the feet a tappin'. From local jigs and reels to tunes from the Appalachian Mountains, it's sure to be a lively night in this legendary old pub.

The Lamb & Fountain / FREE



20:00-21:30
FEAR THE DARK

1116

One night, a stranger comes knocking on the door of a remote Scottish cottage, hoping to meet his favourite but reclusive author. But maybe all is not what it seems? The world premiere of a spine-tingling ghost story by local Frome writer, Sam Gwyn. A By Word Theatre production.

The Crown Inn / £12 / £10 Income Support



20:00-21:30
HANGMAN DRUMS SONIC:HMD

1117

Experience SONIC:HMD's captivating live handpan performance with dynamic video accompaniment, promising an upbeat vibe to keep you grooving. Indulge in drinks and pizza from the nearby Rye Bakery bar. Join us for an evening filled with rhythm and flavour.

The Awesome Studio / £8 / £5 U18s, Students



20:00-22:00
THE FRUKES

1118

The lost army of forgotten souls returns for its annual roustabout. Expect tears and laughter, dancing and tomfoolery, gorgeous singing and absolutely no shouting. New and improved? You be the judge.

Cornerhouse / FREE



FRIDAY 12 JULY

12:00-13:00
MEDITATION - ST IGNATIUS

1201

This meditation is based on the method used by Saint Ignatius - founder of the Jesuits. Thoughtful readings will allow you to imagine what it might have been like to be there, from the perspective of the different characters present. Led by Felicity Hill.

Holy Trinity Church / FREE



13:00-14:00
THE NOT-SO-SHRINKING
VIOLETES - A CELEBRATION
OF THE VIOLA

1202

Five enthusiastic musicians celebrate their love for the viola and demonstrate its versatility. The programme begins with classics, but descends into a romp through some lighter numbers from unexpected sources.

Christ Church / £8 / £25

Christ Church Lunchtime Concert Series Pass



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The Tree House - Vine Tree Pub / £15



1207

14:30-15:30

BURNE-JONES WINDOWS TALK

1203

Built in 1836-38, Holy Trinity Church is home to a world class collection of stained-glass windows by the Pre-Raphaelite artist Edward Burne-Jones and the William Morris workshops. Rob Martin, vicar from 1995-2008, will give a short talk on the windows, their history and the truths they seek to convey.

Holy Trinity Church / FREE



16:00-21:00

THE FROME INDEPENDENT SUMMER NIGHT MARKET

1204

New to this year's Frome Festival, The Frome Independent brings a capsule version of the award winning monthly market to the Market Yard. Browse dozens of stalls with the best designer makers and food producers in the south west, enjoy delicious street food and drink with music and live performances.

Cattle Market Car Park / FREE



18:00-19:30 / 20:00-21:30

AN INTRODUCTION TO GIN WITH STILL SISTERS

1205

Head to the Still Sisters distillery for a fascinating evening of gin. Learn about the history of gin, their company and how they got started. Discover the gin making process and sample a selection of fantastic spirits. Samples and double gin & mixer included in the price.

Still Sisters / £12



19:00-23:30

A NIGHT OF AFRO-CARIBBEAN BEATS AND FLAVOURS

1206

DJ Kamerum Cuba and DJ Jigue will fill your ears, souls and hearts with all genres of Afro-Caribbean rhythms and beats. The evening will be accompanied by the amazing Guyanese flavours of Mahalia's Caribbean cuisine (not included in the ticket price).

23 Bath St / £12



19:30-22:00

COMEDY CARP WITH TONY LAW

1208

Experience the hilarious comedy of three-time Chortle Award winner and Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, Tony Law. As seen and heard on Have I Got News For You, 8 Out Of 10 Cats and The Infinite Monkey Cage. Tony is now bringing his award-winning wit to Comedy Carp. Plus support.

Cornerhouse / £12



19:30-23:00

HARARE • MOTHER OF MANKIND AFTERPARTY

1211

Fronted by exuberant Zimbabwean musician Kuda Matimba, Harare feature a groundbreaking line up, mixing the buzzing acoustics of the rich-toned marimba with swooping basslines, dance rhythms and uplifting vocals. Ticket includes a very special after-party with legendary DJ Mother of Mankind.

The Silk Mill / £16 / £14 Students



19:30-21:30

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE

1209

Ecstatic dance is a liberating, alcohol-free experience where there are no choreographed steps and no expectations - only pure, unbridled self-expression. Come as you are and move as you feel while the DJ weaves a tapestry of eclectic beats, soulful melodies and deep bass.

Mycelium Space / £12



19:30-21:30

CHOIRSTASTIC - AN EVENING WITH FROME SHOW CHOIR & ROCK CHOIR

1210

Debut double headline concert for all the family featuring musical theatre songs from across the decades plus hit pop and rock songs to really get your toes tapping.

Merlin Theatre / £12 / £10 Concessions



19:30-21:30

JOHN LAW / JON LLOYD - NAISSANCE

1212

Following their sell-out ambient music and visuals project 'Renaissance' at Frome Festival 2022, John Law (piano / keyboard) and Jon Lloyd (saxophone) present a pared down duo project. A mixture of Renaissance music and their original, minimalist compositions, the result is one of interactive lines, with the emphasis on beauty and form.

St John's Church / £15



19:30-23:00

NED CAN'T CRY

1213

Ned Can't Cry bring their own brand of roots and country to Bar Lotte for an evening of Americana-tinged entertainment. Expect a harmonious smattering of fresh original material along with an expertly curated collection of classic tunes.

Bar Lotte / FREE



19:30-22:00

PEATBOG FAERIES

1214

Known for their unique blend of Celtic melodies with jazz and folk overtones, making them one of Scotland's best-known names in contemporary folk music. Since forming in 1991, they have played to fans all over the world and have won multiple awards, including induction into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame.

Cheese & Grain / £24



19:30-21:30

RICHARD LENNOX - MY KIND OF MUSIC

1215

Fast-emerging as a brilliant classical crossover artist, Richard Lennox plays everything from Bach to the Beatles, musical theatre to rock and roll, and just about everything else in between. A master of the keys, he holds a phenomenal stage presence with the technical ability to truly entertain.

Holy Trinity Church / £12



19:30-21:30

TELLING TALES

1216

Following a hugely successful launch at The Merlin Theatre in March, the Scriptwriters' Group of Frome Writers' Collective will present a second evening of funny, intriguing and moving monologues and stories.

Archangel / £5



20:00-22:00

WHAT THE VECK!

1217

Tom Veck brings charm and warmth to a show with relatable domestic ditties, stories from his peculiar past and the confessions of strangers. Submit your own cringeworthy tale to tomvecklive@gmail.com before the show (anonymity is optional), and he might just sing it back to you on the night! Or perhaps you'll win something unimaginably hideous during 'The Naffle'!

23 Bath St / £10 / £8 Income Support



21:00-23:00

THE CLEYHILL STOMPERS

1218

Join Steve McStevie and the Clayhill Stompers for a night of proper West Country Rock 'n' Roll.

The Sun Inn / FREE



SATURDAY 13 JULY

10:00-12:00 / 13:30-15:30 COMIC ART MASTERCLASS WITH KEV F

1301

Kev F Sutherland has written and drawn for Beano, Doctor Who and Marvel comics. Now he'll teach you how easy it is. After the end of a Comic Art Masterclass, you'll take away a comic containing a strip by everyone in the class plus an individual caricature by Kev F. Classes are for age 7 and upwards.

The Awesome Studio / £15



10:00-12:00 PLAYFIGHTING

1302

Discover Playfighting, a unique way to experience the joy of physical play beyond competition or aggression. This workshop focuses on connection, awareness, and the basics of Playfighting, aiming to uncover personal strengths and subconscious behaviors through playful engagement. It's an opportunity to learn, grow, and find empowerment in a safe, supportive setting.

Mycelium Space / £25



10:30-13:00 CIRCLE SINGING & COLLABORATIVE VOCAL IMPROVISATION

1303

With 20 years experience in leading music and immersed in CVI (collaborative vocal improvisation) for the last five, Joanna Harvey brings fun, lightness and musicality. A morning or easy 3 or 4 part songs with parts simply taught by ear. Open to anyone who loves to sing.

St Mary's Church, Innox Hill / £20 / £35

Combined ticket with COLLABORATIVE VOCAL IMPROVISATION

14:00-17:00 COLLABORATIVE VOCAL IMPROVISATION

Led by Joanna Harvey who has been immersed in vocal improvisation for the past 5 years, this workshop designed for confident singers explores frameworks for co-created and lush improvisations - both structured and free - encouraging self-expression, deep connection, fun, playfulness and soul.

St Mary's Church, Innox Hill / £25 / £35

Combined ticket with CIRCLE SINGING & COLLABORATIVE VOCAL IMPROVISATION



11:00-12:00 / 13:00-14:00 16:00-17:00 BOULDERING WORKSHOPS

1304

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Frome Boulder Rooms / £5



11:00-12:00 THE EXTRAORDINARY TIME-TRAVELLING ADVENTURES OF BARON MUNCHAUSEN

1305

Amazing tales elegantly told. There will be pirates and princesses, unicorns and dragons, swordfights and spacemen, and all of it is completely and irrefutably true. Top award-winning comedians and improvisers tell extravagant stories all based on the Adventures of Baron Munchausen. Perfect for adventurers aged 6-12 and their adults.

Merlin Theatre / £12 / £10 concessions



11:00-12:00 THE NUMBIANO GAME

1306

Local music teacher and star of Rocktopus, Andy Hawkings, is launching a new musical instrument, music method and game which combine to unlock the secrets of music. Find out how music is made easy with Numbiano. No musical experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun with other people while learning the skills needed to play ANY song in the world!

Avanti Park Hall / FREE



13:00-14:00 CHRIST CHURCH SINGERS - GLORIOUS KINGDOM

1307

Christ Church Singers present a celestial banquet of choral music from the 16th century to today. Featuring O Quam Gloriosum by Spanish Renaissance master Victoria, and sublime works by Stanford, Cecilia McDowall and others.

Christ Church / £12



13:00-14:00 HELENA TODD VIOLIN RECITAL - LIGHT BUT ZESTY

1308

A lunchtime concert with Helena Todd on violin and Paul Eyre on piano. Soak up the heady sun-kissed vibes of Sarasate, de Falla and Boulanger, alongside Gershwin, musical hits and more, and let your soul be transported to warm waters, whatever the weather in Frome.

Rook Lane Chapel / £8



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14:00-15:30

MAKE & SHAKE MUSIC WORKSHOP 1309

Join Willow from Sing-a-ling for a fun-filled children's music, percussion and craft workshop. Children will have the opportunity to craft their very own percussion instruments using materials sourced from the POD Scrapstore before joining in with a percussion workshop. Let's make some noise!

Canoe Club / £3



14:00-15:00

SAGGERS PLAYS POP 1310

Join eminent whistorian Virginia Saggars on a silent disco walking tour of Frome. Let Virginia take you by the hand (metaphorically) and tickle the beige underbelly of the town, complete with a carefully curated soundtrack delivered direct to your ears via headphones. New from Rare Species Theatre Company, creators of cult hit "Frome - The Fecund Coming" and "Not on the Buses".

Market Place (Meeting Place) / £15 / £10

Income Support



14:30-15:15

FAMILY MAGIC SHOW 1311

Join Mark Burgess from The Magical Storybox for a 45-minute interactive magic show. Please note, adults will need to stay for this event.

Holy Trinity Church / £5 / U3s FREE



15:00-18:00

LYDIA LAUGHING 1312

Lydia Laughing is a London-based alternative folk collective comprising of harp, cello, guitar and vocals. Their musical backgrounds range between classical, dream pop, prog and experimental rock and are woven together by their united fascination with traditional tunes, creating a tapestry of sound that feels both new and old.

The Three Swans / £8



15:30-17:30

POETRY AND PASTRIES - CRYSSIE MORRISON PRIZE FOR POETRY PRIZEGIVING 1313

Enjoy an afternoon of prize-winning poems and delicious baked goods in Frome's famous French bistro. The Crysse Morrison Prize for Poetry will be presented by prize-winning poet Emma Purshouse. Coffee and pastries, both sweet and savoury, included.

Bistro Lotte / £15



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CRYSSIE MORRISON POETRY COMPETITION > P45



17:00-21:00

COCKTAIL BAR & GIN BLENDING EXPERIENCE 1314

For the first time, the Still Life lab will be open for you to blend your own gin on the fly, straight into your glass. Enjoy a range of exceptional gin and unique cocktails whilst listening to the soothing sounds of classic vinyl records.

Still Life Gin / FREE (entry only)



17:30-19:00

PSYCHO-SOMATIC 1315

Psycho-somatic is both a film and a live performance. What happens when you have an idea, follow your nose and keep going, across five continents? A birdsong leads to Alice Springs. A pop song leads to Seoul in South Korea. And the rest... Directed and performed by artist and creative ecologist Richard Layzell.

The Awesome Studio

£5 / £3 Students, Income Support



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The Tree House - Vine Tree Pub / £15



19:30-21:30

FROME GOOD AFTERNOON CHOIR - "SING OUT" CHARITY CONCERT 1317

Frome Good Afternoon Choir welcome Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir as their special guests for an evening to "Sing Out". This charity concert is organised to support Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Holy Trinity Church / £12 / FREE U16s



19:30-23:00

FROME SINGS THE LEGENDS FOR WHY 1318

A stellar selection of Frome's community of talented musicians will give their take on the world's great songwriters. Enjoy Keren's delicious mezze and dessert included in the ticket price. Proceeds help WHY support people affected or bereaved by cancer and life-threatening conditions.

Rook Lane Chapel / £25 / £8 Entry only (no food)



19:30-21:30

GEOFF ROBB - MUSIC OF TREES 1319

Blending virtuoso guitar music and magical storytelling about trees, these original compositions feature a signature mix of classical, jazz, Celtic and Spanish influences. Winner of the Brighton Fringe Live Music Award.

St John's Church / £13 / £11 U16s, O65s



19:30-23:00

MORLEY & BINGHAM 1320

Singer-songwriter Jazz Morley recently featured on ITV's The Voice and has supported musical legends such as George Benson and Tom Jones. Daniel Bingham is a highly revered touring musician sharing the stage with The Streets and Sophie Ellis-Bextor. This dynamic duo bring you an evening of stripped back classics from Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, Aretha Franklin and more.

Bar Lotte / FREE



20:00-2:00

SENSONIC 1322

sonsonic is a unique event; part live gig, part immersive art installation and part banging dance floor. Its ever-expanding format makes full use of the wonderful Silk Mill gallery and courtyard in an eclectic mix of world-class live acts, audiovisual art and DJs. This year features the Light Surgeons; a key part in establishing the London audiovisual scene in the '90s.

The Silk Mill / £19.50 / £16 Students



19:30-22:00
TREVOR MOSS & HANNAH-LOU
- PLUS SPECIAL GUEST 1321

Formerly of Indigo Moss, songwriting duo Trevor Moss & Hannah-Lou have released five studio albums, been signed to Loose Music, Big Life and Heavenly Records, toured with the likes of Tori Amos, Jools Holland and Damon Albarn, played main stages at Glastonbury and Green Man and worked with producers including Ethan Johns and Dan Carey.

The Tin Church - Brokerswood / £18 / £12 U16s

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20:30-23:00
FLASH HARRY 1324

Festival favourites Flash Harry, playing a blend a Folk, Rock, Cajan and Balkan music are masters of their craft. Their music puts a smile on your face, sweat on your brow and a stomp in your feet.

Cornerhouse / FREE

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21:00-23:00
THE HOODOOS 1325

Swampy blues, folk, jazz, bluegrass, pop, country and funk done with goose-bumping vocal harmonies.

The Sun Inn / FREE

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20:00-22:00
BORN TO SWING WITH ANDREW BOURN 1323

Britain's Got Talent finalist Andrew Bourn is known for his charismatic stage presence and smooth vocals, with repertoire spanning from the Ratpack and Nat King Cole to Michael Bublé. Featuring some of London's best big band players in The Party At Frank's Band, expect songs from the greats of the genre as well as jazz arrangements of modern day classics.

Ecos Outdoor Stage / £17 / £15 U16s, O65s

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11:00-12:00 / 13:00-14:00
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Frome Boulder Rooms / £5

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10:00-15:00

SUMMER ART CAR BOOT

1401

Artists, craftspeople and designer-makers will be selling their work directly to the public at the Summer Art Car Boot, organised by Black Swan Arts, Frome's community arts centre. Meet the makers, buy affordable art without commission and support local creatives!

Cattle Market Car Park / FREE

11:00-12:30

**THE LIGHT IN SELWOOD
-TOURS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

1403

Take a guided tour around St John the Baptist Church, a Grade II listed building and the final resting place of Thomas Ken, former Bishop of Bath & Wells, and many other Frome notables. The tour will start with an introductory talk and will include the opportunity to visit the usually restricted South Porch.

St John's Church / FREE

12:00-12:45 / 16:00-16:45

THE DRAGON WAGON

1404

Jellyfish Theatre roll up with their joyful outdoor show. Come and meet the dragon whisperer and fantastical dragons who live in the wonderful "Wagon of Dreams". A playful, inventive family show about friendship, food and dragons, set on a retro caravan: packed with puppetry, music and laughter. Bring a blanket to sit on. Best suited for age 4 - 8.

Victoria Park / FREE**ALSO HAPPENING TODAY:****ALL DAY / FROME OPEN ART TRAIL**

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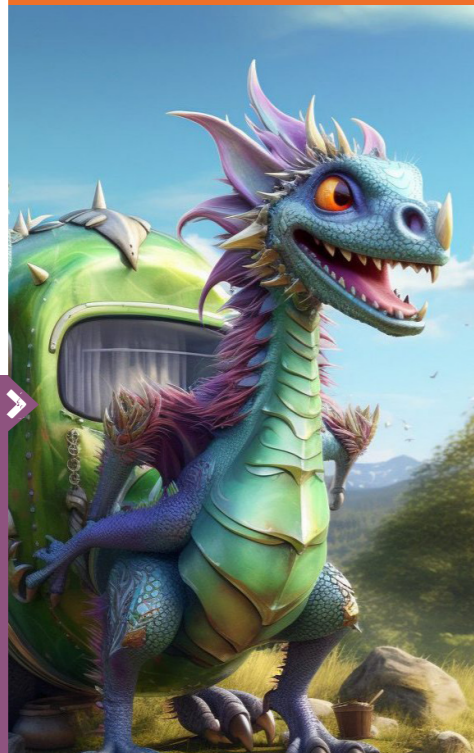
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For more information, see Visual Arts & Activities section **pages 42-46**



13:30-15:30

**FROME FESTIVAL SHORT STORY
COMPETITION PRIZE-GIVING**

1405

Join Frome Writers' Collective for a celebration of short stories and the results of the 'Frome Writers in Residence Competition' and the 'Young Writers' Award'. Author and editor, Kylie Fitzpatrick, will then present the 'Frome Festival Short Story Competition' prizes. Winning stories will be read.

Ecos Outdoor Stage / FREE

14:30-16:00

FROME HERITAGE TREE WALK

1406

Join local author and heritage tree specialist Julian Hight on a walk to see some of Frome's most majestic trees, and hear about their history, legacy and lore. This easy walk will include Millennium Green, Rodden Meadow and Willow Vale.

Cheese & Grain (Meeting Point) / £8**ADULT DANCE CLASS TASTER**

1407

Come and have a go at introductory dance classes. No previous experience needed. There will be tea and coffee available before, between and after the sessions plus an opportunity to meet with teachers and some regular participants.

14:45-15:05 - BARRE FIT

Barre Fit focusses on strengthening glutes, thighs, ankles and core, while improving cardio, balance, posture and your confidence.

15:15-15:35 - ADULT CONTEMPORARY

An introduction to contemporary dance technique, this session includes back work, foot exercises, swing exercises, travel exercises and longer dance sequences built across the sessions.

15:45-16:05 - SILVER SWANS

Silver Swans is a high quality ballet class for learners aged 55 and over. Classes are delivered by qualified dance teacher Sue McGovern who is trained to respond to the different needs of participants of a broad age range. Classes are open and accessible and will help improve your mobility, posture, coordination, and energy levels.

BlackBirdRedRose Studios / FREE

15:30-17:30

**CHOC ET AL
- CHOCOLATE TASTING EXPERIENCE**

1408

Chocolate lovers are invited to this popular chocolate shop and cafe for a decadent chocolate tasting experience. A lucky participant at one of their Sunday events can also win one of Frome Festival's Golden Tickets with a sweet spending spree, generously sponsored by Choc et al.

Choc et al / £15

16:00-18:00

PETE GAGE AND HIS BAND

1409

Bluesman Pete Gage is famous for fronting the Jet Harris Band and Dr Feelgood. This year The Cornerhouse are carrying on a much loved tradition when Pete and his band play on the last day of the Festival.

Cornerhouse / Free

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16:00-17:00

SOPRIOLA**- WIND COMES FROM THE SEA**

Sopriola - Rachel Godsill (soprano) and Rachel Stott (viola d'amore) - present a programme of contemporary and traditional songs spanning three continents and four millenia. New settings of ancient Persian and Babylonian texts contrast with a 17th century evocation of the Virgin Mary soothing the infant Jesus, and songs of the Yorkshire and Somerset countryside.

Christ Church / £10 / £5 U19s



1410

16:00-17:00

THE WANDERING HEART

Simon Keyes reflects on the experience and meaning of walking alone along the 1,400km Via Transilvanica in Romania. Illustrated with images, readings and music. Donations welcome.

St John's Church / FREE



1411

19:30-21:30

ELEVEN MAGPIES**• CAMPFIRE AFTERPARTY**

Eleven Magpies chart a whirling journey of plucked and bowed strings, through humorous miniatures and sorrowful madrigal-esque beauty, then up into unexpected flights that come to land in moments of serene stillness. Stay after the gig for a special campfire session till late!

The Silk Mill / £16 / £14 Students



1412

19:30-21:30

EMMA HARRIS &**THE GRAHAM DENT TRIO**

Singer Emma Harris joins pianist Graham Dent and his jazz trio to perform some of the most beautiful songs ever composed, ranging from Gershwin to Burt Bacharach. Her vocal style is packed with emotional sincerity and inspired exuberance. With Adrian Smith on bass and Greg White on drums.

Cornerhouse / FREE



1413

19:30-21:30

FROME SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**- BERNSTEIN, GERSHWIN &****SHOSTAKOVICH**

Get ready for a sensational evening of musical brilliance as the Frome Symphony Orchestra takes centre stage. This concert promises to be a memorable journey through some of the most iconic compositions in classical music, including Dmitri Shostakovich's titanic Symphony No. 10.

Cheese & Grain / £14 / £5 U18s



1414

19:30-23:00

JOSEPH HYDE & DAVE SMITH

World renowned drummer Dave Smith and award-winning electronic artist Joseph Hyde plus guests present an evening of eclectic and playful sonic explorations. Expect rich sound textures, driving rhythms and deep drone groves - everything from beautiful shimmering ambiances to dark distortions and noise. Anything could happen!

Bar Lotte / FREE



1415

20:00-22:00

FAR-CUE

Renowned for putting on one hell of a true punk show, Far-Cue never fails to disappoint and are sure to make you roar with laughter.

The Sun Inn / FREE



1416



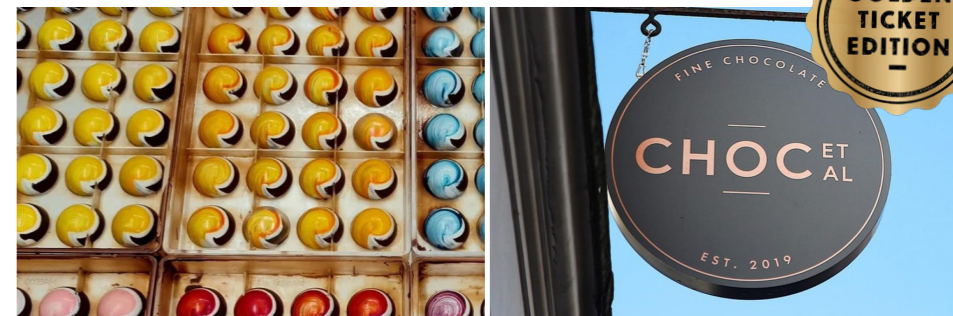
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Roald Dahl

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6 - 7 / 10 - 14 JULY

**11:00-16:00
ART FOR WELLBEING EXHIBITION**

Frome Art for Wellbeing presents an exhibition of artworks by our talented members, including original paintings in a variety of media, prints and greeting cards. The majority of the works are for sale with profits going to the artists. As in previous years, a "People's Choice" will be included with the chance to win one of the paintings.

St John's Church / FREE



5-14 JULY

**11:00-17:00
EPIC JOURNEY FLORAL DISPLAYS**

Floral and visual displays by the people of St John's Church, in conjunction with the Frome Floral Art Society and local schools. Inspired by this year's 700th anniversary of Marco Polo, the floral displays will look at epic and inspiring journeys through the centuries, and the reasons for them including for exploration, pilgrimage, trade or as a last journey.

St John's Church / FREE



5-14 JULY

**ALL DAY
FROME OPEN ART TRAIL**

Emerging and established artists and makers open their studios, homes and venues to show and sell their work. Support Frome's creative community and discover paintings, sculpture, textiles, glass, ceramics, jewellery and so much more.

Discover the full trail by picking up a free brochure at the Cheese & Grain, Black Swan Arts, the Library, the Town Hall or many shops and cafes in Frome and surrounding villages. You can also download a virtual programme through the Frome Festival website.

Across Frome / FREE



6-14 JULY

**11:00-17:00
IAN MARLOW SCULPTURE & DRAWINGS**

Sculptor Ian Marlow is opening his studio and sculpture garden in the village of Buckland Dinham. The exhibition will show sculptures in stainless steel, bronze and glass as well as drawings. Ian is a member of the Royal Society of Sculptors and a regular sponsor of Frome Festival.

Ian Marlow Sculpture / FREE



5-6 / 10-13 JULY

**PREVIEW: 5 JULY 17:00-20:00
6/10-13 JULY 11:00-17:00
THE CHROMATIC DIALOGUE
- PART TWO**

A second collaboration between artist Amanda Bee and Jeweller Clare Lloyd where semi abstract landscapes and minimalist jewellery converge in a celebration of colour created with earth pigments. Expect to see a new collection of local and Cornish landscapes, prints, cards, statement necklaces, earrings and rings.

Amanda Bee Art / FREE



14 JULY

**14:00-17:00
VISIONARY ART WITH
NIKHIL NATHAN KIRSH**

An open exhibition to experience the artwork of Nikhil Nathan Kirsh. Using a variety of materials on canvas, including coffee, his own blood, wine, various berries and fungi spores, this will be a chance to talk to the artist himself about his visionary process. Original artwork and prints will be for sale.

Mycelium Space / FREE



5-14 JULY

**ALL DAY
FROME STORIES AND MUSIC WALK**

Let a ghost guide your footsteps through the history, mystery and music of Frome. Put on your best headphones, or use a speaker, and head to Bistro Lotte. And then, go to the Frome Festival website to discover the Sonambulist's audio tour. Simply press play and start your enchanted stroll... Start to finish, around 50 minutes. Your ghost awaits...!

Bistro Lotte / FREE



12-14 JULY

**10:30-16:30
HIDDEN GARDENS OF FROME**

A highlight of the Festival programme, Frome residents open their doors wide and invite you to discover the Hidden Gardens of Frome. Explore the byways of Frome, enjoy gardens lovingly prepared by volunteers, treat yourself to a piece of cake and a cup of tea, or just wander around and have a chat. Join hundreds of visitors discovering beautiful places across the town and talk with knowledgeable gardeners and wildlife enthusiasts.

When you purchase your ticket either in person or online, you will receive a programme with map which will act as your ticket for the gardens. Please be aware that some gardens are only open 1 or 2 days across the weekend, as gardeners do love to get out and see other people's efforts as well.

Point of sale for physical programmes: Cheese and Grain, Hunting Raven, Ellenbray, Victoria Park Cafe, Discover Frome in the Library and the Town Hall. All funds raised support Frome Festival.

Across Frome / £5 / FREE U13s



**FROME FESTIVAL
TREASURE HUNT 2024**

Returning in 2024, the Frome Festival Treasure Hunt will be challenging you to find your way around Frome with the help of mildly devious clues.

You do not need knowledge of Frome, just a keen eye and a sense of humour. All the clues are found within a reasonable distance of the town centre. So give it a go and enjoy an afternoon or two strolling around our wonderful town.

Quiz sheets cost £5 and are available from the Frome Festival website from Fri 28th June. **Deadline for entries is Sun 28th July.** Winner will be announced in early August.

Treasure Hunt Prize - an elegant and tactile Silver pendant from Annette Gabbedey's 'Eternal' range.

We are grateful to designer goldsmith Annette Gabbedey on Catherine Hill who has kindly donated the prize for this year's Treasure Hunt. Annette has supported Frome Festival with wonderful handmade prizes for the Treasure Hunt since the start of the Festival.



**THE CRYSSE MORRISON
PRIZE FOR POETRY**

Following the success of last year's inaugural competition, this year will see the return of the Crysse Morrison Prize for Poetry. Best known for her wealth of writing and her love of Frome Festival, Crysse was an inspirational writer who always championed poetry throughout the Festival.

The Crysse Morrison Prize for Poetry will be presented by prize-winning poet Emma Purshouse during the Festival on Saturday 13th July / 3.30pm at Bistro Lotte. Enjoy an afternoon of prize-winning poems and delicious baked goods in Frome's famous French bistro.

PRIZES

- 1st Prize - £200
- 2nd Prize - £100
- 3rd Prize - £75
- Local Prize (5 miles of Frome) - £75

HOW TO TAKE PART

- Purchase your competition place by going to fromefestival.co.uk/cryssepoetry2024 and paying the £5 competition fee
- Submit your poem using the online form once you've paid your fee
- Maximum poem length - 40 lines

UK entrants only



FROME FESTIVAL SHORT STORY COMPETITION



First held in 2004, the Frome Festival Short Story Competition is just a few years younger than Frome Festival itself and celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. It regularly attracts entries from all over the UK and beyond, but there are also prizes for the best local entries. This year's judge is the author and educator, Kylie Fitzpatrick (pictured). Kylie has Masters and Doctoral degrees in Creative Writing, and is an editor and mentor with over twenty years experience in publishing, film and television.

Entries for the competition should be 1,000 – 2,200 words in length and submitted by Fri 31st May; the results are announced at a prize-giving event at the Merlin's Ecos Outdoor Theatre on Sunday 14th July.

Full details of how to enter are at fromeshortstorycompetition.co.uk

YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION



Young writers aged 12 – 21 are invited to submit stories of up to 2,000 words, using the prompt 'missing'. The competition was set up in 2021 by Frome Writers' Collective and Frome Festival thanks to the sponsorship of Kerry Wilkinson and Keith Stuart, two authors with local connections.

Participants must live, work, or attend a school or college in the BA postcode area. Entry is free. Stories should be emailed to fromewriterscollective@gmail.com by Fri 31st May. Please include your name, school or college (if in full-time education), contact details and date of birth.

Entries will be judged in two age groups, 12-15 and 16-21, and our judge is author and UK Patron of Reading, Joffre White (pictured). The first prize in both age groups is £50, with book tokens for the runners-up.

5-7 / 9-13 JULY

10:00 – 14:00
FROME MUSEUM

Come and discover 1,500 years of the town's history at Frome Museum, including the story of the Frome Hoard, one of the largest Roman coin discoveries in the UK. Find out more at frome-museum.org

FROME MUSEUM



FANTASTIC FOR FAMILIES Family Arts Standard Holder

Frome Festival is recognised by Fantastic for Families as a Family Arts Standard Holder. The Family Arts Standards are a national accreditation for organisations committed to providing excellent family experiences.

Frome Festival is full of excellent activities for all ages, led by outstanding creatives and workshop leaders who will ensure their offers are designed age appropriately. If you have any queries or feedback about any family offers taking place as a part of Frome Festival, please contact office@fromefestival.co.uk

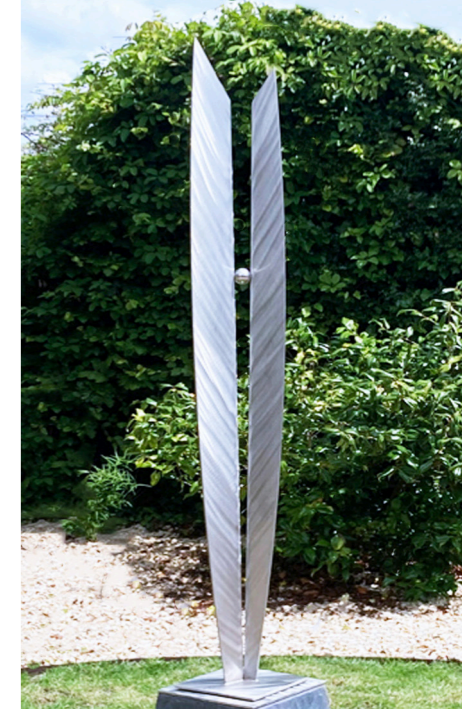


FROME TOWN COUNCIL EVENT FACILITATION FUND

Thanks to the generous support of Frome Town Council, event organisers across the Frome Festival programme received support in order to deliver activities for free or up to £5 per participant. With accessible activities taking place every day of the Festival, more people than ever before will be able to experience the joys of live music, art, literature and theatre, as well as busy programme for families and younger children.

IAN MARLOW

Sculptor
Studio & Garden Open
6th - 14th July 2024
11am - 5pm
See listings for details



YOUR FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU!



Frome Festival could not operate without the close link it has developed with Frome residents over many years. From the start in 2001, the Festival was initially designed as a regeneration project for Frome and continues to provide significant benefits for the community who interact with the Festival today.

Now, every year across a ten-day programme, the Festival hosts over 250 events, workshops and activities, featuring a broad range of arts and culture in over 50 venues across the town, from concert halls and theatres to churches, pubs and parks.

Many local community groups deliver events as a part of the programme, using the Festival platform to promote and share their activities with other residents. These community events are at the core of our programme, increasing the engagement of community members as performers, participants and audience members.

In order to run the office efficiently and support the small creative team who make the Festival happen, we rely on regular income to ensure we can keep delivering the programme.

Our core team of committed Friends help us to do this. We would love you to be one of them. Visit www.fromefestival.co.uk/friends to find out more. Thank you!

BOX OFFICE AND BOOKING INFORMATION

Festival Friends Priority Booking: Fri 17th May 2024 from 10am (at Cheese and Grain Box Office only)

General Booking: Sun 19th May 2024 (at Cheese and Grain Box Office and online through the Frome Festival website)

Festival event tickets are sold at box offices across Frome. For the most up-to-date ticket information for Festival events, go to fromefestival.co.uk and click on our events calendar to find booking links and further information.

Please note that the Frome Festival office does not sell any tickets independently. For any booking enquiries, please contact the relevant box office directly through their booking link. Many events are free and do not require booking. All free events that require booking will state this on the event listing. All policies relating to refunds and returns are subject to the box office selling the event ticket. Please contact the relevant box office directly for further information.

If you would prefer a physical box office, most Festival events will have some tickets available through the Cheese and Grain Box Office:

Cheese & Grain, Market Yard, Frome, BA11 1BE
01373 455420

The Cheese and Grain Box Office applies a booking fee of £1.50 to all tickets priced above £5. Other box offices may also apply booking fees on tickets sold.

Please note that we work hard to ensure all event information is accurate at the time of print, but all programming details including pricing are subject to change. Please go to fromefestival.co.uk for the most up-to-date event information.

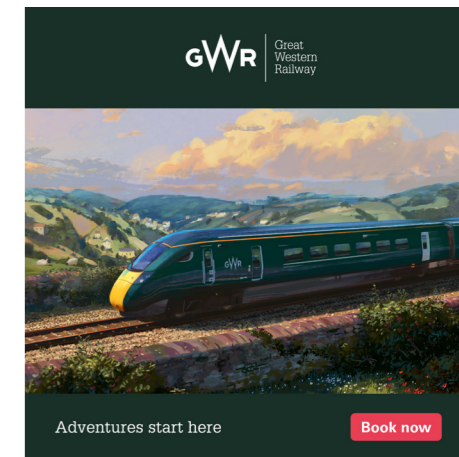
ADDITIONAL

Times given in the programme are the start of the performance unless otherwise stated. Doors generally open 30 minutes beforehand.

- Check your tickets as soon as you receive them
- Tickets are non-refundable unless events are cancelled
- For late bookings, tickets will generally be held on the door

Visitors with disabilities – please check accessibility information from venues’ websites and contact venues directly to ensure that you are fully supported throughout events.

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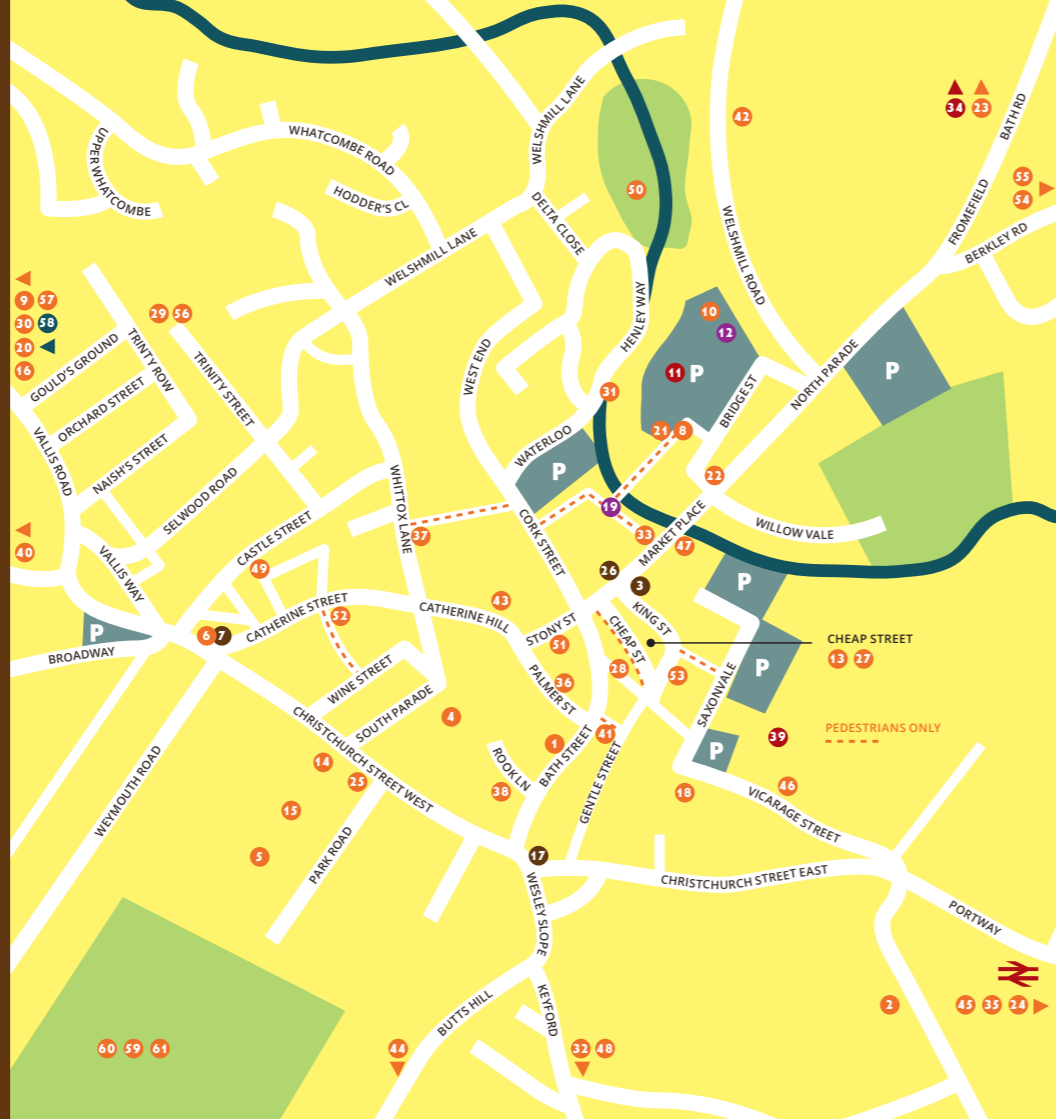
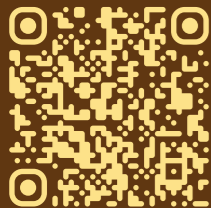
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VENUES & PLACES

- 1** **23 Bath St**
23 Bath Street, Frome, BA11 1DJ
- 2** **Amanda Bee Art**
5 Clifts Buildings, Frome, BA11 1LY
- 3** **Archangel**
1 King Street, Frome, BA11 1BH
- 4** **Assembly Rooms**
Christchurch St West, Frome, BA11 1EB
- 5** **Avanti Park Hall**
Park Road, Frome, BA11 1EU
- 6** **Bar Lotte**
6a Badcox, Frome, BA11 1DB
- 7** **Bistro Lotte**
23 Catherine St, Frome, BA11 1DB
- 8** **Black Swan Arts Round Tower & Visitors Centre**
2 Bridge Street, Frome, BA11 1BB
- 9** **BlackBirdRedRose Studios**
Unit G Vallis Mills Trading Estate, Robins Lane, Frome, BA11 3DT
- 10** **Canoe Club**
Justice Lane, Frome, BA11 1BE
- 11** **Cattle Market Car Park**
2 Bridge Street, Frome, BA11 1BB
- 12** **Cheese & Grain**
Market Yard, Frome, BA11 1BE
- 13** **Choc et al**
16 Cheap Street, Frome, BA11 1BN
- 14** **Christ Church**
Christchurch St West, Frome, BA11 1EH
- 15** **Christ Church Hall**
Park Road, Frome, BA11 1EU
- 16** **Cooper Hall**
Selwood Manor, Jacks Lane Frome, BA11 3NL
- 17** **Cornerhouse**
1 Christchurch St East, BA11 1QA
- 18** **Dore and Rees Auction Salerooms**
Vicarage Street, Frome, BA11 1PU
- 19** **Ellenbray Press**
The Old Library Westway, BA11 1BS
- 20** **Frome Boulder Rooms**
Unit 3 & 4, The Cotton Works, Vallis Road Frome, BA11 3EN
- 21** **Frome Library**
Justice Lane, Frome, BA11 1BE
- 22** **Frome Museum**
1 North Parade, Frome, BA11 1AT
- 23** **Frome Rugby Club**
Gypsy Lane, Frome, BA11 2NA
- 24** **Frome Station**
Frome, BA11 1RE
- 25** **Frome Town Hall**
Christchurch St West, BA11 1EB
- 26** **George Hotel and Granary**
5 Market Place, Frome, BA11 1AF
- 27** **Hunting Raven Bookshop**
Cheap St, Frome, BA11 1BN
- 28** **HydeAway**
Eagle Lane, Frome, BA11 1DR
- 29** **Holy Trinity Church**
Trinity Street, Frome, BA11 3DW
- 30** **Ian Marlow Sculpture**
The Sculpture Garden Ebenezer Chapel, Buckland Dinham, BA11 2QT
- 31** **Jenson Button Bridge**
Frome, BA11 1BE
- 32** **Makers' Yard**
37 Lower Keyford, Frome, BA11 4AR
- 33** **Market Place**
Market Place, Frome, BA11 1AY
- 34** **Merlin Theatre & Ecos**
Bath Road, Frome, BA11 2HG
- 35** **Mycelium Space**
Station Approach, Frome, BA11 1RE
- 36** **Palmer Street Bottle**
11 Palmer Street, Frome, BA11 1DS
- 37** **Rise / Whittox Gallery / Rye Bakery**
Whittox Lane, Frome, BA11 3BY
- 38** **Rook Lane Chapel**
Bath Street, Frome, BA11 1DN
- 39** **Silk Mill**
Merchants Barton, Saxonvale Frome, BA11 1PT
- 40** **St Andrew's Church**
9 New Street, Mells, BA11 3PW
- 41** **St John's Church**
Church Steps, Frome, BA11 1PL
- 42** **St Mary's Church**
Innox Hill, Frome, BA11 2LN
- 43** **Still Life Gin**
26 Catherine Hill, Frome, BA11 1BY
- 44** **Still Sisters**
Unit 2 Ashton Park, Frome, BA11 4RW
- 45** **The Awesome Studio**
The Station, Station Approach, Frome BA11 1RE
- 46** **The Bennett Centre - Cloister**
Vicarage Street, Frome, BA11 1PU
- 47** **The Blue House**
Bridge Street, Frome, BA11 1AP
- 48** **The Crown Inn**
24 Keyford, Frome, BA11 1JW
- 49** **The Lamb & Fountain**
57 Castle Street, Frome, BA11 3BW
- 50** **The Round House**
Frome, BA11 3HZ
- 51** **The Stores in Frome**
5 Stony Street, Frome, BA11 1BU
- 52** **The Sun Inn**
6 Catherine Street, Frome, BA11 1DA
- 53** **The Three Swans**
16-17 King Street, Frome, BA11 1BH
- 54** **The Tin Church**
Brokerswood, All Saints Fairwood Road, North Bradley, BA13 4EJ
- 55** **The Tree House - Vine Tree Pub**
35 Berkely Rd, Frome, BA11 2EH
- 56** **Trinity Hall**
Trinity Street, Frome, BA11 3DW
- 57** **Vallis Farm**
Egford Hill, Frome, BA11 3JQ
- 58** **Vallis Veg Festival Campsite**
Egford, Frome, BA11 3JQ
- 59** **Victoria Park - Café**
Weymouth Road, Frome, BA11 1HJ
- 60** **Victoria Park - Bandstand**
Weymouth Road, Frome, BA11 1HJ
- 61** **Victoria Park - Bowls Club**
Weymouth Road, Frome, BA11 1HJ

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