



# FROME FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 4 TO SUNDAY 13 JULY 2025



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WELCOME... to Frome Festival 2025



For 24 years, the rich tapestry that is Frome's artistic community has come together to bring the town to life every July for Frome Festival. But it's important to remember that this cultural spirit

has been dyed in the wool of this town centuries before, where generations were defined by manufacturers, artists and artisans. This spirit weaves its way into this year's theme, where we celebrate Frome's rich history of the textile industry and the creatives who keep this tradition alive today.

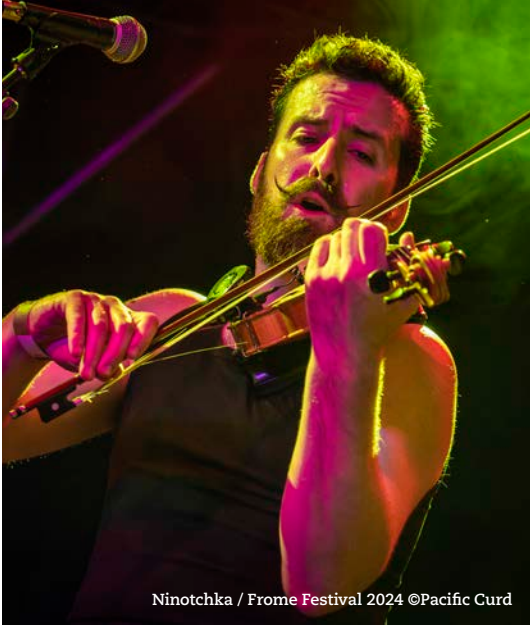
And whilst this year's theme focusses on the world of fabric, you'll see as you explore this brochure that Frome Festival 2025 is as wonderfully diverse as ever, bringing together so many art forms and activities for all ages. We're delighted to present the largest Frome Festival to date, thanks in no small part to a thriving community of artists, promoters, venues, organisations and volunteers. As with every year, the vast majority of these events are independently organised, so the breadth of this festival represents the amazing variety Frome has to offer all year round.

The support we receive from funders, sponsors and Friends of Frome Festival is crucial to keeping this programme alive. Each arts festival is a small miracle - a triumph against headwinds of economic turbulence, so every penny matters now more than ever. If you'd like to find out how you can contribute towards our work, read more on page 48.

More than anything, it is the extraordinary collection of people who organise Frome Festival that make this programme what it is. The small office team of Sarah Swales and Clare Lloyd, supported by a brilliant board of trustees led by co-chairs Rosie Eliot and Lockhart Murdoch, have given so much across the year to pull our festival together. Alongside fundraisers, designers, partners, stewards, volunteers, photographers and so many more people, Frome Festival 2025 would not happen without such a broad range of contributions.

Read on and explore this year's patchwork offering. There are so many threads for you to pull – I hope you enjoy discovering them.

See you there,  
**Adam Laughton**  
Director



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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](http://www.frome.fm)



GENRES

- Music
- Theatre
- Dance
- Comedy
- Spoken Word & Literature
- Exhibitions
- Visual Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor
- Activities
- Food / Drink Event
- Wellness
- Eco
- Film
- Science
- Textiles



EVENT INFORMATION

- Bar available
- Food available
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Event Number
- Family Friendly
- Over 18s only





# FRIDAY 4 JULY>

10:00-12:30 **HANDWEAVING ON  
A RIGID HEDDLE LOOM** 401

Enjoy a morning handweaving on a rigid heddle loom using British wool. These accessible looms are perfect for beginners, offering opportunities to explore striped and checked patterns. Create a woven panel, table runner, or small neck scarf, with pre-threaded looms to help you start weaving right away.

Frome Library / £40



13:00-14:00 **WATER - A PIANO RECITAL  
FOR A SUMMER'S DAY** 402

Returning to Frome Festival following his "breathtaking" recital last year, Charles Wiffen performs a programme of piano works about water. Featuring works by Chopin (Barcorolle), Liszt, Debussy (Poissons d'or), Takemitsu and Ravel.

Christ Church / £12



ALSO HAPPENING TODAY:

10:30-15:00 / CHAPEL BARTON LOOMS  
11:00-14:30 / FLEECE HECKLED THROWN  
11:00-16:00 / TELLING THE STORY IN  
FABRIC, GLASS AND STONE

19:00-22:00 / TINCTORIA  
ALL DAY / WOAD WALK QUEST  
- AN AR HISTORY HUNT

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18:00-23:00 **FIVE YARD PRESENTS  
ALAN POWER & THE TAKE TWOS** 403

Five Yard presents a night of Americana for the 4th of July. Alan Power & The Take Twos return with their country classics, plus support acts from early evening. Check out vintage American motors in the yard and enjoy burgers, wings, tacos, and a full bar with themed cocktails.

Five Yard Coffee / £16



18:45-21:00 **RETRIBUTION GIN, RUM,  
VODKA & WHISKY TASTING EVENING** 404

Celebrate the start of Frome Festival in style! Richard Lock founded Retribution Distilling in Mells, where he makes award-winning spirits. He'll take you through a selection of incredible gins, rums, vodka and whisky, telling the story of his journey and explaining the Gin and Rum making process. Includes cheese and charcuterie.

Givino Gin & Wine / £25



19:00-22:30 **GARY STRINGER (REEF)** 405

With one of the greatest and most distinctive voices in British rock, Gary Stringer has sold over three million albums worldwide as the frontman of Reef. He'll be performing a special, up-close, and intimate show that spans his incredible career.

The Tree House - Vine Tree Pub / £20



19:00-23:00 **HACKNEY COLLIERY BAND** 406

East London collective the Hackney Colliery Band have blown their way into the public consciousness with their genre-bending combination of brass, reeds, percussion and electronics, firmly establishing themselves as one of the most exciting live bands in the UK.

Cheese & Grain / £20



19:00-21:30 **MILITARY WIVES CHOIR -  
A PURPLE ELEPHANT CHARITY  
FUNDRAISER** 407

Join the Warminster Military Wives choir as they celebrate the power and joy of singing and raise money for one of Frome's most popular charities. A night of glorious, uplifting voices; all proceeds go to Purple Elephant Family Support charity, supporting vulnerable, disadvantaged local children and families.

Assembly Rooms / £20



19:30-22:00 **BUFFALO GALS ON  
THE 4TH JULY** 408

Firmly rooted in traditional American music, this old-time country string band presents authentic Appalachian, bluegrass, blues, and Cajun tunes with fiddle, banjo, percussive step dance, and soaring harmonies. Refreshments are included, and the venue's oil lamps create an atmospheric setting. Doors 7pm.

The Tin Church - Brokerswood

£18 / £12 U16s



19:00-22:30

**GUY CHAMBERS -  
LIVE AT ROOK LANE CHAPEL**

409

Perhaps best known for his work with Robbie Williams, multi-award-winning songwriter Guy Chambers will perform interpretations of classics such as 'Angels' and 'Millennium' on piano and share anecdotes from his 40-year career. A lucky audience member will have the chance to be brought on stage to co-write a song. Doors 7pm. Non-reserved seating.

Rook Lane Chapel / £23.50



19:30-22:00

**LORIKEET & BLACK  
EYED DOGS**

410

A 4th of July celebration of American music featuring traditional and original folk tunes by Lorikeet using rich harmonies, cello, guitar, and percussion. Followed by Black Eyed Dogs performing Americana classics by the likes of Grateful Dead plus originals, led by Ethan Johns with Nick Pini, Dave Smith and Luke Potashnick.

Bar Lotte / Free



20:00-2:30

**MOTHER OF MANKIND  
PRESENTS BALEARIC LONDON**

411

Balearic London DJs will be rotating alongside local selectors Iona & Henry (Love Sun Days) and resident Tom Rickey across two floors to bring you a sun-soaked blend of Balearic beats, piano house, Italo, afro and much more for a dancefloor escape full of freedom, optimism and joy.

The Tunnels / £15 / £10 Early Bird



20:00-23:00

**THE RAGGEDY MEN**

412

Classic punk rock done differently! With all the energy and vitality that gave the scene its style and verve.

The Sun Inn / Free



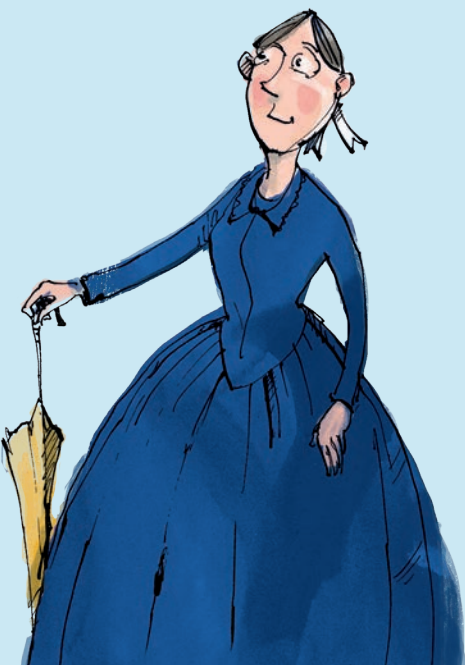
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**BACH BY CANDLELIGHT**

413

Feel the spiritual peace and calm of a candlelit church as you hear Bach's Suite No 1 for Solo Cello in G Major BWV 1007 played by Damian Knollys. Donations for church funds accepted.

Christ Church / Free

**SATURDAY  
5 JULY>**

9:30-15:30

**CARVE A GREEN MAN IN  
STONE IN A DAY**

501

Led by master stonemason Andrew Ziminski, this one-day workshop is ideal for beginners eager to learn the basics of carving in stone. You'll create a relief carving of a Green Man using easy-to-work Bath stone, and take your creation home. All tools and materials are provided.

Holy Trinity Church (Meeting Point) / £115



10:00-15:30

**FROME PUBLISHING FAIR**

502

Join Frome Writers' Collective at their renowned Festival Fair - a day for readers, writers, publishers, artists, illustrators and visitors of all ages. Explore a wide range of exciting publications to enjoy and purchase. A must-attend event for book lovers and writers alike.

The Silk Inn / Free



10:00-13:00

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH CHORAL  
WORKSHOP**

503

Oakfield Choir host a come & sing choral workshop exploring the choruses from Handel's ever-popular Messiah. Whether it's All We Like Sheep, Behold the Lamb of God or Hallelujah, there is something to please everyone. All welcome!

Holy Trinity Church / £18

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10:00-15:00 504  
KISS MY PUTT CRAZY GOLF

Crazy golf comes to Victoria Park - just show up and enjoy! Head over to the Bandstand area with your family and friends to play a round. If you're feeling particularly adventurous you could even try out golf with a mannequin leg or cricket bat!

**Victoria Park - Bandstand**  
**£3 / £2.50 Groups of 3+**



10:30-12:00 505  
THE ROCKTOPUS FAMILY MUSIC WORKSHOP

This exciting activity for primary-aged children and their parents/carers combines the best elements of Rocktopus award-winning school workshops. Participants have the chance to write and record an original song, play real instruments, and star in their own music video, creating a fun and memorable experience for the family.

**Rise x Whittox Gallery x Rye Bakery / £5**



11:00-12:30 506  
AN INTRODUCTION TO BELL-RINGING AT ST JOHN'S

Enjoy an introduction to the art of bell ringing, including a visit to St John's ringing chamber. Discover how to ring the bells, hear of their history, and have a go with a set of hand bells. All ages from 10 years up - under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

**St John's Church / £10**



11:00-12:00 / 13:00-14:00 507  
FAMILY POND DIP

Engage with nature, search for bugs by the water, inspect them under the microscope and do some nature-inspired crafts. This Science Boost CIC event is aimed at families of young children, who must be accompanied by an adult for the whole event. Donations accepted.

**The Round House (Meeting Point)**  
**Free / Booking Required**



11:00-12:00 508  
FROME YOUTH CHOIR - TAKE FLIGHT: MUSIC OF THE AIR

Frome Youth Choir warmly invites you to its free summer concert of accompanied and unaccompanied songs inspired by the element 'air'. Enjoy energetic and inspiring performances by young singers aged 5-14 from Frome and surrounding area. Refreshments available before the concert begins.

**Christ Church / Free**



12:00-13:30 509  
JUST4FUN - CONCERT BAND IN THE PARK

Enjoy a morning of lively tunes in the park from Dutch concert band Just4Fun, a hit on their Frome Festival debut in 2023. Dance away to famous tunes reimagined for wind and brass to kick off the opening weekend of the Festival.

**Victoria Park / Free**



13:00-16:00 510  
SUSTAINABLE MACRAMÉ NECKLACE WORKSHOP

Join Hazel from Happy Hare for a relaxed, eco-friendly workshop at Hung Drawn Quoted. Learn essential macramé techniques to create a unique, handcrafted necklace using recycled cotton cord. Perfect for beginners and craft lovers alike. Take home a beautiful, sustainable piece of jewellery to wear with pride.

**Hung Drawn Quoted / £28**



14:00-16:00 511  
A WINEMAKER'S EXPERIENCE - SADDLE GOOSE WINERY & CELLAR DOOR

Join head winemaker Adam Collins tasting and understanding a wine directly out of the barrel, followed by a flight of three more Saddle Goose wines to understand the whole winemaking process. Plus a discussion on the UK wine industry and sustainable and natural winemaking.

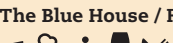
**Saddle Goose Winery & Cellar Door / £20**



14:00-16:00 512  
FROME TOWN BAND IN THE GARDEN

Frome Town Band bring their summer programme to the Blue House Garden once again. This is a traditional, nostalgic and relaxed event where Frome's homegrown brass band is the accompaniment for your cakes and tea in the sunshine. Step out of the hurly burly and relax.

**The Blue House / Free**



15:00-17:00 513  
TOYBOX MAKEOVER

Give your toy a fashion glow up. Bring your favourite teddy or doll along and craft some no-sew fashion accessories and outfits! Adults attend free with each child's ticket. Suitable for ages 7+

**The Awesome Studio (Super Pirates) / £10**



16:00-17:30 514  
ICE AGE MAMMALS ON MENDIP - FROM CAVES TO CONSERVATION

Professor Danielle Schreve (University of Bristol) presents the latest findings from excavations of a previously unexplored cave sequence in the Mendip Hills, revealing the extraordinary story of how mammals moved, adapted or died out over 60,000 years of climate change. Discover how fossil evidence plays an increasingly important role in tackling modern conservation challenges, including nature restoration and rewilding.

**Frome Town Hall / £5**



17:00-18:00 515  
OPERA AND HEARTSONG - WHERE CLASSICAL AND HEALING SOUNDS MEET

Annie Bourne will perform a selection of songs and arias from Bach to Bellini, continued with healing sounds in the form of a heart song and affirmation. Joined by Alan Burgess (piano), Paul Leonard (bass clarinet and guitar), Alex Bartlet (harp), Jo Hanstead, Emily Quinton and Karine Butchart (voice).

**Christ Church / £10**



17:00-22:00 516  
THE FESTIVAL FOOD FEAST

Frome's favourite free event returns to Market Yard with another celebration of amazing street food, music and entertainment. Sample delicious offerings from around the world and dance away with a sensational collection of acts, including Nothing Rhymes With Orange, Kaleida Wild and Buffalo Gals.

**Cattle Market Car Park / Free**



19:00-22:30 517  
EDM ALIVE

Get ready for a high-energy celebration of 2000s dance anthems! EDM Alive brings the party to life with a full live band, delivering an electrifying setlist featuring hits from Rudimental, Chase & Status, Calvin Harris, Swedish House Mafia, and more.

**The Tree House - Vine Tree Pub / £16.50**



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19:00-1:00

518

SATURDAY BEATS WITH LANKY DIVAS & DJ SETS

Enjoy The Lanky Divas' big slice of positivity through a journey of original songs that need to be wiggled to. Then dive deep into the soundscape with Steve Perrett aka DJ Sojo - his hypnotic beats and electronic dance music, mixed solely from his impressive vinyl collection, will keep you moving until late into the night.

The Silk Mill / Free

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19:00-21:30

519

BERT JANSCH FOUNDATION PRESENTS: CHRIS BRAIN

Join rising star Chris Brain for an evening of contemporary folk music inspired by the outdoors. Chris is supported by Ryan Deakin, a Bert Jansch Foundation Young Artist, who recently recorded his eclectic mix of folk rock, country blues and ragtime at Frome's Bert Jansch Studio. Doors 7pm.

Rook Lane Chapel / £15

£13.50 Students, O65s

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19:30-22:00

520

IAIN BALLAMY

Local legend and world-renowned saxophonist and composer, Iain Ballamy blends jazz and classical influences with originality and freedom. Listed in BBCs '100 Jazz Greats' between Count Basie and Chet Baker, he has spent over three decades transcending genres, collaborating with leading contemporary jazz musicians, and forging strong, lasting global musical connections.

Bar Lotte / Free

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19:30- 22:30

521

LETTER TO THE LIVING

Explore the life, loves and letters of Elizabeth Rowe, the 18th century Frome poet. Called "the ornament of her sex and age", she was known to Alexander Pope and grew into a radical writer who influenced Jane Austen. With Andy Hardy, Professor Nicola Grove, and choir accompaniment.

St John's Church / £10

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19:30-21:30

522

QUORUM / CHARLES WIFFEN

Pianist Charles Wiffen once again joins Quorum to perform Brahms' magnificent piano quintet alongside Hugo Wolf's charming Italian Serenade. The programme concludes with the passionate second quartet by Tchaikovsky.

Christ Church / £15

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19:30-21:00

523

ROBIN INCE - NORMALLY WEIRD AND WEIRDLY NORMAL

For over thirty years, award-winning broadcaster and comedian Robin Ince has entertained audiences, despite struggling with sadness, self-doubt, and anxiety. In his new book 'Normally Weird and Weirdly Normal', he explores ADHD, neurodivergence, and the concept of "normal," blending personal insights, anecdotes, and expert interviews with humour and wit.

Assembly Rooms / £14

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19:30-21:30

524

SING OUT - FROME GOOD AFTERNOON CHOIR & GLASTONBURY MALE VOICE CHOIR

Frome Good Afternoon Choir, lead by their multi-talented and popular choir leader Matt Finch, welcome Glastonbury Male Voice Choir to join them for an evening to 'Sing Out'. A charity concert.

Holy Trinity Church / £15 / Free U16s

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20:00-23:00

525

BELLATRIX

Bellatrix is a female fronted band covering alternative, indie, punk and rock tracks by badass women from across the decades. Expect a fabulous and fun dancy night full of excitement and energy!

The Sun Inn / Free

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20:00-22:00

526

THE COVERTRONICS

The Covertronics are a newly formed four-piece covers band, delivering singalongs from the 50s to today. From The Kinks to Oasis, The Who to The Killers, they cover it all. Dancing shoes are mandatory - air guitars optional, but the fun is guaranteed!

Cornerhouse / Free

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10:00-14:00  
602  
**THE BIG CLOTHES MARKET**

Run by the Big Clothes Swap, this market will showcase a mixture of pre-loved, vintage, thrift and re-worked clothing stalls. Clothing for men, women and kids will be on offer. Come and find some treasures in this wonderful array of pre-loved clothing.

**Cheese & Grain / Free**

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10:00-15:00  
603  
**THE FROME INDEPENDENT  
@ FROME FESTIVAL**

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 once again 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!

**Across Frome / Free**

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10:30-14:30  
604  
**THREADS OF CONNECTION  
- PARTS 1 & 2 / UNDOING  
& WOOL DYEING**

In this collaborative three-part workshop, explore the transformation of worn textiles through movement and shape, experiment with natural wool dyeing, and use stitching and repair techniques to create shared art. Drawing on the rich history of wool dyeing and textiles in Frome, you will explore our connection to our clothes and the land.

**Studio 19 @ The Silk Mill / £55**

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TICKET PRICE  
INCLUDES  
EVENT 910  
ON P23



11:00-11:45 / 14:00-14:45  
605  
**BIN RAT!!! A FUN,  
FERAL FAMILY COMEDY**

A rat-astic and realistic look into refuse and recycling from The Last Baguette Theatre Company. Rummage through the rubble with Bin Rat and her friends Mike and Angela from Squeaky Clean Street Cleaners to discover where all the junk goes! Scrape scraps off the streets and find out what literally happens to litter in this fun, feral, family show. Funded by Frome Town Council.

**Tower View @ The Key Centre / Free**

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11:00-12:00  
606  
**THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS  
- A CONCERT FOR CHILDREN**

Enjoy ten short pieces of music played by Ann Burgess on the pedal organ and box organ. Once you've heard the music, young pianists can try playing a short piece on the beautiful box organ themselves! Open to children and curious adults of all ages.

**Christ Church / £3 / Free for  
accompanying adults**

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11:00-12:30  
607  
**THE STRATFORD ROUNDHOUSE  
- STRATFORD'S FORGOTTEN THEATRE**

Martin Bax, Founder and President of Frome Festival, acted with the Royal Shakespeare Company. This talk tells the story of the experimental theatre he directed in Stratford. Martin appears in conversation with Professor Abigail Rokison-Woodall of the Shakespeare Institute and film-maker Andrew Smith, whose new film about the Stratford Roundhouse will be shown.

**Merlin Theatre / Free / Booking Required**

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13:00-17:00  
608  
**RAVING RASCALS -  
FROME FESTIVAL SPECIAL**

Raving Rascals returns to Frome Festival 2025 - bigger than ever! Join this family-friendly rave with some of freshest DJs dropping some epic bangers. Also with DJ workshops, The Glitter Temple for all your Festival glam needs, bouncy castle, a tuck shop, an outside chill area and more. See you little ravers on the dance floor!

**Rook Lane Chapel**  
**£7 / £5 13+ / £16 1ad + 2 ch / £20 2ad + 2 ch**

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14:00-15:00  
609  
**CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND  
PERCUSSION WORKSHOP  
WITH SING-A-LING**

Join Willow from Sing-a-ling for a fun, interactive workshop where children can explore drums and percussion instruments. Learn basic rhythms and create your own jam session! Perfect for children under 10, with parents and carers welcome to join in. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**The Awesome Studio (Super Pirates) / £7**

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14:00-17:00

FROME SELWOOD BOWLING CLUB - HAVE A GO AT BOWLS

610

Enjoy an afternoon of bowls in the lovely surroundings of Frome Selwood Bowling Club. Bowls incorporates gentle exercise with social & competitive games, and is suitable for all abilities and ages from 10 years. Experienced bowlers will introduce you to the sport. Just bring flat-soled shoes and the club will provide the rest. Refreshments available.

Frome Selwood Bowling Club / Free



14:00-16:00

THE NEW ACADEMIC FEETWARMERS - TRAD JAZZ IN THE GARDENS

611

The New Academic Footwarmers band will be making their annual visit to the lovely gardens at The Blue House. Sit out on the lawn, enjoy light refreshments supplied by Frome Lions and pass the afternoon away enjoying the sounds of traditional jazz, blues and stomps from New Orleans.

The Blue House / Free



14:30-16:00

FROME HERITAGE TREE WALK

612

Join local author and heritage tree specialist Julian Hight on this ever-popular 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) / £10



15:30-18:00

WILL JAMES

613

This exciting UK artist effortlessly fuses blues, jazz and soul into an inspired collection of modern blues. Forming his own unique sound, Will's passionate live performances are a throwback to blues legends of old. His 2023 album 'Sundancer' earned critical acclaim and topped the USA Soul Blues Charts.

Bar Lotte / Free



16:30-18:00

SWEET KICKS BURLESQUE FEATHER FAN DANCE WORKSHOP

614

Be transported to the time of old-school Hollywood glamour and learn to pose, walk, and tease with stunning feather fans, then combine it all into a fully choreographed group routine. Experience performance-quality fans, see how they move, and master a glamorous routine that will leave you feeling fabulous.

Bojangles Dance School / £20



18:00-19:00

CHORAL EVENSONG

615

Experience masterpieces by of one of England's greatest composers, Orlando Gibbons, 400 years since his death. His memorial in Canterbury Cathedral describes him as "an upright and charming man... now transcribed to the celestial choir". Enjoy the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from his Second Service alongside his eight-part anthem, O Clap Your Hands Together.

Christ Church / Free



19:00-22:30

MIKI BERENYI TRIO

616

Fronted by Lush's iconic Miki Berenyi, the Miki Berenyi Trio brings a fresh, intimate energy to her timeless sound. The trio reimagines classics and delivers new material with raw, melodic charm. A captivating blend of nostalgia and reinvention, their performances celebrate Berenyi's enduring legacy in alternative music.

The Tree House - Vine Tree Pub / £14.50



19:30-21:00

LAND BENEATH THE WAVES -NATURE, PLACE & CHRONIC ILLNESS

617

Join Guardian Country diarist Nic Wilson for an inspiring evening discussing her memoir, Land Beneath the Waves. She shares her journey with chronic illness and how her connection to nature has helped her navigate challenges, past and present. Nic will be in conversation with fellow Guardian writer Derek Niemann.

Assembly Rooms / £10



19:30-21:30

LOU SANDERS - NO KISSING IN THE BINGO HALL

618

An internationally acclaimed stand-up comedian and TV favourite on many shows including Taskmaster, Last One Laughing, QI and Dancing on Ice, Lou Sanders presents, in her own words, a deep, dumb show for the masses. Just like Tom Cruise does all his own stunts, she's going to do all her own jokes. A show about being human - can you relate?

Merlin Theatre / £22



20:00-22:00

'SHANTY AND ME' DOCUMENTARY - CHARITY FUNDRAISER FOR PALESTINE

619

A screening of cameraman Jono Ekin's intimate video diary documenting his incredible journey on a 1965 Royal Enfield motorcycle, travelling from India through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, and into Europe in 1999. This educational and humorous film was previously broadcast on SKY TV's Destination Adventure. £10 of each ticket sale will go to Medicine Aid for Palestinians.

Rook Lane Chapel / £13





# MONDAY 7 JULY

10:00-13:00 / 14:00-17:00  
**MAKE DO AND MEND WORKSHOP**

Bring up to three clothing items for repair or alteration and learn how to save costs! Complete at least one project during the workshop and gain the skills to tackle the others at home. Tea and cake will be provided. Max 6 people per session.

Bath Theatrical / £25



11:00-12:00 / 18:00-19:00  
**FLEECED! A CREATIVE WALK**

Join Carolyn Griffiths, author of 'Woad To This' to explore the sites, sounds and industrial buildings of Frome's 18th century wool clothiers and dyers. The short walk in the town centre and along Willow Vale will immerse you in the past and invite you to write, sketch or simply enjoy the stroll.

Frome Library (Meeting Point) / £5



ALSO HAPPENING TODAY:

ALL DAY / FROME OPEN ART TRAIL  
ALL DAY / WOOD WALK QUEST - AN AR HISTORY HUNT  
10:00-15:00 / BOTANICAL ART DISPLAY  
10:30-15:00 / CHAPEL BARTON LOOMS



11:00-16:00 / ART FOR WELLBEING EXHIBITION  
11:00-17:00 / IAN MARLOW STUDIO AND SCULPTURE GARDEN  
11:00-16:00 / TELLING THE STORY IN FABRIC, GLASS AND STONE

12:00-13:00  
**MEDITATION ON ST AUGUSTINE**

Augustine, bishop of Hippo from 396 to 430 AD, was one of the most significant Christian thinkers after St. Paul. His writings, such as the City of God and The Confessions, have brought lasting influence in our understanding of Christianity and the human soul. Led by Revd Sam Thompson.

Holy Trinity Church / Free



13:00-14:00  
**CELLO & PIANO**

Chris Hurn (cello) & Andrea Johnston (piano) perform pieces from across the centuries, ranging from baroque to 20th century, including pieces by Bach, Telemann, Saint-Saens, Arensky and Gliere. This concert is the first in this year's Christ Church Lunchtime Series.

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



CHRIST CHURCH LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES PASS  
Enjoy a fantastic selection of lunchtime performances at Christ Church from Mon 7th - Fri 11th July for £25.

18:00-19:30  
**ECO-ART EXHIBITION AND INSPIRING FILMS FROM THE FROME INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE FILM FESTIVAL 2025**

Explore exhibitions and selection of three thought provoking films. 25 Million Stitches discusses human displacement, Jus d'orange explores humanity's delicate relationship with nature, and Heal The Land captures a transformation of former livestock farm into a resilient haven for wildlife recovery.

Rook Lane Chapel / £5



19:00-20:00  
**CHURCH GOING - A CAREER IN RUINS**

Andrew Ziminski, a well-known local stonemason with decades of experience working on churches, shares his unique perspective in his new book. Church Going is a handbook to medieval churches of the British Isles, exploring their history and features. Beautifully written and illustrated, the book will be available to purchase.

St John's Church / £8 / £5 U18s, Income Support



19:30-21:30  
**ANDY ZALTZMAN - THE ZALTGEIST**

One of the UK's leading satirical comedians and chair of the News Quiz, Andy Zaltzman assesses the state of Planet Earth and its most controversial species - the human race. In the biggest stand-up tour of his career, Andy will attempt to answer perennial questions such as What?, Who?, Where?, and above all Why?

Merlin Theatre / £22



19:30-21:30  
**BRODSKY QUARTET**

Bringing an unrivalled authority to the performance of the string quartet repertoire, the Brodsky Quartet have performed over 3,500 concerts on the major stages of the world. With a programme featuring popular masterworks by Bach, Beethoven and Ravel, experience world-class musicianship in the intimate setting of Chantry Church.

Chantry Church / £25



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19:30-20:30  
EUROPE'S GREAT WITCH HUNT 709

This year's Frome Society For Local Study lecture features Professor Ronald Hutton exploring Europe's witch-hunting phenomenon. Why did trials peak in the more rational era of the Scientific Revolution? Why did trials cluster in particular places, including the West of England, as well as at particular times? And mainly put women to death? Doors 7pm.  
Assembly Rooms / £12



19:30-21:30  
KATE GRIFFIN & MATCHUME ZANGO 710

UK banjo player, Kate Griffin, and Mozambique multi-instrumentalist, Matchume Zango, are forging a new cross-cultural collaboration celebrating the universal power of traditional music. They bring echoes of their respective traditions to a vibrant new sound described by Songlines Magazine as "a rich blend of world rhythms, contemporary songwriting and playful joy."  
St Leonard's Church, Marston / £13



21:00-22:30  
CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN THE GOLD RUSH (1925) - SILENT FILM WITH ORGAN IMPROVISATION 711

Celebrating its centenary year, The Gold Rush is an iconic silent comedy that remains among Charlie Chaplin's most celebrated works. Returning for an annual highlight of the Frome Festival programme, organist David Bednall, one of Europe's finest improvisers, will provide the musical accompaniment for a late-night screening of this cinematic masterpiece.  
Holy Trinity Church / £12



TUESDAY  
8 JULY>

10:00-13:00 / 14:00-17:00  
MAKE DO AND MEND WORKSHOP 801

Bring up to three clothing items for repair or alteration and learn how to save costs! Complete at least one project during the workshop and gain the skills to tackle the others at home. Tea and cake will be provided. Max 6 people per session.  
Bath Theatrical / £25



11:00-12:00  
THE WELLBEING QUEST 802

Join the OpenStoryTellers Wellbeing Group for an interactive performance workshop where you'll journey through a magical sensory landscape to uncover the "wellbeing crystal." Enjoy simple activities like chair dance, yoga, guided relaxation, and song that are suitable for all. This fun, inspiring workshop will leave you feeling joyful, relaxed, and refreshed!  
Rise x Whittox Gallery x Rye Bakery / £5



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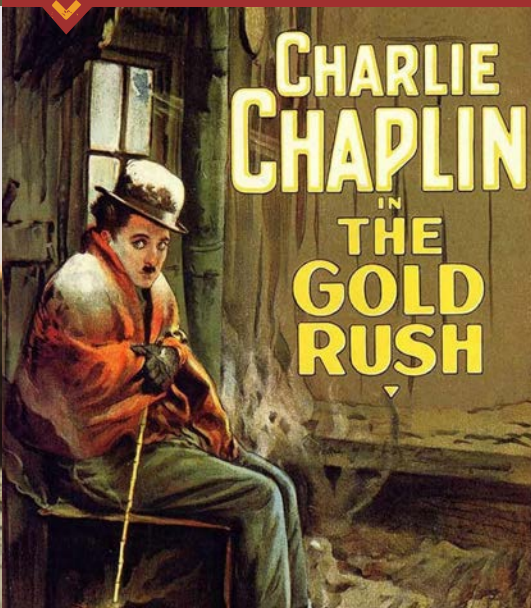
12:00-14:00 / 19:00-21:00  
VEDIC CHANT CIRCLE - HARMONISING BODY, MIND AND SOUL 804

Chanting the Vedas, India's ancient texts of wisdom, creates sounds in the beautiful resonating language of Sanskrit and can bring confidence, a clarity and calmness of mind, improved breathing and more. Elaine Marie Ewens, a qualified Vedic chanting teacher, would love to share this powerful tool of sound with you; no experience or singing abilities required.  
Christ Church Hall / £12



13:00-14:00  
IN AN ARBOUR GREEN - SONGS FOR TENOR AND PIANO 805

Richard Pinnock and Gareth Burgess present a programme of sumptuous songs from the early 20th-century Elizabethan revival, including cycles by Roger Quilter and Ivor Gurney, a bouquet of songs by Peter Warlock, and piano music by Herbert Howells and others.  
Christ Church / £8 / £25 Christ Church Lunchtime Series Pass





14:00-18:00  
FROME PARK BOWLS -  
HAVE A GO AT BOWLS

806

Looking for something new to try? Why not have a go 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



14:00-16:00  
PAST PERFECT

807

This fun workshop will explore how imaginative time travel can enrich your prose or poetry writing. We'll invite characters from the past into contemporary settings, and travel back in time to meet a real person - and you'll write two new pieces, guided by Dawn Gorman's vivid examples and gentle encouragement.

Frome Library / £18.50



19:00-21:00  
A RADICAL EVENING WITH  
FROME WARDROBE COLLECTIVE

808

Exploring radical approaches to designing an ethical and regenerative future for materials and fashion, while addressing the challenges posed by our current modes of consumption. Includes live music, exhibitions and panel discussions to inspire meaningful solutions within the world of textiles.

Trinity Hall / £8



19:30-21:30  
POP-UP COMEDY

809

Pop Up Comedy, the folks behind Rode Comedy Festival, and Silk Mill team up again to bring you another fantastic night of Stand Up Comedy during Frome Festival. Always a sell out show, always the very best comedians from the UK comedy scene right here in the heart of Frome.

The Silk Mill / £18

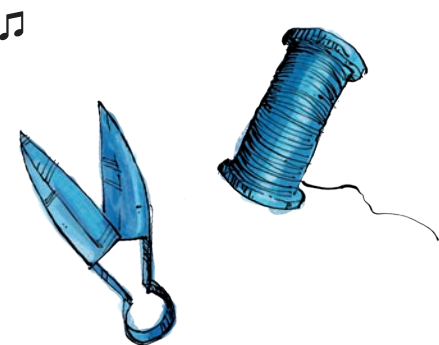


19:30-22:00  
SOFAR SOUNDS

810

Sofars are cosy, enchanting and eclectic pop-up musical evenings, where guests are encouraged to set aside their phones and fully immerse themselves in the three surprise, high quality acts. The secret venue, in a private location in central Frome, is typically off-limits to the public and revealed just 36 hours in advance.

Secret Venue / £16



19:30-22:00  
RONNIE SCOTT'S JAZZ CLUB  
PRESENTS 'THE RONNIE SCOTT'S  
SOHO SONGBOOK'

811

Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club comes to Frome with a stunning collection of music and stories. Curated by the club's musical director, the show features songs inspired by jazz greats who have graced the Ronnie Scott's stage, alongside anecdotes and stories from the club's incredible history. A sparkling celebration of the musical legacy of the legendary jazz institution.

Memorial Theatre / £26



19:30-23:00  
RAINBOW PARADISO  
CABARET NIGHT

812

Get ready for an unforgettable night hosted by drag queen Kiki Babs! Featuring an acrobatic glow show from Ember Elation, live music from Sweet Machine and the Frome Show Choir, a DJ set by Tashphrodisiac, and adult comedy from Robert Garnham that'll have your wigs flying! And dress to impress - because audience participation is everything, honey!

Cheese & Grain / £18 / £ 12 Income Support



19:30-21:00  
WRITING POLITICAL HISTORY

813

Two Frome historians, Peter Clark and David Lassman, discuss the challenges and rewards of writing political history from their unique perspectives. Peter is the author of 'The Men of 1924' and 'Churchill's Britain', and David has written about Frome, Bath, the WWII era, and recently published 'The Great Fire of London - An Eyewitness Account'.

Archangel / £10



20:00-22:00  
DIRTY LAUNDRY POETRY  
X CRYSSIE MORRISON POETRY  
COMPETITION PRIZE GIVING

814

A special summer edition of live storytelling and poetry event Dirty Laundry, in collaboration with the Crysse Morrison Prize for Poetry. Including the prize giving, readings from the winning poets, and a stellar open mic line-up. Come and experience the energy, the connection, the feels.

Merlin Theatre / £15 / £10 Income Support





# WEDNESDAY 9 JULY



9:45-12:15 / 11:15-13:45  
12:45-15:15 / 14:15-16:45  
15:45-18:15

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. Hard hats will be provided. Wellington boots essential and a torch and gloves are recommended. Age 14+.

Frome Library (Meeting Point) / £12



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10:00-11:00 / 11:30-12:30  
13:00-14:00

MEMORIAL THEATRE TOUR

Ever wanted to see behind the scenes of your local theatre? Now's your chance! To coincide with their centenary year, the Memorial Theatre is opening up parts of the venue the public don't usually see to give a taste of what goes on behind the safety curtain! Tea and coffee provided.

Memorial Theatre / Free / Booking Required



12:00-13:00  
MEDITATION ON ST JOHN

John was a young fisherman who wrote a book about his best friend, Jesus. His gospel has influenced millions of people for nearly 2,000 years. Explore the life and legacy of this important Christian character. Led by Revd Ian Snares.

Holy Trinity Church / Free



13:00-14:00  
ALPHABET 2 - ORGAN  
RECITAL BY DAVID TURNER

Organ music by composers with names beginning with letters from E to I, following last year's 'Alphabet 1' recital by Ann Burgess. This varied programme includes works by Elgar, Franck, Guilmant, Handel and Ireland.

Christ Church / £8 / £25

Christ Church Lunchtime Series Pass



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18:00-19:00  
HANDEL'S MESSIAH - THE BEST BITS

Oakfield Choir presents selections from one of the most loved works ever written: Handel's Messiah. With orchestra and soloists, directed by Neil Moore, they will be singing all the main choruses and favourite solos.

Holy Trinity Church / £12



18:00-19:00  
MUSICKE IN THE AYRE -  
PIETY AND PLAY IN VERSAILLES

Musicke in the Ayre return to the Silk Mill with another delicious slice of the early Baroque, served by their trio of sopranos supported by archlute and baroque guitar, this time with a French flavour. Sacred motets by Charpentier will contrast with secular pieces by Lully and Lambert, written to entertain the Versailles Court.

The Silk Mill / £15



18:30-21:30  
A WINEMAKER'S PIZZA NIGHT -  
SADDLE GOOSE WINERY  
& CELLAR DOOR

Join head winemaker Adam Collins tasting and understanding a wine directly out of the barrel, followed by a flight of three more Saddle Goose wines accompanied with some Rye Bakery Sourdough pizza designed specifically to pair with the wine. Plus a discussion on the UK wine industry and sustainable and natural winemaking.



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18:45-21:00  
LIFE DRAWING  
AT THE RYE BAKERY

For the Frome Festival, Life Drawing at Palmer Street moves to the Rye Bakery! Draw from two brilliant life models in the stunning church space, with a mix of short and longer poses in a relaxed setting. All abilities welcome. Materials provided, but bring an easel if you like. Refreshments available.

Rye Bakery Whittox / £15



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

Do you know your St. Aldhelm from your Saint Agur? Pull together a team of four players and settle in for a lively night of trivia! This annual fixture of the Frome Festival is the culmination of the popular monthly quizzes across the year - only with fabulous prizes! All proceeds go towards Frome Festival.

Frome Rugby Club / £5 per person



908

19:00-20:30  
THREADS OF CONNECTION  
- PART 3 / REPAIR

In this collaborative three-part workshop, explore the transformation of worn textiles through movement and shape, experiment with natural woad dyeing, and use stitching and repair techniques to create shared art. Drawing on the rich history of woad dyeing and textiles in Frome, you will explore our connection to our clothes and the land.

Studio 19 @ The Silk Mill / £55



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19:30-20:30

**AMY WEBBER - WANNABE**

911

Wasted degree in opera. Teacher's Pet. Born in Kent, raised in Japan. Amy's new show is a witty musical comedy about bringing your heartfelt teenage lyrics to life. Come along for a deep dive into a disastrous and hilarious series of events in this messy modern world. Expect bangers.

Rook Lane Chapel / £12 / £6 Conc



19:30-21:30

**DAISY CHAPMAN DUO**

912

Songwriter Daisy and violinist Sue perform dark historical stories through voice, piano, and violin. Their show blends beauty with humour, telling tales of forgotten women, creepy Victorian poems, and more. With Daisy's stunning vocals and Sue's violin, the Daisy Chapman Duo offers a captivating, unforgettable performance. Prepare to be moved.

St Leonard's Church, Marston / £10



19:30-21:00

**KANEKT**

913

Kanekt are a diverse group of musicians united by their passion for each other's craft, founded by John Robertson (guitar) and Ricky Romain (sitar). Together, they bridge their musical diversity, with Karen Wilmhurst on clarinet and Sudhi Salooja on violin, creating a unique blend of sounds and styles. Doors 7pm.

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



19:30-22:00

**LOTTE'S JAZZ ALL STARS**

914

The culmination of Bar Lotte's regular sessions, Lotte's All Stars present a spectacular evening of jazz. Grab a cocktail and enjoy some of the finest names in British jazz performing classic standards, highlights from the American songbook and newer originals.

Bar Lotte / Free



19:30-21:00

**THE WAR'S LONG SHADOW - WRITING WW2 80 YEARS ON**

915

Why does the Second World War continue to fascinate us? Three local writers, Michael Tasker Phillips (Grace), Frances Liardet (We Must be Brave / Think of Me), and Felice Hardy (The Tennis Champion Who Escaped the Nazis) explore themes of survival, belonging and memory, and show how they create truth in fact and fiction through their writing.

Archangel / £10



# THURSDAY 10 JULY

10:00-13:00

**SUSTAINABLE MACRAMÉ EARRING WORKSHOP**

1001

Join Hazel from Happy Hare for a relaxed, eco-friendly workshop at Hung Drawn Quoted. Learn essential macramé techniques to create a unique pair of handcrafted earrings using recycled cotton cord and pre-loved fabric. Perfect for beginners and craft lovers alike. Take home a beautiful, bespoke pair of earrings to wear with pride.

Hung Drawn Quoted / £25

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**MEDITATION ON JULIAN OF NORWICH**

1002

Julian, a remarkable woman, lived during the late Medieval period, a time of suffering and unrest. Her theology came through a series of visions following a time of illness and can be summed up in three words: God is love. Led by Ann Phillips.

Holy Trinity Church / Free



13:00-14:00

**DUETS TO DELIGHT - PIANO DUETS PLAYED BY DEBORAH AND STEPHEN BINNINGTON**

1003

This husband and wife team present a feast of musical delights including works by Schubert, Dvorak and Debussy.

Christ Church / £8 / £25

Christ Church Lunchtime Series Pass



13:00-15:00

**OPENSTORYTELLERS TAKES 2 ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

1004

Green and Healthy Frome asked OpenStoryTellers to explore the impact of climate change on people with learning disabilities, sparking a powerful narrative shift. Explore exhibitions, films and panel discussions to uncover their creative collective journey.

Frome Town Hall / Free / Booking Required



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15:00-17:00  
FAMILY COSTUME BALL

1005

Dust off those dancing shoes and join us for some family fun in your best costume! Whether you come as your favourite character or just as spectacular as possible, come and join in our dancing and games. Adults go free with every child's ticket.

The Awesome Studio (Super Pirates) / £8



15:30-17:00  
FLEECE HECKLED THROWN - A WORKSHOP

1006

A man's jacket, a woman's dress or a child's jumper, trace the natural fibres to a finished product. An introductory hands on workshop for adults to explore the vocabulary of cloth making. Come away with several samples to take home. Explore museum artefacts, try carding, drafting, twisting, throwing, burling, weaving.

Frome Museum / £15



17:00-19:00  
ENGLISH CHEESE & WINE TASTING

1007

Join the team at The Stores for a unique tasting of English wine & cheese. Enjoy pairing five of The Store's favourite wines from around England with outstanding cheese in an informal and fun tutored tasting.

The Stores in Frome / £32



18:00-19:00  
FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG

1008

Enjoy the glories of a traditional Choral Evensong in the magnificent Parish Church of St John the Baptist. Sung by the choir of St John's, this evensong will include music by Tallis and his contemporaries to complement Frome Festival's theme of our town's rich heritage in the textile industry.

St John's Church / Free



18:00-20:30  
MACRAMÉ PLANT HANGER WORKSHOP

1009

Learn the art of macramé knotwork to create an intricate plant hanger. All materials are provided, with full tuition for all skill levels - no experience needed. Walk away with your handmade hanger and pot, plus the skills to continue crafting at home. Enjoy 10% off in-store purchases on the day. Refreshments included.

Pilea Plant Shop / £40



18:00-19:30  
OOH LA LA - A FRENCH AFFAIR

1010

Close your eyes and be transported to Paris with Fifi La Mer and Ollie, an acclaimed duo performing French music, filled with mystery, romance, and heartache. This charismatic show is complemented by a glass of wine and canapés from Bistro Lotte.

Tables can be booked for supper after.

Bistro Lotte / £25



19:00-20:30  
JOHN HARRIS 'MAYBE I'M AMAZED' - IN CONVERSATION AND SIGNING

1011

Frome-based Guardian writer John Harris' new memoir, 'Maybe I'm Amazed: A Story of Love and Connection', is an extraordinary book about his autistic son James. Discover the hidden story of creativity and neurodivergence where music became their shared language.

Dore and Rees Auction Salerooms / £10



19:00-20:15  
PROFESSOR KATE WILLIAMS: QUEENS, PALACES AND BEHIND CLOSED DOORS - THE BOB MORRIS LECTURE 2025

1012

A New York Times best selling author of six historical books and regular on TV and podcasts, Professor Kate Williams (Reading University) is an expert in royal and constitutional affairs. Delivering the prestigious Bob Morris Lecture, an annual highlight of the Frome Festival programme, Kate explores a thousand years of palaces, monarchs - and all the royal secrets.

Merlin Theatre / £20



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19:30-22:00  
A MAGICAL MUSICAL EVENING WITH BENBEN AND FRIENDS

1013

Last year, The Tin Church enjoyed a last-minute musical event with BenBen from Brooklyn and his musical friends. The audience loved them so much that they have been invited back for 2025. Expect a magical evening from this orchestral fantasy-folk rock group from New York, illuminated by the candles of the atmospheric Tin Church. Refreshments included.

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



19:30-21:00  
BOHEMIA - SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ROME & SHEPTON MALLET

1014

Sian M. Williams' delightfully quirky tale of a village folk club and its devotees who live in a comfortable and anarchic past, set deep in the Mendip Hills, until hauled unwillingly into a tricky present following an accident at the old quarry where their club is housed. Readings accompanied by live folk music.

Archangel / £10

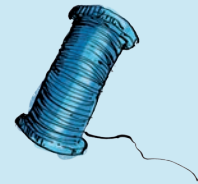


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JOSEPH HYDE, DAVE SMITH & LAURA JURD

1015

An evening of experimental improvised music from three of Frome's leading musicians. Laura Jurd (trumpet) blends primal jazz and folk, Robert Plant collaborator Dave Smith (drums) fuses African rhythms with European jazz, and Joseph Hyde uses lo-fi analogue electronics, building on experience composing for dance companies such as Rambert Dance.

Bar Lotte / Free



19:30-21:30  
THE UNFRIEND

1016

Peter and Debbie's holiday friend Elsa seems friendly - until shocking reports surface online. Is she really a serial killer? As Elsa stays in their home, they struggle to mask their growing fears. Steven Moffat's laugh-out-loud play explores suspense, dark secrets, and the unsettling reality of a seemingly innocent friendship.

Frome Town Hall / £17







**19:30-22:00**  
**TOM MOTH - HARP & ELECTRONICS • BOCI**

Best known as the harpist for Florence + The Machine, Tom Moth presents a rare performance of solo work juxtaposing the sublime with the jarring. With electronic effects and soundscapes, he pushes the harp into new sonic realms. Support from alt-folk violinist and songwriter boci, who uses loops and effects pedals to craft intricate, layered arrangements. Doors 7:30pm.

**Rook Lane Chapel / £18**



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**20:00-23:00**  
**CELTIC AND TRANSATLANTIC SESSIONS**

The Celtic and Transatlantic Sessions encompasses both Celtic traditional and old time American, bluegrass and gospel tunes. The songs will get your feet a tappin' and hips a swayin'. From jigs, reels and polkas to tunes from the Appalachian Mountains, it's sure to be a lively night of fine folk-ery in this legendary pub!

**The Lamb & Fountain / Free**



**20:00-21:00**  
**TALES FROM THE GRIMM REAPER**

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**Frome Dissenters' Cemetery / £10**



**20:00-22:00**  
**THE FRUKES FUN-FILLED FARRAGO**

The annual hodgepodge of ukulele-based musical joy. Put away your sling-backs and put on your dancing shoes. It's summer and the time is right for grooving in the street or the pub. Grab a glass, sing your heart out and wallow in your guilty pleasure. The revolution starts here.

**Cornerhouse / Free**



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# FRIDAY 11 JULY>

**12:00-13:00**  
**MEDITATION ON PSALM 121**

David was a shepherd, a warrior, a musician, a King and in Psalm 121 he muses to whom he should look for protection. Come and meditate on how the words of this song of ascent relate to our Christian life in a conflicted world. Led by Lynda Hawkins.

**Holy Trinity Church / Free**



**13:00-14:00**  
**PIANO RECITAL BY NICOLA MEECHAM**

Multi award winning British pianist Nicola Meecham presents an exciting programme featuring Beethoven's totemic Appassionata Sonata, a selection from Janacek's 'On an Overgrown Path' and Chopin's Mazurka in A flat major Op 59 No 2 and Ballade No 4 in F minor Op 52. Nicola's playing has been described as "sensational" (Gramophone).

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



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**14:30-16:00 / 19:30-21:00**  
**BURNE-JONES WINDOWS TALK**

Holy Trinity Church, built in 1836-38, is home to a world-class collection of stained-glass windows by Edward Burne-Jones and the William Morris workshops. Former Vicar Rob Martin will give a short talk on the windows, their history and the truths they seek to convey, followed by time to wander round and enjoy some refreshments.

**Holy Trinity Church / Free**



**18:00-23:00**  
**MUSICKING AT THE SILK MILL**

Three wonderful jazz acts curated by Francis Moore, who has performed with musicians including Shabaka Hutchings. Laura Jurd is a trailblazing trumpeter who'll perform a selection of new music. JPQ are a versatile jazz quartet whose unique sound blends original compositions, well-loved jazz standards & hidden gems. Francis Moore joins Archie Ttweham, who has played with members of Sonic Youth.

**The Silk Mill / £16.50 / £14 Students**



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**19:00-21:00**  
**GEOFF ROBB - THE MUSIC OF TREES**

Join Geoff Robb, winner of the Brighton Fringe Live Music Award, for an evening of magical storytelling and virtuoso guitar that promises to transport you out into the woods. Inspired by the wonder of the natural world, 'The Music of Trees' weaves together storytelling, woodland folklore and mythology with a suite of original and new compositions.

**ECOS Outdoor Stage @ Merlin Theatre**  
**£13 / £11 U18s, Income Support**



**19:00-22:30**  
**HEATHEN APOSTLES**

Straight from the heart of Los Angeles, Heathen Apostles deliver a haunting blend of Gothic Americana, dark roots, and gothic country. This supergroup features former members of iconic bands like The Cramps, Radio Noir, Kings of Nuthin', and Christian Death.

**The Tree House - Vine Tree Pub / £15**



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**19:30-23:00**  
**DUB PISTOLS** 1107

Dub Pistols are a genre-blending powerhouse, fusing ska, dub, hip-hop, and jungle into infectious anthems. Over the past 30 years they've built a legacy of festival-shaking performances and chart-topping collaborations. With decades of rebellion and rhythm, they continue to ignite stages and captivate crowds worldwide.

**Chiese & Grain / £22.50**

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**19:30-23:00**  
**JON AMOR TRIO** 1108

Having crossed paths across the UK, Jon Amor Trio decided to join forces in 2022 and indulge in their mutual love of blues and funk, delivering high-energy sets across the land. Promoting their brand-new album 'The Turnaround', which perfectly captures the band's dynamic sound, Jon Amor Trio are making waves throughout the UK and Europe.

**Bar Lotte / Free**

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**19:30-21:00**  
**MEDITATION - SEARCHING FOR THE REAL YOU** 1109

This meditation class will be hosted by Dada Jyotirupananda, a yogic monk, practicing and teaching a system of yogic meditation from an ancient Indian tradition. He is a disciple of Shrii Shrii Anandamurti (1921-1990), a modern yogic master.

**Rise x Whittox Gallery x Rye Bakery / Free**

**Booking Required**

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**19:30-21:30**  
**MIDSUMMER MOON - A VIOLIN AND PIANO RECITAL** 1110

After deep-diving into the world of British folk song and classical music, Madeleine Athané-Best (Master's student at the Paris Conservatoire) fell in love with its unique personality. Accompanied by her friend Mathilde Nguyen, experience this sound world through music by Rebecca Clarke, Benjamin Britten, Frank Bridge, George Benjamin and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

**Christ Church / £12**

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**19:30-21:00**  
**ONE MILLION TINY PLAYS ABOUT BRITAIN** 1111

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**Assembly Rooms / £12**

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**THE UNFRIEND** 1112

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**Frome Town Hall / £17**

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**20:00-23:00**  
**KARENOKE - THIS B\*\*CH CAN SING** 1113

R U ready for Karenoke? Nail that high note or risk Karen's infamous put downs as this diva has a reputation. A karaoke night to end all karaoke nights. Dress as your least favourite Karen, sing your heart out and prepare for a dose of reality. The truth hurts hun. Live with it.

**The Tunnels / £10**

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**20:00-23:00**  
**LUMLEY** 1114

They come from Frome (mostly) and they love a festival. So, like hello! Lumley play Frome Festival 2025. Join them for "some" hits, more misses, and bits in between from the '90s indie pop bargain bin. Support from Frome FM's The Indie Sessions DJs during the night. Gert lush.

**The Sun Inn / Free**

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**19:30-21:30**  
**REEM KELANI IN CONCERT** 1115

An evening with multi-talented British-Palestinian musician Reem Kelani, accompanied by pianist Bruno Heinen. Reem encloses a nation in her voice, fusing the rich songbook of the Middle East with contemporary jazz practices. It's hard to find a more poignant figure of musical unity right now. Doors 7:30pm.

**Rook Lane Chapel / £ 16 / £15 Income Support**

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**20:00-21:00**  
**ST JOHN'S BY CANDLELIGHT** 1116

Join us on an atmospheric tour by candlelight around our church, for an immersive experience of meditation, light, music and stories that this ancient church has to share with us. At the end of the evening, you are invited to join the choir for compline - a short service of quietness and reflection.

**St John's Church / Free**

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# SATURDAY 12 JULY

10:00-11:00

A MUSICAL JOURNEY  
WITH NUMBIANO

1201

Ever wished you could play an instrument for your child? Join this heartwarming parent & child music session where you'll learn to play nursery rhymes with ease using the Numbiano App on your smartphone or tablet. Enjoy beginner-friendly guidance in a cosy atmosphere and bond with your child through the joy of music-making.

Frome Library / Free / Booking required



10:00-12:00 / 13:30-15:30

COMIC ART MASTERCLASS  
WITH KEV F

1202

Returning to Frome Festival, Kev F Sutherland has written and drawn for the 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 strip you've created plus an individual caricature by Kev F. Perfect for ages 7+

The Awesome Studio (Super Pirates) / £16

Free for accompanying adults



10:00-15:00

KISS MY PUTT CRAZY GOLF

1203

Crazy golf comes to Victoria Park - just show up and enjoy! Head over to the Bandstand area with your family and friends to play a round. If you're feeling particularly adventurous you could even try out golf with a mannequin leg or cricket bat!

Victoria Park - Bandstand / £3

£2.50 Groups of 3+



10:00-16:00

MEDIEVAL TILE MAKING  
WORKSHOP

1204

Learn how to make encaustic tiles using traditional techniques at this one-day workshop. You will carve, cast and decorate tiles ready to be fired in the kiln at the studio with collection two weeks after. Suitable for any level of experience and all materials included. Dress for mess.

Kift Ceramics - Black Swan Arts / £60



10:30-12:30

KATE FOX - WRITING WHERE  
YOUR OWN NATURE WOULD  
BE LEADING

1205

Radio 4 regular and author of 'On Sycamore Gap', Kate Fox will lead a creative writing & poetry workshop suitable for all levels of writer, from absolute beginner to experienced, focusing on wellbeing. This workshop will draw on Kate's current interest in the links between neurodiversity and biodiversity. Aimed at adults, 14+ welcome.

Frome Library / £15



10:30-11:30

THE FROME BISCUIT

1206

A hands-on, creative activity where children will decorate biscuits inspired by the beautiful wildflowers found in our area. A selection of edible flowers and leaves will be provided, ensuring they are safe to use. This activity celebrates Frome's natural beauty while encouraging creativity and play. Parental supervision required.

Rodden Meadow / £12

Free for accompanying adults



11:00 - 11:45 / 13:00 - 13:45

THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER

1207

Jellyfish Theatre roll up with their enchanting family show. Come and meet the Shoemaker and his hilarious elf helpers in this heartwarming tale of kindness told by three brilliant actors, packed with puppetry, laughter and original music. Adapted from a traditional tale by the Brothers Grimm. Funded by Frome Town Council.

Merlin Theatre / Free / Booking Required



11:00-15:00

SOMERSET AND WILTSHIRE  
INDEPENDENT STITCH HUB OPEN DAY

1208

Somerset and Wiltshire Independent Stitch Hub is an established group of diverse textile artists, working in a variety of techniques. At this Open Day, enjoy an exhibition of their latest work plus demonstrations by members while others will be working on their own projects.

Christ Church Hall / Free



12:00-23:00

CELTIC AND TRANSATLANTIC  
DAY @ SILK MILL

1209

A celebration of the sounds of Ireland, Scotland, and Appalachia. Bring the family to afternoon campfire sessions with live music, workshops, food and drinks. As night falls, two thrilling bands take the stage - Crossing The Rockies and Meeting At Crossroads bring infectious, foot-stomping energy. Get ready to dance, cheer, and soak in the magic!

The Silk Mill / £8



13:00-0:00

ALL DAYER AT RYE WINE BAR,  
BAKERY & PIZZERIA

1210

Head down to The Station for an all-day celebration of great food, drink and music. Enjoy sets from The Daan Temmink Jazz Trio at 1pm, Kevin Brown Blues at 4pm and guest DJs playing afrobeat, funk and 7-inch rares until late. Explore the excellent selection of culinary delights from across the complex, with a tap take over from Woodshedding Brewery.

Rye Bakery - Station Approach / Free



13:00-14:00

CHRIST CHURCH SINGERS  
- MOZART AND KODALY

1211

Christ Church Singers and conductor Alan Burgess present two contrasting choral masterworks; Mozart's Vesperae solennes de confessore, including the famous Laudate Dominum with soprano solo, and Zoltan Kodaly's powerful & mystical Missa Brevis, composed in the shadow of the Second World War.

Christ Church / £12



14:00-16:00

CACAO CEREMONY AND  
SOUND BATH

1212

Step into deep relaxation with a heart-opening cacao ceremony and transformative sound bath. Experience the healing vibrations of crystal bowls, gongs and more as you reconnect with yourself. Hosted by Ali Hutchinson & Lisa Rothnie, passionate energy healers. Bring a yoga mat, blanket and anything you need to stay warm.

Rook Lane Chapel / £26



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Assembly Rooms / £12



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15:00-16:00 / 18:00-19:00

SAGGERS PLAYS POP - TOUCHING CLOTH

Join eminent whistorian Virginia Saggars on a silent disco tour of Frome, celebrating the town's rich heritage with a tapestry of stories woven with modern music & dancing. A blend of improvised comedy & surreal stream of consciousness scriptwriting, tickling the beige underbelly of the town. Contains adult themes and some strong language.

Frome Town Hall (Meeting Point) / £20



1214

17:00-18:30

THE NETTLE DRESS - SCREENING AND Q&A WITH THE CREATOR

A film exploring zero-carbon clothing and slow fashion, The Nettle Dress has played to packed houses across the country and was one of the top ten highest grossing theatrical documentaries in the UK in 2023. Join film-maker Dylan Howitt and textile artist Allan Brown for a unique screening and live Q&A featuring leading local environmentalists and textile experts.

Merlin Theatre / £12



1215

19:00-22:30

PRAYING FOR THE RAIN

Known for their captivating live shows, this folk and roots quartet blends emotive vocals, harmonies, and intricate rhythms. Having toured globally they return to the Frome Festival to play songs from their albums and latest release, Celebrate. Expect an uplifting performance with acoustic guitars, mandolin, flutes, and percussion.

The Tree House - Vine Tree Pub / £18.50



1216

19:00-21:00

WHAT THE VECK! SONGS IN THE KEY OF STRIFE!

Tom Veck returns with a comedy music show full of energy, weirdness, and creativity. Following rave reviews and a hugely successful show at the Merlin Theatre, he brings unexpected songs, bizarre true stories, and his legendary Confessional Music Box. Expect surprises, silliness, and possibly a prize in the Naffle. Not suitable for children.

The Three Swans / £12 / £9 Income Support



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19:30-22:00

SIAN & ROB COLQUHOUN - BLUEGRASS AT THE TIN CHURCH

Sian & Rob Colquhoun are an acoustic duo based in the South West. They perform a lively, toe-tapping selection of old-time country music and bluegrass. With close harmonies accompanied on guitar, mandolin, clawhammer banjo, autoharp and harmonica, these dynamic performers are skilled interpreters of songs and tunes calling on a rich tradition encompassing their own Celtic roots.

The Tin Church - Brokerswood / £18  
£12 U16s



1218

19:30-23:00

SLATE TRIO

Guitarist Neil Smith leads this instrumental trio featuring truly exceptional drummer Matthew Jones & multitalented bassist Alex Heane. With influences ranging from African, motorik, funk & systems music to John Scofield & Thurston Moore, you're in for an angular, pointy, and occasionally hard 'n' heavy treat.

Bar Lotte / Free



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19:30-21:30

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### THE LAWS OF (E)MOTION

Jazz pianist and composer John Law's new duo with brilliant London guitarist Ant Law (no relation!). Interweaving guitar and piano lines, lush melodies and textures, and pulsing rhythms. Come and hear one of the UK's leading contemporary guitarists, a globe-trotting superstar of the UK jazz scene. Concert kindly supported by All Instruments, Westbury.

Christ Church / £16 / £12 U18s, Students, O65s





19:30-21:30

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Frome Town Hall / £17





19:30-22:30

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### WHY PRESENTS BUCKS QUIZ BEACH PARTY SPECIAL

This isn't your average pub quiz! We Hear You has teamed up with Bucks Quiz for a fast-paced, interactive evening with creative challenges, brain-bending puzzles, and team showdowns. Expect unexpected twists, great prizes, and a few beach party surprises along the way.

Rook Lane Chapel / £30 (6-person team)






20:00-23:00

1223

### BILLY IN THE LOWGROUND

A six-piece all-original rock band with folk instruments, confusing those who try and fit them into a genre. Compared to The Waterboys and Levellers, their tone is distinct and authentic.

The Sun Inn / Free



20:00-2:00

1224

### PAST LIVES... DO THE CLOTHES TALK!

Join a night of paranormal discovery led by professional investigators, as featured in the 'UK Supernatural' TV series and 'Haunted Histories' podcast. Explore the mysteries of vintage costumes, once worn by souls long gone. Do their spirits linger? Uncover ghostly tales, including whispers of the elusive Silk Ladies. And who is James?

Bath Theatrical / £50







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Frome Dissenters' Cemetery / £10






20:00-22:30

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### THE HIP YAK POETRY SLAM 2025

The hugely entertaining, poetry, comedy cabaret the Hip Yak Poetry Shack is back with the much loved and lionised Frome Festival Poetry Slam. A quick-fire, incredibly cuddly, knock-out poetry competition. Prepare for a fun, friendly and exhilarating night of poetry, hosted by the Hip Yak trio, Chris Redmond, Jonny Pluffypunk and Liv Torc.

Archangel / £10 / £7 Slammers





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# SUNDAY 13 JULY>

**10:00 – 15:00**  
**SUMMER ART CAR BOOT**  
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. You'll find over 50 local artists and makers with a fabulous range of prints, ceramics, jewellery and fine art, much of it at end-of-season prices.  
**Cattle Market Car Park / Free**



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**11:00 – 11:30 / 13:00 – 13:30**  
**15:00 – 15:30**  
**TEABREAK**  
Have a well-deserved TEABREAK in this heart-warming new show from Trigger. Gently glide through the history and ritual of tea with a transportive audio piece and live dance performance. With freshly brewed chai and peppermint tea served from a beautifully hand painted Tuk Tuk, this gentle performance brings an uplifting moment of pause. Funded by Frome Town Council.

**Boyle Cross / Free**

**10:00-12:30**  
**MAKE YOUR OWN SEALED TERRARIUM**  
Learn to create and care for your own sealed glass terrarium full of plants, soil, sand and pebbles in this hands-on workshop. Understand the process, history, and science behind self-contained ecosystems, including care tips. Take home your handmade terrarium and enjoy 10% off in-store purchases the same day. All materials and refreshments included.

**Pilea Plant Shop / £65**



**13:30-15:30**  
**FROME FESTIVAL SHORT STORY COMPETITION PRIZE-GIVING**  
Celebrate the talents of writers of all ages as the winners of the Young Writer Competition and the local Writers in Residence contest are announced and prizes awarded. Best-selling author Jennie Godfrey will then reveal the winning entries in the Frome Festival Short Story Competition and present the prizes. Winning stories will be read.  
**Merlin Theatre Lobby / Free**



**14:30-16:00**  
**FROME HERITAGE TREE WALK**  
Join local author and heritage tree specialist Julian Hight on this ever popular 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) / £10**



**14:30-16:00**  
**JACKDAWS SONGBIRDS**  
Jackdaws Songbirds are feeling good to be singing! They have tales to tell: songs of seas, rivers, fields and factories, ditties from way across the globe to right here in Frome. What more could you want? Oh yes: heavenly homemade treats and teas. Retiring collection for Jackdaws Educational Trust.

**Christ Church / Free**



**15:00-17:00**  
**CLANDESTINE MAZURKA BALFOLK JAM SESSION**  
Balfolk is a variety of traditional and modern dances to the folk music of continental Europe, including ceilidh-style dances, Bourrées, Mazurkas, Waltzes, and Schottisches. The Frome Balfolk musicians play clarinets, fiddles, flutes, guitars, and bouzouki with dancing encouraged for everyone. No booking required and donations are welcome.

**Victoria Park - Café / Free**



**16:00-17:30**  
**KATE FOX - BIGGER ON THE INSIDE**  
Like the TARDIS in Doctor Who, we're all bigger on the inside. Join stand-up poet and BBC radio regular Kate Fox on a funny, thought provoking and poetic trip through time and space as she uncovers new ways to think about labels like Autism and ADHD. Aimed at adults, 10+ welcome.  
**Archangel / £10 / £8 / Income Support**



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17:00-21:00

**FROME CHARITY FASHION SHOW**

1310

A sustainable fashion show using clothes and accessories from Dorothy House and Barnardo's. This is a fun early evening event with market stalls, bar and refreshments, catwalk show and entertainment. Don't miss the dog catwalk section!

**Merlin Theatre / £12**

17:30-19:30

**PETE GAGE**

1311

The Pete Gage Blues Quartet returns to the Festival with its unique blend of blues and gospel, all topped off with Pete's inimitable gritty vocals and his loyal band of Bristol based musicians.

**Bar Lotte / Free**

18:00-21:00

**MELLS SUMMER OPERA - PURCELL'S THE FAIRY QUEEN**

1312

Mells Summer Opera returns in the beautiful venue of St Andrew's Church to perform one of the baroque era's most wonderful works: Henry Purcell's The Fairy Queen. Enjoy a picnic in the beautiful Walled Garden during the interval.

**St Andrews Church, Mells / £22**

19:00-21:30

**ROKIA KONÉ • MOHAMED ERREBBAA**

1313

Rokia Koné, one of Mali's most beloved artists and a member of supergroup Les Amazones d'Afrique, blends griot-infused vocals with Malian guitar and West African percussive pulse, reconnecting with her roots. The concert opens with master Moroccan gnawa musician Mohamed Errebbaa's captivating trance vocals and guembri accompaniment. Doors 7pm.

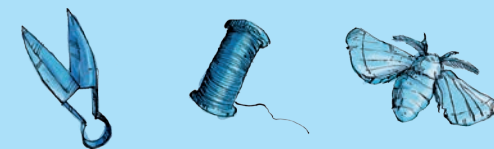
**Rook Lane Chapel / £20**

19:30-21:30

**FROME SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

1314

A Russian-themed programme by Frome Symphony Orchestra, directed by Mark Gateshill, features Shostakovich's exhilarating Festive Overture and Prokofiev's powerful Fifth Symphony, a grand wartime masterpiece. Arabella Thornton, a talented local young violinist, is the soloist in Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5, a piece rich in elegance and virtuosity.

**Cheese & Grain / £14 / £5 U18s**

Frome's long history with the textile industry began with the first fulling mill recorded in 1349. With its access to the river for vital for processes such as dyeing and nearby grazing fields for sheep, the town was a hub for creating cloth that was sent around the world. Local workers were known for their blue hands, stained by the natural dye 'woad' grown in the surrounding fields.

The Silk Mill was last used as a working textile mill one hundred years ago, finally closing in 1926. It currently homes many creatives in its studio spaces and is a successful event venue.

**TUCKER'S MILL IN WALLBRIDGE WAS THE LAST MILL TO CLOSE IN 1965 BUT ITS STORY DOESN'T END THERE!**

On that site you will now find a massive costume hire shop, Bath Theatrical. To this day, artisans and creatives of all types have been attracted to our vibrant town.

**COMPETITION****MAKE FROME KNIT AGAIN!**

We'd love to see you decorate the public spaces of Frome throughout the Festival! Can you knit or stitch a hat for post boxes or dress any other objects to brighten up the town?

Perhaps you can display your textile creation in your street-facing window, either knitted, sewn or draped? Often referred to as Yarn Bombing or Guerrilla Knitting, this activity is designed to put a smile on people's faces and couldn't be more perfect for celebrating this year's Festival theme.

Please ensure your creation is inoffensive, legal and doesn't pose a safety risk, then take a photo to enter this exciting competition. Prizes are sponsored by Frome's **Bath Theatrical**, which has 30,000 costumes on site!



**1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE:** Costumed photo shoot for two people at Bath Theatrical in Frome with Celie Nigoumi Photo (value £500)  
**2 RUNNERS UP:** £70 voucher each\*  
 Find out more [fromefestival.co.uk/makefromeknitagain](http://fromefestival.co.uk/makefromeknitagain)



**LOOK OUT FOR** the needle and thread icon for events relating to textiles! There are workshops, exhibitions, history talks, children's stories, an Augmented Reality (AR) quest, film screening, fashion show, themed ghost tour, and even a comedy silent disco!

*\*Vouchers can be redeemed against any of Bath Theatrical's services or experiences, including: The Regency Experience, Fancy D-Stress, costume hire or photo studio hire (valid until 31/12/25)*

5-13 JULY

11:00-16:00  
ART FOR WELLBEING EXHIBITION

Frome Art for Wellbeing presents original paintings, prints, and greetings cards by its members. Most works are for sale, with profits going to the artists. As in previous years, you have the chance to win your favourite painting by voting in the 'People's Choice', with a prize draw to select the winner.

St John's Church / Free

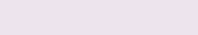


4-13 JULY

ALL DAY  
WOAD WALK QUEST - AN AR HISTORY HUNT

Embark on a family-friendly Augmented Reality (AR) history hunt in Frome town centre, uncovering the origins of the textile industry and more. Smartphone or tablet in hand, you will visit key areas of the town with each quest uncovering interactive visuals, bringing history to life!

Boyle Cross (Starting Place) / £5



7-13 JULY

10:00-15:00  
BOTANICAL ART DISPLAY

Bath Society of Botanical Artists aims to promote botanical art and develop skills in all forms of botanical illustration. The exhibition commemorates the lives of Daphne and Dennis Neate, longstanding members of Trinity Church and the BSBA. Their lifelong interest in plants is expressed in these beautiful paintings along with work by other BSBA members.

Holy Trinity Church Free



4-13 JULY

10:30-15:00  
CHAPEL BARTON LOOMS

Marie-Louise MacLeay has dedicated over 15 years to preserving Frome's rich weaving heritage, sharing her passion with others. This remarkable collection of working floor, table, and upright looms is located through the archway on Catherine Hill, with local glass artist Katrina Beattie also showcasing her stunning murrini bowls, coasters, and jewellery.

The Old Sunday School / Free



4-6 / 8-12 JULY

11:00-14:30  
FLEECE HECKLED THROWN

Come and find out how and why these words had their origins in the cloth trade. As the area's most important industry between the 15th and 20th centuries, Frome experienced many highs and lows of the textile economy as it nurtured the development of our town.

Frome Museum / Free



5-13 JULY

ALL DAY  
FROME OPEN ART TRAIL

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

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

Across Frome / Free



5-6 / 8-13 JULY

11:00-16:00  
FROME WEAVERS SPINNERS AND DYERS EXHIBITION

The gallery showcases hand woven contemporary and traditional textile designs, plus some fine examples of hand dyed and hand spun yarns. Then pop into the studio and have a go at weaving using a 4 shaft table loom or experience spinning. Children are welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Frome Weavers Spinners & Dyers / Free



5-13 JULY

11:00-17:00  
IAN MARLOW STUDIO AND SCULPTURE GARDEN

Professional sculptor and member of the Royal Society of Sculptors, Ian Marlow, opens his studio exhibition room and sculpture garden. Sculptures in stainless steel, glass and bronze. Dogs welcome.

Ian Marlow Sculpture / Free



4-13 JULY

11:00-16:00  
TELLING THE STORY IN FABRIC, GLASS AND STONE

Floral and visual displays by the people of St John's Church, in conjunction with the Frome Floral Art Society and local schools on the theme of storytelling. The displays will focus on stone carvings, stained glass and fabrics within the church which have stories to tell from centuries past to modern day. Light refreshments available.

St John's Church / Free



4-5 & 12 JULY

4 JULY / 19:00-22:00  
5 & 12 JULY / 11:00-16:00  
TINCTORIA

A collaborative art installation including film, sound, sculpture and traditional media. Silk Mill artists and associates explore the mill's textile history and its contemporary use as art studios. An explosion of blues with yellow accents, celebrating the dyers' herb Isatis tinctoria (woad). Dyeing, mending and textiles workshops will run alongside.

The Silk Mill / Free





HIDDEN GARDENS OF FROME / 11~13 JULY

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. Many gardeners raise money for a variety of good causes during the weekend.

This year, the Hidden Gardens will have a particular focus on wildlife friendly gardening, including some from Frome's Wild Bunch and some accredited by Somerset Wildlife's "Team Wilder" project.

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

Programmes can be bought on the Frome Festival website or in person at Cheese & Grain, Hunting Raven, Ellenbray, Victoria Park Café, Discover Frome in Frome Library and the Town Hall. All funds raised support Frome Festival.

Across Frome / £7 / FREE U12s



FROME FESTIVAL TREASURE HUNT 2025

A fixture of Frome Festival's programme, the annual Treasure Hunt challenges 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, some of which link to this year's textile theme. 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 Friday 27th June. Deadline for entries is **Sunday 27th July**. Winner will be announced in August.

**TREASURE HUNT PRIZE - Silver Long Heart Pendant** designed by goldsmith Annette Gabbedey. This is one of Annette's signature pendants - like many of her pieces, it is very tactile and created to enjoy the lovely solid pendulum feel. Annette is celebrating 35 years in business this year and is delighted to have provided prizes since Frome Festival was founded in 2001.



THE CRYSSE MORRISON PRIZE FOR POETRY

The Crysse Morrison Prize for Poetry is back for its third year, continuing to honour the legacy of the cherished Frome poet and author. Crysse, who sadly passed away in late 2022, was a prolific writer and a mentor to many local poets as well as a huge contributor and supporter of the annual Frome Festival. Her literary talent, infectious energy, and unwavering positivity made her a beloved figure at the heart of the town's creative community.

Each year, poets from across the UK are invited to submit their work via the Frome Festival website with cash prizes awarded to the top three winners, alongside a special prize for the best local entry. The competition will be judged by poet, playwright, and broadcaster Luke Wright.

The overall winner also receives a unique, handmade silver brooch in the shape of a writing quill, crafted and gifted by local jeweller Christina Oswin.

**DIRTY LAUNDRY POETRY WITH CRYSSE MORRISON PRIZE GIVING**  
Tue 8 July / 8pm / Merlin Theatre  
See event 814 for details.



HOW TO TAKE PART

- Purchase your competition place by going to **fromefestival.co.uk/cryssepoetry2025** and paying the £5 competition fee
- Submit your poem using the online form
- Maximum poem length - 40 lines
- Closing Date - Thursday 12th June 2025 @ 5pm

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## FROME FESTIVAL SHORT STORY COMPETITION



Each year, a small team of readers appraises entries to the Frome Festival Short Story Competition, but a guest judge has the tricky task of picking the winners from their shortlist. When author Jennie Godfrey came to Frome to talk about her new novel last year, she was rapidly enlisted as the judge for 2025.

Jennie was raised in West Yorkshire and her Sunday Times bestselling debut novel, *The List of Suspicious Things*, is inspired by her childhood there in the 1970s. As the first generation of a mill-working family to be born after the mills closed, she went to university and built a career in the corporate world. In 2020 she left and began to write. She is now a writer and part-time bookseller and lives in the Somerset countryside.

Entries for the competition should be between 1,000 – 2,200 words in length and must be submitted by Sat 31 May. The results will be announced at a prize-giving event at the Merlin Theatre on Sunday 13 July. More information and entry details [fromewriterscollective.co.uk](http://fromewriterscollective.co.uk)

## YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION



Young writers aged 12 – 21 are invited to submit stories of up to 2,000 words using the prompt 'FLIGHT'. Graphics may be included. The competition was set up four years ago by Frome

Writers' Collective and Frome Festival thanks to the sponsorship of Kerry Wilkinson and Keith Stuart, two authors with local connections.

All participants must either live, work or attend a school or college with a BA, SN or SP postcode. Entry is free. Stories should be sent to [fromewriterscollective@gmail.com](mailto:fromewriterscollective@gmail.com) by the deadline of Sat 31 May, as a Word attachment. 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, 11-15 and 16-21. The first prize in both age groups is £50, with book tokens for the runners-up. The competition will be judged by author and UK Patron of Reading, Joffre White. More information and entry details [fromewriterscollective.co.uk](http://fromewriterscollective.co.uk)

## WRITER IN RESIDENCE COMPETITION

Time for a story? Sign up for this year's local writing challenge! Organised by the Frome Writers' Collective and Frome Festival, this year's Frome Writers in Residence Competition will take place in Frome shops and cafés on Sat 28 June. At 10am on competition day, participants will receive a mystery prompt and be given a central Frome venue. You'll then meet at the venue to write a story from the prompt, to be collected at 1pm. Volunteers are on hand throughout the challenge to provide support, encouragement and biscuits!

Entries are invited from local residents (18+) with any level of writing experience – first-timers are encouraged! It's free to enter and offers a fun challenge where you'll get to meet other writers. You could win a special award and other prizes, which will be presented by the judges at the festival's Readers and Writers' Day on Sun 13 July.

Anyone interested in taking part should email [fromewriterscollective@gmail.com](mailto:fromewriterscollective@gmail.com) giving the reference WIR.



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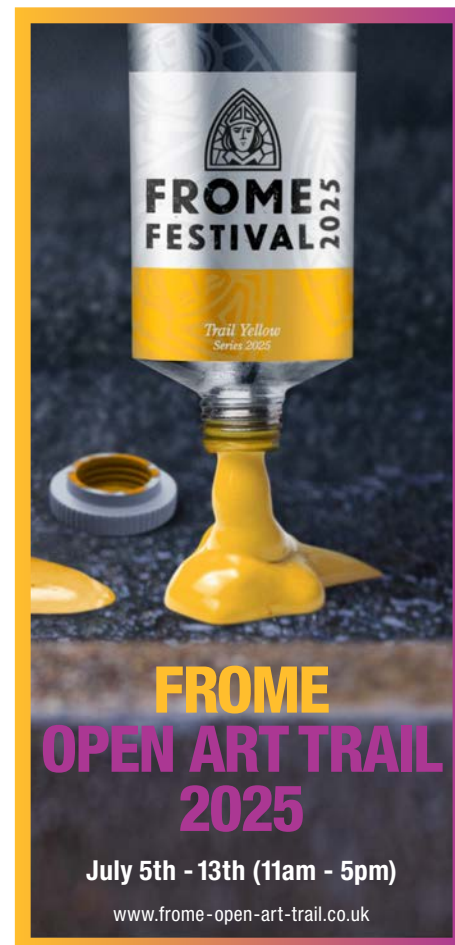
Frome Festival is full of excellent activities for all ages, led by outstanding creatives and workshop leaders who will ensure their offers are designed age appropriately. If you have any queries or feedback about any family offers taking place as a part of Frome Festival, please contact [office@fromefestival.co.uk](mailto:office@fromefestival.co.uk)



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Find out more at [artsfestivals.co.uk](http://artsfestivals.co.uk)





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Frome Festival could not operate without the close link it has developed with Frome residents and supporters near and far over many years. The support of the Friends of Frome Festival has been central to keeping our festival going for the past 24 years. We'd love for you to be one of them.

There has never been a better time to become a Friend of Frome Festival. Thanks to support from Frome Town Council, we've upgraded our membership system and can now offer some exciting new perks.

## FROM JUST £20 PER YEAR, FRIENDS OF FROME FESTIVAL CAN ENJOY:

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- **Friends' events** throughout the year and more perks to come!

We would like to thank the generous Frome companies for their support and all of our Friends, who help make the Festival happen. As a registered charity, Frome Festival needs to raise £35,000 each year to ensure we can deliver the programme. The Friends of Frome Festival scheme plays a major role in reaching that goal. Visit [fromefestival.co.uk/friends](http://fromefestival.co.uk/friends) to sign up and see the latest offers!

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## BOX OFFICE AND BOOKING INFORMATION

**Festival Friends Priority Booking:**  
Fri 16 May 2025 from 9am  
(at Cheese and Grain Box Office and online through the Frome Festival website)

**General Booking:**  
Sun 18 May 2025 from 10am  
(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](http://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**

All tickets sold through the Cheese and Grain Box Office priced above £5 are subject to a £2 booking fee.

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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

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**Cornerhouse**  
1 Christchurch St East, BA11 1QA

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