

Musical Shairs

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The Pandemic
November 2024

For Performing Groups in Somerset



Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir

presents

Together in Harmony

with special guests **Kingsbury Episcopi Band**



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Diversity Voice
culture & community

Saturday 8th February 2025

7.30pm

(Doors open 7:00pm)



St James' Church
St James' Street
Taunton
TA1 1JS



Tickets £12.50 available from:

- The choir box office 01823 432495
- The choir website tauntondeanemvc.com
- Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470



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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONCERT



Oboe - Ella Leonard / Saxophone - Otis Ubaka
Voice - Josephine Cresswell / Flute - Victoria Creighton
Accompanist - Andrew Trehella

Sunday 9th February 2025 at 4pm

St. Michael's Church Milverton TA4 IJS
tickets online - www.milvertonconcerts.org

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Refreshments after the concert

Music on the Levels



Music on the Levels announces details of its free concert on Sunday 23 February 2025 in St Mary's Church, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP. The concert starts at 3 pm and refreshments are available at modest charge from 2.15 pm.

Much appreciated at Music on the Levels many times over the past few years, Somerset-based Trio Paradis (Jacquelyn Bevan - piano, Ruth O'Shea - violin and Linda Stocks - cello) return with a programme entitled 'The Latin American Collection'.

'This collection of music by South American composers will bring some sun to dark winter days', says Jacquelyn, 'with popular dances such as Tango and Rumba alongside classical and reflective pieces.'

'Composers include Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, the king of Argentinian Tango, Astor Piazzolla, fellow Argentinian Magdalena Garcia Robson, Cuban brother and sister composers Ernestina and Ernesto Lecuona, Mexican Manuel Ponce and Carlos Guastavino, the *Schubert of the Pampas*.

'The music will be introduced as we go along - it's a fun and informal concert.'

Arrangements for this concert

There is no need to book as the church's capacity have never yet been exceeded. However, it should be noted that seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

In order to help with the artists' and other costs a raffle is held. In addition, donations are encouraged. It costs over £400 to put on a concert.



Music on the Levels reveals its programme for 2025.

As it approaches its fifteenth year, Music on the Levels announces another varied programme of Sunday afternoon concerts.

It is maintaining its winning formula of making the concerts free to attend while raising money to cover costs by offering refreshments at modest charges, holding a raffle and accepting donations

All concerts are held in St Mary's church on Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP, Somerset. The concerts start at 3 pm with refreshments available from 2.15.

The 2025 season starts with **The Barnacle Buoys** on Sunday 26 January. This is a group of sea shanty singers based in North Somerset that exists to enjoy their craft, entertain audiences and raise money for charities, mainly Children's Hospice SW and RNLI. Expect a bit of swagger along with the songs!

The remaining concerts are as follows:

Sunday 23 February

Trio Paradis

Presenting 'The Latin American Collection'.

Sunday 30 March

Rolling Harmony

Glorious music rooted in English and American singing traditions.

Sunday 27 April

The Fitzwarren Trio

Well-known classical pieces and new compositions inspired by Somerset.

Sunday 18 May

Steve Jinski- Folk Acoustic Guitar

This is lovely stuff. You can hear all the love that's gone into it – Bob Harris Radio 2.

Sunday 29 June

Lutes and other instruments

Presented by Steve Graham with ravishing music.

Sunday 28 September

Jacquelyn Bevan and Oscar Tabor

Piano and virtuoso violin.

Sunday 26 October

Spirit of the Blues

Julia Titus recreates the songs of Bessie Smith.



Church Square, Taunton TA1 1SA

Afternoon Tea Concerts February to May 2025

*Concerts last 45 minutes and will be followed by
tea and cake in our coffee shop area.*

*Admission Free, but we do ask for a £pay-what-you-can donation
to cover the numerous expenses of providing these concerts.*

Saturday 15th February 2025 at 3 pm

***Rising Stars - former and current choristers of Taunton Minster
(in support of the Ron Tickner Educational Trust)***

Saturday 15th March 2025 at 3 pm

Eric Tebbett tenor

Eric will sing enjoyable and inspiring music for tenor, accompanied by Miles Quick on organ and piano.

Saturday 17th May 2025 at 3 pm

Stephen Bell organ

Stephen returns to the Minster to make the most of the varied colours of our Father Willis organ.




CHOIR OF IN ECCLESIA

EVENSONG
for Candlemasstide

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY,
4.00pm

**St John's Church. Park Street,
Taunton TA1 4DG**



In aid of



Rising Stars Afternoon Tea Concert

Saturday 15 February 2025
3pm at Taunton Minster, TA1 1SA

featuring

Taunton Minster choristers past and present
including Josephine Cresswell,
Scarlett Atherton, Henry Collard-Jenkins,
Jack van Looy and Dexter Padamadan.

Please come and support this sparkling event and
celebrate the talents of the present and future! And
please do stay for delicious tea & cake afterwards.

Free admission

Epay-what-you-can donation to support
Ronald Tickner Educational Trust; Charity Number: 1084561.

Ronald Tickner was Organist and Choirmaster of St Mary
Magdalene for 36 years (1963-99) and the trust founded in his
memory in 2000 aims to support young musicians with lessons
and experiences which will help them to make the most of their
talents now and in the future.

To contact the organisers please email rtetrust@gmail.com.

Ron Tickner was my Music Teacher in 1960s at Dr Morgan's Grammar School,
I am afraid we were not good to him but he left his mark on me with a love of Classical Music.
He later moved to Bishop Fox's where I hope he was better treated.

Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir

proudly presents

a

St David's Day Celebration

at

The Great Hall
Wellington School
South Street, Wellington
TA21 8NT



with special guests

Taff Ely Ladies' Choir

on

Saturday 1st March 2025

7:30pm (doors open 7pm)



In aid of



Tickets £12.50 from:

- . tauntondeanemvc.com
- . Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir 01823 432495
- . Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470



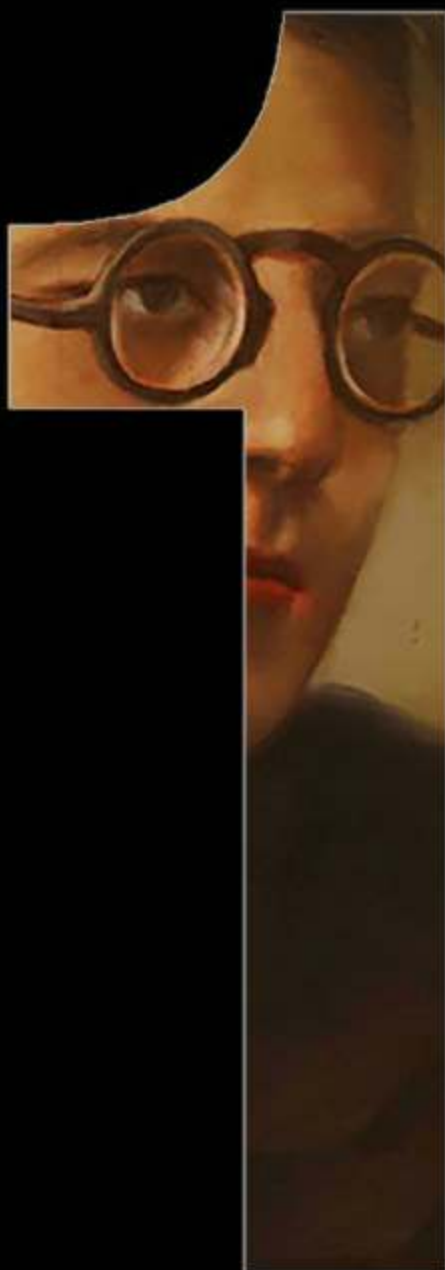
Singing can improve your health and happiness!



Somerset County Orchestra

Conductor - David Hedges

Leader - Alex Ennis



Bernstein

Symphonic Dances from
West Side Story

Rodrigo

Guitar Concierto de Aranjuez
soloist Alex Roche

Shostakovitch

Symphony No 1

Saturday

8th March 2025

at 7:30 p.m.

St James Church, Taunton

Tickets £15 Under 18 Free

*available from the Taunton Visitor Centre,
and on the door*

Registered Charity No.288482

Milverton Concert Society

Aaron Azunda Akugbo trumpet
Zeynep Oszuca piano



Honegger - Boulanger - Vivaldi - Francaix - Turnage

Saturday 8th March 2025 at 7.30pm

St Michael's Church Milverton TA4 1JS
box office - 0333 666 3366
online - www.milvertonconcerts.org



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Harmonia

Chamber choir

Invites you to Come and Sing

Gabriel **Fauré**

Requiem

and works by Schubert, Rutter and Whitacre

Saturday 15th March 2025 10am - 4pm

Salvation Army Hall, Moorland road,
Bridgwater TA6 4JS

£18 inc. refreshments

New and experienced singers
welcome to join our friendly
choir to explore some evocative and
interesting music.

To register please contact:

Secretary: Sue Pow 01278 662755

Or email:

harmoniabridgwater@gmail.com



Bridgwater Choral Society

Registered Charity Number 276524

Taunton Thespians present



Agatha Christie's The Mirror Crack'd

A New Adaptation by Rachel Wagstaff

Tickets: 01823 414141 (Tacchi Morris) tacchi-morris.com



Tickets: 01823 340470 (Taunton Visitor Centre)

Tuesday 11th to Saturday 15th March 7:30pm
Saturday Matinée 2:30pm

Tacchi Morris Arts Centre, Taunton



Taunton Thespians present
Agatha Christie's
The Mirror Crack'd

A New Adaptation by Rachel Wagstaff
Directed by Martin Jevon and Sue Meredith

This fresh, new adaptation of the classic Agatha Christie story set in the early 1960's adheres closely to the original drama. Miss Marple, although indisposed and confined to a chair, again proves pivotal in gaining the confidence of all the various suspects and unravelling the crime. The play is a beautiful mix of intrigue and wit with a fast paced modern feel to a vintage "Christie" crime story. It has all the classic characters with all the usual twists and turns before the delightfully crafted conclusion.

Tuesday 11th to Saturday 15th March 7:30pm
Saturday Matinée 2:30pm
Tacchi Morris Arts Centre, Taunton

Tickets

Tuesday - £12 / Concessions £1.

Wednesday to Saturday - £16 / Concessions £8

Group Rates: Buy TEN full price tickets for the price of NINE!

(*Concessions: Under 16's, student and unwaged.)

(Ticket provider fees apply)

01823 414141 (Tacchi Morris) tacchi-morris.com

01823 340470 (Taunton Visitor Centre)

This amateur production of "The Mirror Crack'd" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Director
Sarah Helsby-Hughes



Musical Director
Sam Baker

On Tour
2025

'HMS Pinafore'

(Or 'The Lass That Loved a Sailor')

By W. S. Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan

Taunton Minster
March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets £15 from Taunton Visitor
Centre (01823 340470) or from**

www.somersetopera.org.uk

The West Somerset Singers

with soloists Gregory and Ellen Steward

Fauré's Requiem

Plus pieces by Mozart, Vaughan Williams, Karl Jenkins and Ole Gjeilo



Saturday 5 April 2025 - 7pm

St George's RC Church, Taunton TA1 3NN

Tickets £10 available from Secretary,
Chris Knapman, on (01823) 618299
(or on the door)

westsomersetsingers.org



Come and Sing Mozart's Requiem!

Enter into the Holy Week journey with Mozart's celebrated Requiem – dramatic, fiery, soothing and peaceful – all in the space of 45 minutes!

Palm Sunday 13th April 2025
2.30 for 3 pm rehearsal,
5 pm performance

The Choir of Taunton Minster will form the welcoming backbone for singers to join in with, and there will also be two congregational hymns.

Registration and music issue from 2.30 pm

Rehearsal 3 pm with a tea break

Performance 5 pm (all welcome)

£pay-what-you-can donation to cover costs

To make a booking (please state voice part) or for further information please email music@tauntonminster.org or tel. 01823 272441

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MUSICAL THEATRE
TAUNTON

29th April - 3rd May

Tacch-Morris Arts Centre,

Taunton

www.tacchi-morris.com



GREASE the musical

Book, Music, and Lyrics by
Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

"Hopelessly Devoted to You"

"You're The One That I Want"

"Sandy"

"Grease"

used by arrangement with Robert Stigwood

Rydell High



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www.theatricalrights.co.uk



WELLINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT



Mendelssohn “Elijah”

with David Davies (Organ)
and Julian Rippon (Baritone)

Saturday 29th March 2025 at 7.00pm
at St John the Baptist Church,
Wellington TA21 8QY

Tickets - £16.00 (under 18s go free)

Available from members and on the door
and at www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk

Rehearsals will start on
Wednesday 8th January 2025
All singers are welcome to
join us for this concert

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Wellington
CHORAL
Society



making
music



Choral workshop
with Joe Beckhelling
and members of
Voce Chamber Choir



*Sing
With*

 **Voce**

10:30 - 2.30

Sunday 27th April

Trull Memorial Hall, TA3 7JZ

£25 including music to keep

for more event and music details:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/voce-chamber-choir



/VoceTaunton

infovoce16@yahoo.com

Advance Information



Guest Musical Director
Laurence Blyth

“Music of The Stars”

***A Programme of Superb
Contemporary Choral Music***

*Jonathan Dove, James MacMillan,
Matthew Martin, Cecilia McDowall,
Becky McGlade, Roxanna Panufnik,
John Tavener, Judith Weir, Eric Whitacre*

Saturday 3rd May 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

in St. John's Church Wellington

**Tickets £15/£10 from Taunton Visitor Centre
(01823 340470) Use this QR code →**

or go to: www.amicichoir.org.uk





ADVANCE NOTICE

The Thirteenth Series of
St John's Lunchtime Concerts

will start as usual on

Friday 9th May 2025

12.45 -1.30pm

Another varied programme of concerts is being arranged for you to enjoy on the 2nd Friday each month from May to November.

SAVE THE DATES

and join us at some quality performances and help raise funds for some worthy charities.

Drinks will be available and bring your sandwiches as usual.

**St John's Church
Park Street,
Taunton
TA1 4DG**

Leaflets will be available in April from various locations including Taunton Tourist Information Centre and Taunton Minster

*An evening of solo piano music
by Ravel, Liszt & Schubert*

vitaly pisarenko

acclaimed Ukrainian pianist

Saturday 10 May | 7pm

St John's Church, Taunton

£12 £16 £18 £20 (children free) quantocks@live.co.uk

*An evening of gorgeous music performed by the winner of the Liszt International Piano Competition
and Leeds Piano Competition finalist. Affordable tickets for families with children.*

Harmonia Chamber Choir Bridgwater

Summer Concerts 2025

Programme Includes:

Faure's **Requiem**

And a selection of love songs with works by
John Rutter, Schubert, Whitacre and others

**Saturday 17 May, St. Mary's Church,
Cannington** (afternoon performance)

**Friday 6th June, Cossington Village Hall,
7.30pm**

Conductor: Jackie Ayres
Accompanist: Kath Sugden
Soprano soloist: Mary Morgan

Tickets £8.00 Refreshments available

Secretary Sue Pow 01278 662755

email harmoniabridgwater@gmail.com



ADVANCE NOTICE

More information to be released soon

SOMERSET VOICES SPRING CONCERT

Sunday 18th May 2025

**St John's Church, Park Street,
Taunton. TA1 4DG.**

<https://www.somersetvoices.com>



EARTHLY DELIGHTS

SONGS FROM THE SOUL & THE SEASONS
TO STIR YOUR SPIRIT

19:00 SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025

ST JAMES CHURCH, TAUNTON

TICKETS: £10 ADULTS - £5 UNDER 18

WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/VOCE-CHAMBER-CHOIR



North Curry Music Festival
20-22 June 2025
Save the dates!

Friday 20 June

Evening: **Tango Calor**
*"One of the best tango trios
you will hear in the UK."*

Saturday 21 June

Morning: **Music workshop**
All day: **Local musicians play**
Evening: **Pelléas Ensemble**
*Flute, viola, harp. Grand Prize
Winners, St-Martin-in-the-Fields
Chamber Music Competition*

Sunday 22 June

Morning: **United Benefice
Family Service**
Afternoon: **Pantasy Steel Band**
*Traditional Caribbean music
through to songs by artists
such as Bob Marley and UB40*

... and more events to come.

After another successful production of

Beauty and the Beast

At The Brewhouse Theatre

The Wayfarers Pantomime Society

Will be back with another production

In January 2026

See Web Site for details

Later in the year

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