



Rye Arts Festival



14th - 28th September 2019

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Welcome to the 48th Rye Arts Festival!

Running as usual over the last two weeks in September, the Festival offers you the chance to enjoy world class artistic entertainment in the classic setting of one of the most beautiful towns in England, with accommodation and restaurants to match. We hope that you will enjoy the festival experience, as do the arts lovers who flock to Rye year after year to meet old friends and make new ones.

This year anyone stepping off the train or parking their car on the opening day of the Festival will be able to experience our very first crime (cRYmE) day: interviews with four leading crime writers as they talk about their work and give tips to aspiring authors, based around a murder themed lunch at the famous Mermaid Inn. After an early dinner, a choice of musical entertainment: in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church hear Tasmin Little play Beethoven violin sonatas in one of her farewell recitals or listen to Nancy Kerr and James Fagan, together multiple winners of *BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards*.

Sunday begins with a guided tour of Rye led by the Town Crier, an ancient office which stretches back to medieval times. The morning also offers an opportunity to sample our very first digital event, *Follow the*

Lieder. After lunch in one of Rye's excellent restaurants, a stroll to Rye Community Centre for the anarchic fun of our drama production *Enid Blyton ... for Grown-ups!* Then, as evening draws on, enjoy the National Youth Jazz Orchestra in the Milligan Theatre, named in memory of a famous local resident, the late Spike Milligan, who is buried in the churchyard up the road in Winchelsea. Starting with this exciting first weekend, the Festival rolls on from day to day offering talks by the likes of David Owen (on Trump) and Max Hastings (on the Dambusters Raid), Schubert songs, Beethoven piano trios, Chinese music, more drama and contemporary music including the celebrated Pink Singers. Nor are the visual arts forgotten: this year we stage a major retrospective exhibition of celebrated local artist Fred Cuming RA.

As Chairman, I trust you will enjoy whatever events you sample, and come back to dip into our programme again in future years. Finally, I would like to thank all our wonderful sponsors, members, trustees, committee members and volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible.

Guy Fraser-Sampson
Chair, Rye Arts Festival CIO

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Festival Diary

Talks & Books



Classical



Contemporary



Theatre/Film



Walks & Tours



Exhibitions



DAY	EVENT	DOORS	STARTS	DURATION	PAGE	VENUE
Fri 13th	Rye Dance Showcase	18:00	18:30	2hrs	7	Rye Community Centre
Sat 14th	cRYmE Day	10:00	10:30	6½hrs	6	Methodist Church, Rye
Sat 14th	Tasmin Little & Martin Roscoe	18:45	19:30	2hrs	7	St Mary's Church, Rye
Sat 14th	Nancy Kerr & James Fagan	19:30	20:00	2hrs	7	Rye Community Centre
Sun 15th	Paul Goring (Rye Town Crier) Guided Walk	10:45	11:00	2hrs	8	Rye Heritage Centre
Sun 15th	Follow The Lieder (Alisdair Kitchen)	10:20	10:30	1½hrs	8	Kino Cinema, Rye
Sun 15th	Enid Blyton... for Grown-ups!	15:30	16:00	1hr	8	Rye Community Centre
Sun 15th	National Youth Jazz Orchestra	18:15	19:00	2hrs	9	The Milligan Theatre, Rye
Mon 16th	Camber Castle Wildlife Walk	13:45	14:00	3hrs	9	Hope Anchor Lookout
Mon 16th	Laura Snowden (guitar)	19:00	19:30	1½hrs	9	St Thomas's, Winchelsea
Tues 17th	Romney Marsh Churches Tour	09:45	10:00	6½hrs	10	Rye Station Forecourt
Tues 17th	Winchelsea Cellars Tour	10:45	11:00	1½hrs	10	Town Well, Winchelsea
Tues 17th	Adam Nicolson & Tom Hammick - The Making of Poetry	14:30	15:00	1½hrs	10	Methodist Church, Rye
Wed 18th	Trio Opal	12:30	13:00	1hr	11	St Mary's Church, Rye
Wed 18th	Richard Ormrod - Radclyffe Hall & Una Troubridge	14:30	15:00	1hr	11	Lamb House, Rye
Wed 18th	Fiona Graham-Mackay - The Best Brush Strokes	18:45	19:00	1½hrs	24	Rye Art Gallery
Wed 18th	<i>Film</i> - 2001: A Space Odyssey	19:50	20:00	2½hrs	11	Kino Cinema, Rye
Thu 19th	Winchelsea Cellars Tour	10:45	11:00	1½hrs	10	Town Well, Winchelsea
Thu 19th	An Evening with Sophie Hannah	18:30	19:00	1½hrs	12	Methodist Church, Rye
Fri 20th	Raynor Winn - The Salt Path	14:30	15:00	1hr	12	Methodist Church, Rye
Fri 20th	David Flood - Organ Recital	18:45	19:30	1½hrs	12	St Mary's Church, Rye
Fri 20th	The Wave Pictures	19:30	20:00	2hrs	13	Rye Community Centre
Sat 21st	Winchelsea Cellars Tour	10:45	11:00	1½hrs	10	Town Well, Winchelsea
Sat 21st	Juliet Sear - Botanical Baking	10:30	11:00	1½hrs	13	Webbe's Fish Café, Rye
Sat 21st	The Pink Singers In Concert	18:45	19:30	1½hrs	13	St Mary's Church, Rye
Sat 21st	Martin & Eliza Carthy	19:30	20:00	2hrs	14	Rye Community Centre
Sun 22nd	William Thomson - Seas the Power	10:30	11:00	1¼hrs	14	Rye Harbour Sailing Club
Sun 22nd	If I Catch Alphonso, Tonight!	14:30	15:00	2hrs	14	Rye Community Centre
Sun 22nd	Tangram - Chinese Music Workshop	17:15	17:30	45mins	15	St Mary's Church, Rye

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Sun 22nd	Tangram - Chinese Musicians' Collective	18:45	19:30	1hr	15	St Mary's Church, Rye
Mon 23rd	<i>Film</i> - The Dam Busters	10:15	10:30	2¼hrs	15	Kino Cinema, Rye
Mon 23rd	Winchelsea Cellars Tour	10:45	11:00	1½hrs	10	Town Well, Winchelsea
Mon 23rd	Discover Rye Harbour Guided Walk	13:45	14:00	3hrs	15	Rye Harbour Car Park
Mon 23rd	Sir Max Hastings - Chastise: The Dam Busters Story, 1943	18:30	19:00	1½hrs	16	The Milligan Theatre, Rye
Tues 24th	Patrick Gale - In Conversation	14:30	15:00	1hr	16	Methodist Church, Rye
Tues 24th	Ernst-Simon Glaser (cello)	19:00	19:30	1½hrs	16	St Thomas's, Winchelsea
Wed 25th	Winchelsea Cellars Tour	10:45	11:00	1½hrs	10	Town Well, Winchelsea
Wed 25th	<i>Film</i> - Midnight Cowboy	15:00	15:10	2hrs	17	Kino Cinema, Rye
Wed 25th	Lord David Owen - Hubris: The Road to Donald Trump	18:30	19:00	1½hrs	17	St Mary's Church, Rye
Thu 26th	Winchelsea Cellars Tour	10:45	11:00	1½hrs	10	Town Well, Winchelsea
Thu 26th	Andrew Roberts - Churchill: Walking with Destiny	11:30	12:00	1hr	17	Methodist Church, Rye
Thu 26th	A Regular Little Houdini	18:30	19:00	1¼hrs	18	Rye Community Centre
Fri 27th	Paul Goring (Rye Town Crier) Guided Walk	10:45	11:00	2hrs	8	Rye Heritage Centre
Fri 27th	Claer Barrett - Financial Workshop	10:30	11:00	1¼hrs	18	Methodist Church, Rye
Fri 27th	Andy McConnell - Bottoms Up!	14:30	15:00	1hr	18	The Mermaid Inn, Rye
Fri 27th	Roderick Williams & Iain Burnside - Schwanengesang	18:45	19:30	2hrs	19	St Mary's Church, Rye
Fri 27th	The Jim Hammond Band	19:30	20:00	2hrs	19	Rye Community Centre
Sat 28th	Andy McConnell - Lectures & Appraisal Session	10:00	10:30	4½hrs	20	The Mermaid Inn, Rye
Sat 28th	Lynne Page Mass Dance Event	10:30	11:00	1hr	19	Bridge Point, Rye
Sat 28th	Winchelsea Cellars Tour	10:45	11:00	1½hrs	10	Town Well, Winchelsea
Sat 28th	Kate Bradbury - Wildlife Gardening for Everyone	14:30	15:00	1hr	20	Methodist Church, Rye
Sat 28th	Emma Kirkby with Dowland Works	18:45	19:30	2hrs	21	St Mary's Church, Rye
Sat 28th	Mampama - African Popular Music	19:30	20:00	2hrs	21	Rye Community Centre
Sun 29th	Shakespeare in Rye (Rye Players)	13:30	14:00	45mins	21	The Mermaid Inn, Rye
Sun 29th	Shakespeare in Rye (Rye Players)	15:30	16:00	45mins	21	The Mermaid Inn, Rye
Sun 29th	Sunday Soirée - Timberlina & Dr Aspalls	16:30	17:00	2hrs	22	The Queen's Head, Rye



Spend the day in the company of some of Britain's best-selling crime writers as they share stories, experiences and inspirations. The event will be chaired by Rye's very own crime writer, Guy Fraser-Sampson and can include a murder-themed four course lunch in the historic Mermaid Inn.

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

- 10:00 – 10:30 Refreshments & Introduction
- 10:30 – 11:15 Talk by William Shaw
- 11:30 – 12:15 Talk by Martin Edwards
- 12:30 – 14:30 LUNCH at The Mermaid Inn*
- 14:45 – 15:30 Talk by Lynne Truss
- 15:45 – 16:30 Talk by Simon Brett

*If you have any special dietary requirements please e-mail box-office@ryeartsfestival.org.uk giving details.

WILLIAM SHAW

"A master of modern crime", William's latest novel *Deadland*, set in Dungeness, has received great praise and is rapidly rising up the bestseller lists. His previous crime novel, *Salt Lane*, featuring DS Cupidi has been long-listed for the CWA Gold Dagger Award and the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year. Val McDermid called it "taut, terrifying and timely".

MARTIN EDWARDS

Martin Edwards is an award-winning crime writer whose most recent novel, set in 1930, is *Gallows Court*. Martin is also a well-known crime fiction critic and series consultant to the British Library's bestselling Crime Classics. *The Golden Age of Murder* was warmly reviewed around the world and won the Edgar, Agatha, H.R.F. Keating and Macavity Awards.

LYNNE TRUSS

Lynne is a celebrated author, screenwriter, columnist and broadcaster. She is the writer of numerous works of fiction and non-fiction, including the bestselling book on punctuation *Eats, Shoots and Leaves*. In 2018 Lynne published her first crime novel *A Shot in the Dark*, which garnered rave reviews.

SIMON BRETT

Simon has been writing crime novels for over 40 years and is the author of over 100 books including the Charles Paris, Mrs Pargeter, Fethering and Blotto & Twinks series of crime novels. Simon has also written numerous radio plays and television series. A born raconteur, he will entertain with tales of his long, distinguished writing career.

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SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER Doors:10.00 Starts:10.30 Duration:6½hrs
Venue: Methodist Church, Rye TN31 7HE with lunch at The Mermaid Inn
Tickets: £75 all day (inc. lunch*), £35 for all four talks only



GUERRILLA KNITTERS

Be careful around the Methodist Church and The Mermaid as both will be cordoned off with knitted cRYmE tape: Give It A Purl!!!!



FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:00 Starts:18:30 Duration: 2hrs



Rye Dance Showcase

Rye Dance Centre students

Pupils of Rye Dance Centre both junior and senior present a collection of dances from this year's successful festival season. A selection of new and exam work will also be included. It will be a mixture of song and dance: disciplines will include new contemporary dance and acrobatic arts. Tickets available from the Festival Box Office, dance school or on the door.

Venue: Rye Community Centre
Tickets: £7 Adults,
£5 children/conc



SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:45 Starts:19:30 Duration: 2hrs



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Beethoven Piano & Violin Sonatas

Tasmin Little (violin) and
Martin Roscoe (piano)

This will be one of the last opportunities to hear violinist Tasmin Little playing live. Martin Roscoe is one of the most eminent pianists in the world and a longstanding duo partner of Tasmin. This promises to be a vintage performance by outstanding musicians. The programme will also be an early celebration of the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth.

See website for programme details

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Venue: St Mary's Church, Rye
Tickets: £32, £22, £15



SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

Doors:19:30 Starts:20:00 Duration: 2hrs



Nancy Kerr & James Fagan

Award-winning folk duo

Nancy Kerr (vocals, fiddle, viola, autoharp, guitar) and James Fagan (vocals, bouzouki, guitar, mandolin, piano) have twice won 'Best Duo' and several other accolades in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Apart from their duo work, the couple have collaborated with many celebrated names on the folk scene and been part of several bands, including the Melrose Quartet, The Full English and Simpson, Cutting & Kerr.

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Venue: Rye Community Centre
Tickets: £15



SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

Meet:10:45 Starts:11:00 Duration:2hrs



Rye in all its Wonder

Paul Goring, Rye Town Crier

A gentle two-hour guided walk around the heart of the historic 'Antient Town' of Rye, including a rare opportunity to visit the interior of the elegant 18th Century Town Hall and see the grim exhibits hidden in its attic, not usually open to the public! Along the way you will hear the unique, troubled - and often surprising - history of this most beautiful of English towns. Please note this walk is on cobbled streets and the Town Hall has a flight of stairs.

Venue: Meet at Rye Heritage Centre
Strand Quay, Rye TN31 7AY
Tickets: £10

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

Doors:10:20 Starts:10:30 Duration:1½hrs



Follow the Lieder

Alisdair Kitchen

Alisdair's close links with the Festival continue this year with his inspirational series of short films (3-5 mins long) inspired by and accompanying Schubert songs. The films will be serialised on Classic FM online from early August until the end of the Festival. This special screening will feature all the films released to date plus the exclusive premiere of two unreleased films.

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Venue: The Kino Cinema, Rye
Tickets: £12



SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

Doors:15:30 Starts:16:00 Duration:1hr



Enid Blyton... for Grown-ups!

Bumper Blyton

A riotous parody, chock full of innuendo and lashings of puns. The cast invent an improvised adventure live on the hoof, inspired by audience suggestions. Performed in vintage costume with music and songs, the show offers an hilarious tongue-in-cheek homage to Enid. This is quality comedy theatre that'll grab you by the jolly hockey sticks and leave your sides aching! Contains some innuendo and adult themes*

Venue: Rye Community Centre
Tickets: £15

*Age Guidance: 10+



SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:15 Starts:19:00 Duration:2hrs



National Youth Jazz Orchestra

NYJO is a glittering showcase for the UK's finest young professional jazz musicians, combining a hard-swinging rhythm section and a raft of hugely talented soloists, to bring you the very best in British big-band jazz. Under the artistic direction of Mark Armstrong, the orchestra performs around 40 concerts a year and aims to inspire the next generation with educational work wherever they tour.

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Venue: The Milligan Theatre,
Rye College, TN31 7NQ
Tickets: £20



MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

Meet:13:45 Starts:14:00 Duration:3hrs



Camber Castle Wildlife Walk

Barry Yates

Circular route starting from Hope Anchor Lookout looking at wildlife and considering past threats of invasion and the changing coastline. Led by staff of Sussex Wildlife Trust and supported by a member of the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, we will walk to and look inside Henry VIII's castle and then go to a nearby birdwatching hide to see wetland birds and other wildlife.

Venue: Meet at Hope Anchor Lookout,
Watchbell Street, Rye TN31 7HA
Tickets: £10

MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

Doors:19:00 Starts:19:30 Duration:1½hrs



Laura Snowden

Guitar

Hailed "a string sensation" by *BBC Music Magazine*, British-French guitarist and composer Laura Snowden is acclaimed for her "poise and intensity" (*Guardian*) and playing "of extraordinary depth" (*Strings, Classical Music Magazine*). Laura was the first guitarist to graduate from the world-renowned Yehudi Menuhin School, where guitar tuition was made possible by a donation from The Rolling Stones.

See website for programme details

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Venue: St. Thomas's Church,
Winchelsea TN36 4EB
Tickets: £18



TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Meet:09:45 Starts:10:00 Duration:6½hrs

**Romney Marsh Churches Tour****Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust**

These historic churches are the architectural gems of Romney Marsh. Our expert guides will take us around St Augustine at Brookland, St Nicholas at New Romney, St Clement at Old Romney and St Eanswith at Brenzett. Your lunch is included in the ticket price. Please advise any dietary requirements at time of booking.

Sensible shoes advised. Please allow plenty of time for parking.

Coach departs from and returns to Rye Station Forecourt
Tickets: £35

**TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER**

Meet:10:45 Starts:11:00 Duration:1½hrs

**Winchelsea Cellars Tour**

Tues 17th, Thurs 19th, Sat 21st,
Mon 23rd, Wed 25th, Thurs 26th
and Sat 28th

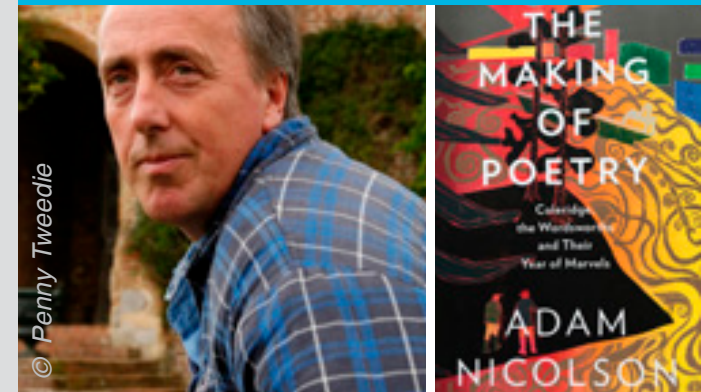
A fascinating tour, led by knowledgeable local guides, into some of Winchelsea's original 13th Century cellars, normally closed to the public. The tour gives an insight into the history of Winchelsea, once a leading member of the Cinque Ports Confederation. Please bring a torch and wear sensible shoes as access to some cellars is difficult. Booking essential.

Maximum 24 people per tour

Venue: Meet at the Town Well,
Castle Street, Winchelsea TN36 4EL
Tickets: £8.50

TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Doors:14:30 Starts:15:00 Duration:1½hrs

**The Making of Poetry**

Adam Nicolson and
artist Tom Hammick

Coleridge, Wordsworth, his sister Dorothy and an ever-shifting cast of friends spent a year together in the Quantock Hills in Somerset. Young people, troubled, ambitious, dreaming of a vision of wholeness, knowing they had greatness in them but still in urgent search of the paths towards it. To research his book, Adam spent a year in the Quantocks with artist Tom Hammick, who made woodcuts from fallen timber from the trees under which Wordsworth and Coleridge had sat.

Venue: Methodist Church, Rye
Tickets: £12



WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Doors:12:30 Starts:13:00 Duration:1hr

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Trio Opal

Eriko Nagayama (violin)
Joel Siepmann (cello)
Yi-Shing Cheng (piano)

Prize-winning Trio Opal was founded in 2017 during each member's study at the Royal Academy of Music.

Each member's extensive performing experience has led them to win competitions, be orchestral leaders, perform on live radio and more.

See website for programme details

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Venue: St Mary's Church, Rye
Tickets: £15



WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Doors:14:30 Starts:15:00 Duration:1hr



Radclyffe Hall & Una Troubridge

Richard Ormrod

Dr. Richard Ormrod, Una's only biographer, casts light on their public and private lives. Of all the weird and wonderful characters who ever lived in Rye, they were amongst the most fascinating and impressive. They were at once traditional and radical; bohemian and respectable; and most of all, perhaps, morally courageous in living their lives as they saw fit, despite the prejudices of pre-war society. They became *the* lesbian icons of the 20th Century.

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Venue: Lamb House,
West St, Rye TN31 7ES
Tickets: £10



WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Doors:19:50 Starts:20:00 Duration:2½hrs

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2001: A Space Odyssey

Directed by Stanley Kubrick based on the book by Arthur C. Clarke

This iconic film is shown to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the first man on the moon. The main character is the computer HAL which chimes with concerns about computerisation today. The film's key themes are the human condition, evolution, artificial intelligence and the possibility of extra-terrestrial life. The realism, pioneering special effects and stunning soundtrack make this film a must-see!

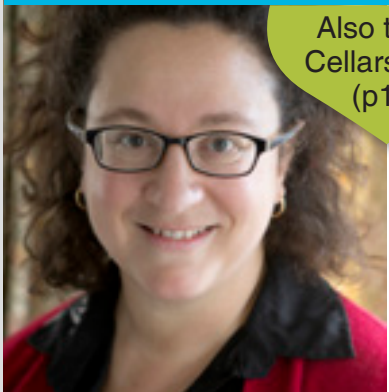
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Venue: The Kino Cinema, Rye
Tickets: £12

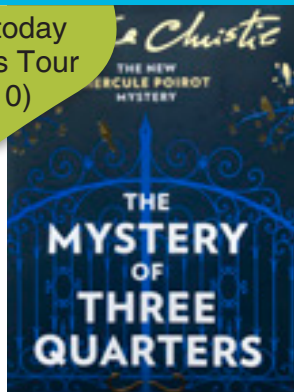


THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:30 Starts:19:00 Duration:1½hrs



Also today
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An Evening with Sophie Hannah

Not only is Sophie Hannah an internationally bestselling writer of psychological crime fiction published in 49 languages, she is also a wonderfully entertaining and funny speaker. In 2014, with the blessing of Agatha Christie's family and estate, Sophie published a new Poirot novel, *The Monogram Murders*, which became a top five bestseller in more than fifteen countries. She has since published two more Poirot novels.

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Venue: Methodist Church, Rye
Tickets: £12



FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Doors:14:30 Starts:15:00 Duration:1hr



The Salt Path Raynor Winn

Raynor Winn shares her personal story of human strength and endurance. This is an honest and life-affirming true story of coming to terms with grief and the healing power of the natural world.

Ultimately, it is a portrayal of home, and how it can be lost, rebuilt and rediscovered in the most unexpected ways.

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Venue: Methodist Church, Rye
Tickets: £12



FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:45 Starts:19:30 Duration:1½hrs



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Organ Recital Dr David Flood

In 1988 David was appointed Organist and Master of the Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral. He is responsible for the music at all special occasions, in particular the Enthronements of Archbishops Carey, Williams and Welby and the 1998 and 2008 Lambeth Conferences. Hugely in demand around the world, David regularly tours overseas.

See website for programme details

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Venue: St Mary's Church, Rye
Tickets: £15, £10



FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Doors:19:30 Starts:20:00 Duration:2hrs



The Wave Pictures

Pure musicality and raw talent

Over the course of their 16-year career and 18 albums, The Wave Pictures have embraced electric folk, blues, classic rock 'n' roll, doom-laden poetry and songs laced with infectious African sounding guitar. Reviewers often find parallels in their work to '60s Dylan, '70s Grateful Dead, Jonathan Richman and The Smiths. There are as many influences as there are songs.

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Venue: Rye Community Centre
Tickets: £15



SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Doors:10:30 Starts:11:00 Duration:1½hrs



Botanical Baking

Juliet Sear

Baking expert, cook, food stylist, TV presenter and bestselling author, Juliet Sear is the go-to expert for out of the ordinary food challenges and creative food projects. She is the author of *The Cake Decorating Bible*, *Cakeology* and *Kawaii Cakes*.

She works with global brands developing concepts, recipes, online content and experiential edible art installations.

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Venue: Webbe's Fish Café
17 Tower Street, Rye TN31 7AT
Tickets: £12



SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:45 Starts:19:30 Duration:1½hrs



Also today
Cellars Tour
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The Pink Singers In Concert

Conductor: Murray Hipkin

Join Europe's longest-running LGBT+ choir for a fun, vibrant performance of fantastic choral arrangements that will leave you wanting more. This programme of highlights from their summer concert 'Divas through the Decades' will include numbers made famous by great artistes such as Shirley Bassey, Barbra Streisand, Judy Garland, Kylie Minogue, Ella Fitzgerald and Diana Ross.

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Venue: St Mary's Church, Rye
Tickets: £15, £12, £6



SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Doors:19:30 Starts:20:00 Duration:2hrs



Martin & Eliza Carthy

The first family of folk

This concert is a great opportunity to see father and daughter working together. Both outstanding singers, Martin also contributes his instantly recognisable acoustic guitar playing, whilst Eliza brings her outstanding fiddle-playing skills. Twice nominated for the Mercury Prize and winner of innumerable accolades over a 20-year career, Eliza has performed and recorded with a diverse array of artists.

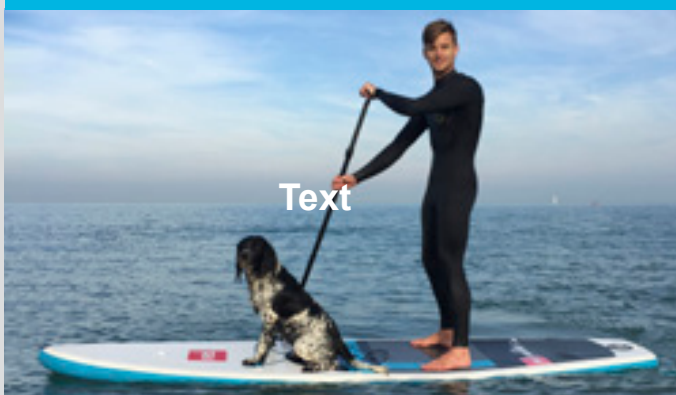
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Venue: Rye Community Centre
Tickets: £20



SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

Doors:10:30 Starts:11:00 Duration:1¼hrs



Seas the Power

William Thomson

Learn how to harness the ocean's power with William Thomson, described as "The Prince of Tides" by the *Daily Telegraph*. William is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, author of *The Book of Tides* and *Tides and the Ocean* and is a world leader in sharing knowledge of the sea so you can have safer and ultimately more satisfying adventures.

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Venue: Rye Harbour Sailing Club
Rye Harbour TN31 7TU
Tickets: £12



SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

Doors:14:30 Starts:15:00 Duration:2hrs



If I Catch Alphonso, Tonight!

Miles Jenner

A delightful afternoon delving into the life and times of one of Music Hall's greatest and most revered artists. Billy Merson's career spanned half a century of theatrical history, encompassing music hall, revue, musical comedy and cinema – all set against the backdrop of two world wars. His turbulent life is the subject of this new musical play that contains extracts from 16 of his comic songs.

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Venue: Rye Community Centre
Tickets: £12



SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:45 Starts:19:30 Duration:1hr



Tangram

Chinese Musicians' Collective

Tangram weaves a path between the worlds of European classical music and Chinese music, sharing a common desire to explore the Chinese diaspora in different ways. They present a range of music and explore new soundscapes with Chinese and western instruments.

A free workshop will take place prior to this evening's performance, starting at 17:30 and lasting for 45 minutes (doors open 17:15). Accompanied U-16s free!

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: St Mary's Church, Rye
Tickets: £15, £12
Children free!



MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Doors:10:15 Starts:10:30 Duration:2¼hrs



The Dam Busters (1955)

Directed by Michael Anderson

This classic film, introduced by a WWII bomber veteran, tells the story of how the RAF attacked German dams during WWII using an ingenious technique invented by Barnes Wallis (Michael Redgrave). We are showing this film prior to the talk by Max Hastings *Chastise: The Dambusters Story, 1943* which will give a new take on the preparations, raid and aftermath.

Image courtesy of Park Circus/Studio Canal Films Ltd.

Venue: The Kino Cinema, Rye
Tickets: £12



MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Meet:13:45 Starts:14:00 Duration:3hrs



Also today
Cellars Tour
(p10)

Discover Rye Harbour

Guided Walk

A circular wildlife walk looking at wildlife, considering past threats of invasion, the changing coastline and seeing progress with the new Discovery Centre. Led by staff of Sussex Wildlife Trust and supported by a member of the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

Binoculars will be helpful. The guides have some you can borrow, but please bring your own if possible.

Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park
Tickets: £10

MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:30 Starts:19:00 Duration:1½hrs



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Chastise: The Dambusters Story, 1943

Sir Max Hastings

Operation Chastise, the destruction of the Möhne and Eder dams in north-west Germany by the RAF's 617 Squadron on the night of 16th/17th May 1943, was an epic that has passed into Britain's national legend. Hastings sets the Dams Raid in the big picture of the bomber offensive and of the Second World War, with moving portraits of the key players and superb narrative of one of the most extraordinary episodes in British history.

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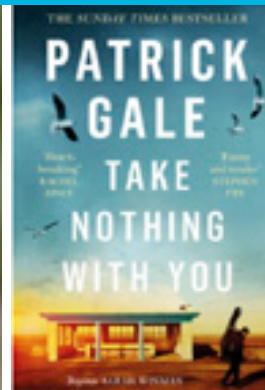
Venue: The Milligan Theatre,
Love Lane, Rye
Tickets: £20

**TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER**

Doors:14:30 Starts:15:00 Duration:1hr



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In Conversation

Patrick Gale

Patrick Gale's 16 novels have gained him an incredible following around the world and his drama *Man in an Orange Shirt* attracted thousands more, winning the International Emmy for Best Movie/Mini series in 2018. His work includes the acclaimed novels *Rough Music*, *A Place Called Winter* and *Notes from an Exhibition*. His latest, *Take Nothing With You* became a *Sunday Times* Bestseller within weeks of publication.

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Venue: Methodist Church, Rye
Tickets: £12

**TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER**

Doors:19:00 Starts:19:30 Duration:1½hrs



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Ernst-Simon Glaser

Cello

Born in Norway and educated in the UK, Ernst-Simon is now principal cello in the world-famous Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra. He is also an established recording artist. For the first time at the 2019 Rye Arts Festival, Glaser will perform three unaccompanied Bach cello suites, side by side with three pieces written by Norwegian composers.

See website for programme details

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: St. Thomas's Church,
Winchelsea TN36 4EB
Tickets: £18



WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

Doors:15:00 Starts:15:10 Duration:2hrs



Also today
Cellars Tour
(p10)

Midnight Cowboy (1969)

Directed by John Schlesinger

Introduced by Sue Schlesinger

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the day of its UK release, this ground-breaking film tells of the unlikely friendship of naïve prostitute Joe Buck (Jon Voight) and ailing con-man 'Ratso' Rizzo (Dustin Hoffman). It won three Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay and was the first X-rated and LGBT film to win Best Picture.

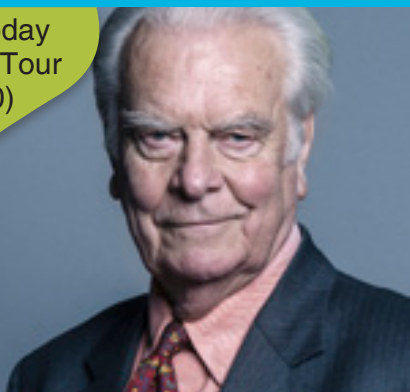
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Venue: The Kino Cinema, Rye
Tickets: £12



WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:30 Starts:19:00 Duration:1½hrs



Hubris: The Road to Donald Trump

Lord David Owen

David Owen analyses the mental and physical condition of political leaders past and present with a particular view that what occurred before paved the way to President Trump. Of recent leaders there have been depressives, alcoholics, narcissists, populists and those affected by hubris syndrome and driven by their religious beliefs, as with Bush and Blair. But Donald Trump presents a completely different set of issues.

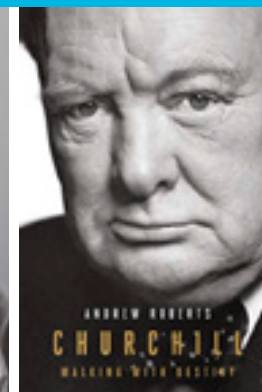
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Venue: St Mary's Church, Rye
Tickets: £20, £15,
£12.50



THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Doors:11:30 Starts:12:00 Duration:1hr



Churchill: Walking with Destiny

Prof. Andrew Roberts

Winston Churchill towers over every other figure in 20th Century British history. There have been over a thousand previous biographies of Churchill. Acclaimed historian Andrew Roberts now draws on over 40 new sources, including the private diaries of King George VI, used in no previous Churchill biography, to depict him more intimately and persuasively than any of its predecessors.

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: Methodist Church, Rye
Tickets: £12



THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:30 Starts:19:00 Duration:1¼hrs

Also today
Cellars Tour
(p10)**A Regular Little Houdini****Daniel Llewelyn-Williams**

A multi-award-winning modern fairytale! Edwardian South Wales: a dockworker's son, smitten by Harry Houdini, dreams of a life of magic. His parents struggle with their son's eccentricity, but doggedly training himself to emulate his hero on the industrial detritus, his relentless ambition finally brings him face-to-face with the world's greatest showman - and one of the most terrifying events in British industrial history.

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: Rye Community Centre
Tickets: £15

**FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER**

Doors:10:30 Starts:11:00 Duration:1¼hrs

Rye Guided
Walk
(p8)**Claer Barrett****Financial Workshop**

Join the FT's Personal Finance Editor to hear what's really going on. Claer produces the *Money* section in *FT Weekend* and the *FT Money Show* podcast. Her *Serious Money* column has won three major awards. Claer also presents a daily bulletin on Eddie Mair's LBC drive-time radio show and is an expert on BBC One's *Right on the Money*. There will be a chance to put your own personal finance questions to Claer.

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Venue: Methodist Church, Rye
Tickets: £12

**FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER**

Doors:14:30 Starts:15:00 Duration:1hr

**Bottoms Up! The story of wine, its rituals and glasses****Andy McConnell**

Bottoms Up! traces the story of wine: from its humble beginnings in rotting grapes before the Bronze Age to the present when single bottles can change hands for thousands, even tens of thousands of pounds. Andy examines the extraordinary diversity of paintings and artefacts, including drinking vessels, that have been created by history's greatest artists and craftsmen to enhance the pleasure of wine and to impress guests.

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: Tudor Room,
The Mermaid Inn, Rye
Tickets: £12



FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:45 Starts:19:30 Duration:2hrs



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Schwanengesang (Swan Song)

Roderick Williams & Iain Burnside

Roderick Williams is one of the world's leading Baritones. Now in the process of recording *Schwanengesang*, this performance will provide a unique opportunity to hear his latest Lieder project at its freshest. He is joined by Iain Burnside in this, the last of Schubert's song cycles, which was written at the end of Schubert's life, and published posthumously.

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: St Mary's Church, Rye
Tickets: £32, £22, £15



FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Doors:19:30 Starts:20:00 Duration:2hrs



The Jim Hammond Band

Blues at its best!

Jim Hammond fronts this first-rate blues band on lead vocals, guitars and keyboards, switching effortlessly from slide guitar to boogie-woogie piano, always creating an infectious sound which invites audience members to dance. The band is completed by Steve 'West' Weston on blues harp, Orlando Shearer on bass and Loris Peverani on drums.

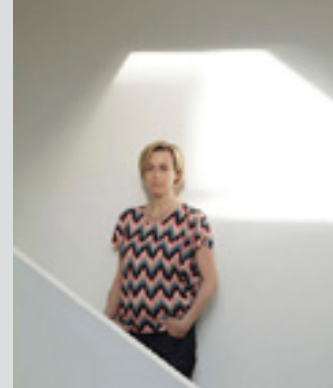
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Venue: Rye Community Centre
Tickets: £12



SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Doors:10:30 Starts:11:00 Duration:1hr



Mass Dance Event

Lynne Page

In Rye for the first time as part of the Festival, Lynne will lead a mass participation dance event to recreate the Battle of Hastings as part of The Tapestry Project at Bridge Point. Lynne is a renowned West End choreographer working in film, TV, musicals, theatre and opera. She has worked with a range of artists and pop stars from Pet Shop Boys to Ellie Goulding. Adults and children of all ages welcome.

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: Bridge Point, Rock Channel,
Rye TN31 7HJ
FREE ADMISSION



SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Doors:10:00 Starts:10:30 Duration:4½hrs

SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Doors:14:30 Starts:15:00 Duration:1hr

Also today
Cellars Tour
(p10)



This event supports Encompass Care, a Rye based, not-for-profit local organisation that offers social activities for disabled and sensory-impaired people in a safe environment
www.encompasscarerye.org



Study Day and Valuation Session

Andy McConnell

Join the BBC *Antiques Roadshow's* glass expert for a fun and stimulating study morning, lunch and an afternoon valuation session at the historic Mermaid Inn in Rye. The morning session will consist of two entertaining lectures. A buffet lunch will be provided, followed by a fun valuation session – bring your glass and find out how much it's worth.

Lecture One - Swedish Glass

Sweden was the most influential and probably the most significant glassmaking nation of the 20th century, and the Swedes link glass more closely to their national identity than any other nation. Early technical breakthroughs at Orrefors around 1920 established Swedish glass on the international stage.

Lecture Two - The Decanter, Ancient & Modern

The decanter occupies a unique position in glass history. Though the name was not coined until around 1700, the decanter has been the fount of wine drinking for 2,000 years, and it remained the principal vessel in the repertoire of British table-glass for centuries. This talk places the decanter within glassmaking history and charts its stylistic evolution and the life and times of its users.

Wildlife Gardening for Everyone

Kate Bradbury

Kate will show you how to make your garden, balcony, doorstep or patio a haven for wildlife. We have seen a decline in many of our favourite wildlife species, including butterflies, hedgehogs and bees, due to habitat loss.

Kate will offer tips on the best way to provide new homes for a variety of species, no matter what space we have to offer.

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Venue: Tudor Room, The Mermaid Inn, Rye
Tickets: £25



Venue: Methodist Church, Rye
Tickets: £12



SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Doors:18:45 Starts:19:30 Duration:2hrs



The English Muse

Emma Kirkby with
Dowland Works

A welcome return to Rye Arts Festival by celebrated singer Emma Kirkby, with Dowland Works. Her famous crystalline voice has long been admired by audiences all over the world, and in this, Emma's 70th birthday year, she will enchant and delight once more in the early music repertoire for which she is so famous. In the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Church, the setting could hardly be more magical.

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: St Mary's Church, Rye
Tickets: £32, £22, £15



SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Doors:19:30 Starts:20:00 Duration:2hrs



Mampama

African popular music

Kent and London-based Mampama formed in 2015 through a love of two of the great West African popular music styles: 'palm wine' music from Sierra Leone and 'highlife', the great Ghanaian fusion of traditional rhythms and jazz. Some Kenyan influences have also been added now. A big hit at last year's Canterbury Festival, the 9-piece band promises infectious grooves, great musicianship and a little of the history behind the songs.

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: Rye Community Centre
Tickets: £15



SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

Doors:13:30 Starts:14:00 Duration:¾hr



Shakespeare in Rye

Rye Players

Having recently amalgamated with the Rye Shakespeare Company, Rye Players are pleased to present this short, irreverent play that was originally written and performed by our RSC around the town nearly 20 years ago as part of their Secret History of Rye series. It pre-dates the film of almost the same name! Local entertainers for local people and welcome visitors.

Two performances: 14:00 and 16:00

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: Tudor Room,
The Mermaid Inn, Rye
Tickets: £6



SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

Doors:16:30 Starts:17:00 Duration:2hrs



Sunday Soirée

Timberlina & Dr Aspalls

What better way to round off the Rye Arts Festival than whiling away the time with laid back musical reflections on life with local legends, the number one ecological hirsute hostess Timberlina & jazz rebel Dr Aspalls? Expect jazz standards and a captivating agitated piano cabaret with special guest chanteuse Rachel Cuming.

See p.45 for a full list of sponsors

Venue: The Queen's Head,
19 Landgate, Rye TN31 7LH
ADMISSION FREE



FRINGE EVENTS AT THE MERMAID INN

See below for timings



Thursday 19th September

Doors:19:00 Starts:19:30

Dining with Romeo & Juliet Bowler Crab Productions

Tickets £45 per person
(to include a four-course meal with coffee)

"A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life" - the greatest love story ever told, performed in the 600-year-old Mermaid Inn, believed to have once been visited by Shakespeare's company! A dining experience like no other, *Dining with Romeo & Juliet* is the latest pocket production from Bowler Crab.

Feast your eyes on BC's abridged version of the romantic tragedy whilst you enjoy a four-course meal in the Tudor Room, the actors interacting with the audience, performing scenes between each course. Early booking is strongly recommended!



Thursday 26th September

Doors open at 7pm for supper, show starts at 7.30pm

Musical Supper Paul Brown and the Jazznights Ensemble

Tickets £25 per person including supper
(£10 for non-diners)

A career in music has seen singer/guitarist Paul perform in a wide variety of settings all around the country to critical acclaim. He plays a vast repertoire of popular songs ranging from 50s and 60s classics to current chart sounds and classical tunes.

Add to this mix some swing, bossa nova and easy-listening tunes from bassist David Silk and sultry vocalist Jacci Norris and there should be something to please everyone!

Venue: The Tudor Room, Mermaid Inn, Rye
For tickets contact Reception at The Mermaid Inn
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14th & 15th September

10:00 - 16:00 both days



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EXHIBITION AT BRIDGE POINT

Rock Channel Quay, Rye TN31 7DE www.bridgepointrye.com

14th – 28th September

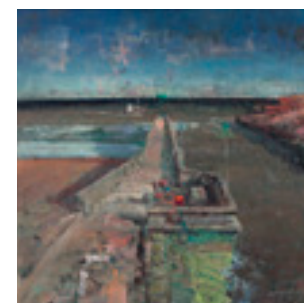
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Coastal Landscapes

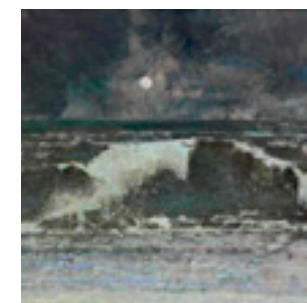
Fred Cuming is one of the most eminent landscape artists of his generation. He was born in London 1930, trained at Sidcup School of Art 1945-1949 and the Royal College of Art 1951-1955. He became an Associate of the Royal Academy in 1969 and a full member in 1974. At that time, he was the youngest member ever elected. The Royal Academy occasionally selects a member for a solo exhibition within the Summer Show and Fred was honoured in 2001. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Kent in 2004 and was Artist in Residence at Christchurch Canterbury in 2015 (source: sgfa.org.uk).



Fred continues to paint showing an almost obsessive curiosity about light and colour. He never tires of his surroundings and finds that local landscapes “provide endless fascinating problems that convey something that is nothing more than emptiness”. He is an artist who delights in exploration and never tires of attempting to understand form and structure and the transience of light and space. He derives pleasure from his art and so will you.



Rye Harbour Entry, Storm



Evening Sea

Venue: St. Mary's Centre,
Lion Street, Rye
Entry £1 adults, children free



Open: Monday - Friday 13:00 - 15:00 throughout the Festival
Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 - 14:00
FREE ADMISSION



SAT/SUN 21st/22nd SEPTEMBER

Open: 10:00 to 17:00 both days



Photo Print Exhibition

Rye & District Camera Club

This year the exhibition will showcase the work of 15 local photographers who have been invited to select their favourite images. Although the Club is known for the quality of its landscape and natural history images, the exhibition will contain a very wide selection of images from many different genres that will ensure a wonderful, not to be missed display.

Venue: St. Mary's Centre,
Lion Street, Rye
FREE ADMISSION



EXHIBITIONS AND TALKS AT RYE ART GALLERY

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Wednesday 18th September at 19:00 hrs

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This is a great and fun evening for anybody who travels with the brushes.

Saturday 14th – Sunday 29th September

FIONA'S EXHIBITION: FAMOUS FACES & FAMOUS PLACES

After a year travelling, the glamour and luxury of painting the famous where they work: Edward Watson, principal male dancer at the Royal Ballet rehearsal room, Danielle de Niese off-stage at Glyndebourne, Sir Andrew Motion in his Camden bolt-hole, Sir Robin Knox-Johnston on the harbour's edge and many more 'how-d'you do, sit still' as the purest portrait emerges. It's been a magical year.



Tickets: £12 in advance from the Festival Box Office



Open Daily 10:30 - 17:00

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BUYING TICKETS

www.ryeartsfestival.org.uk During the priority booking period from 8th July to 21st July, online purchases are available for Benefactors and Friends only. You must be logged in with your correct username to buy tickets. Full price and discounted bookings can be made online from Monday 22nd July.

Priority Booking online and by post from Monday 8th July and is only available for Benefactors and Friends of Rye Arts Festival. You can buy membership at any time. To take advantage of priority booking, the Booking Form must be completed in the name of the registered Benefactor or Friend.

Book in person or by post via the Box Office from Monday 22nd July c/o Phillips & Stubbs, 47 Cinque Ports Street, Rye, E. Sussex TN31 7AN Opening hours are 9:30am to 12:30pm Monday - Friday and on Saturdays during the Festival **Telephone: 01797 224442.**

Leave a message if necessary. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

ON THE DAY AT THE DOOR Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door 30 minutes prior to each event. There is no discount for tickets bought at the venue.

CONCESSIONS

Benefactors are eligible for a 15% discount and Friends a 10% discount on all tickets purchased in advance online or through the Box Office.

TIMING/SCHEDULE CHANGES

Whilst we endeavour to maintain start times, Rye Arts Festival cannot be held responsible for unavoidable delays. If an event is cancelled, re-scheduled or changed Rye Arts Festival will endeavour to notify ticket holders of the cancellation or change.

DISABLED ACCESS

Please call the Box Office to check access and reserve wheelchair spaces where available. Please also let us know if you will be accompanied by a carer or guide dog.

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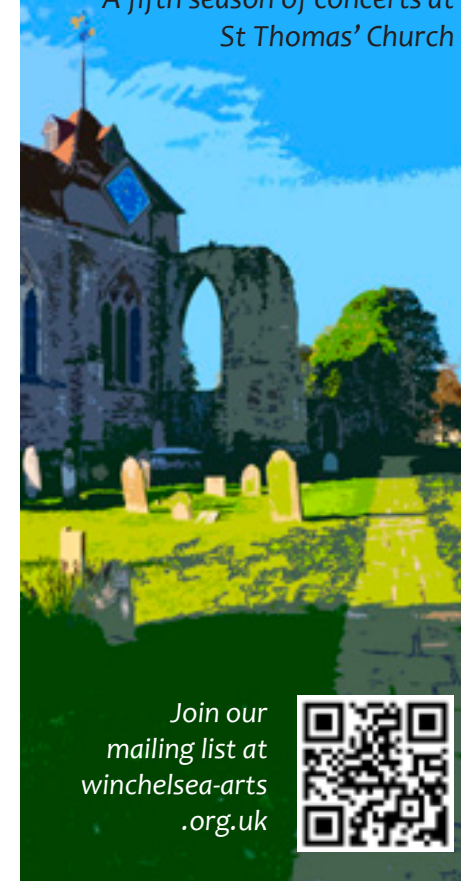
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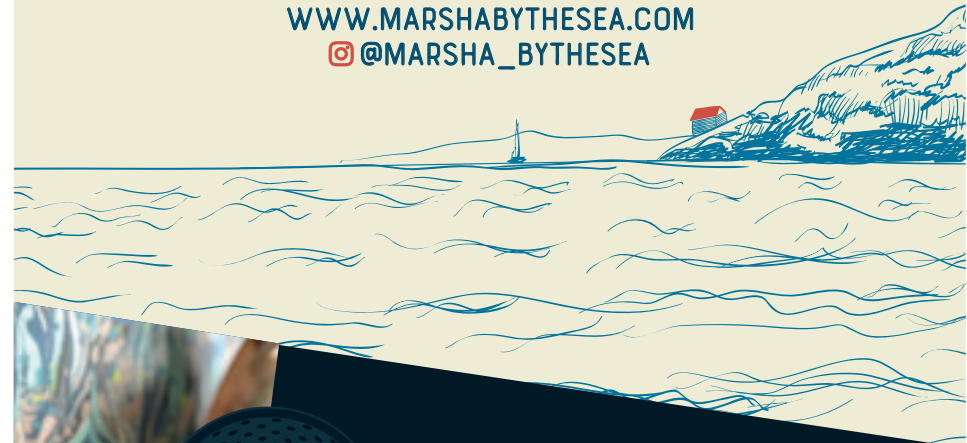
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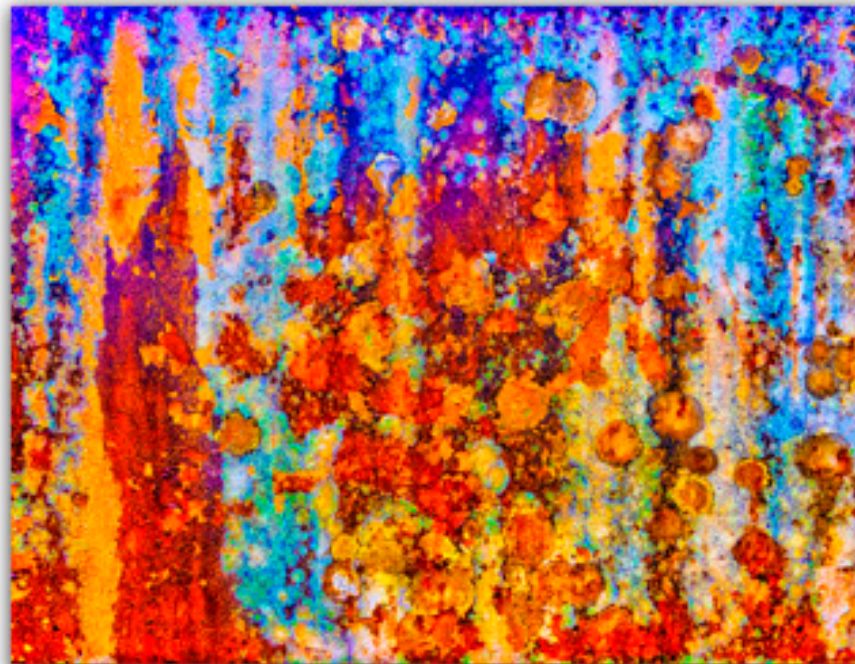
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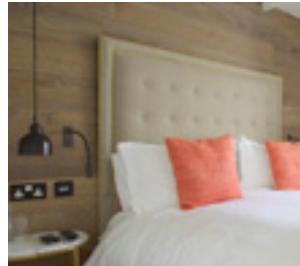


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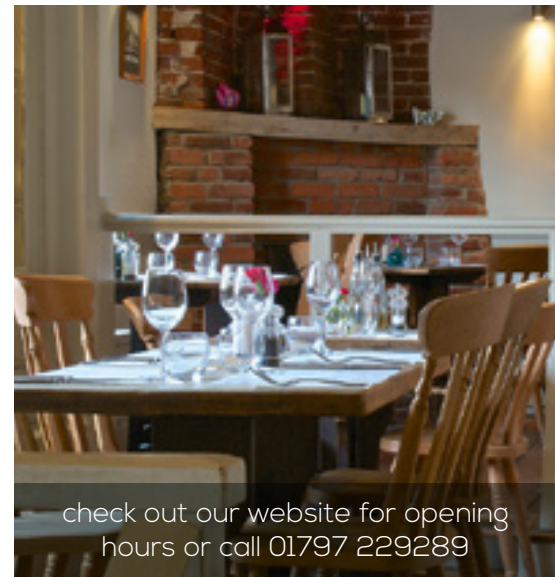


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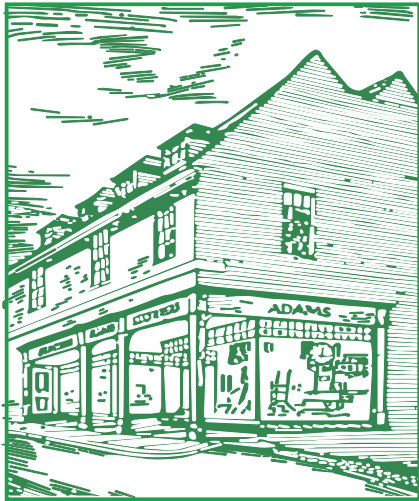
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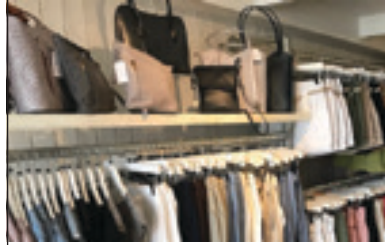
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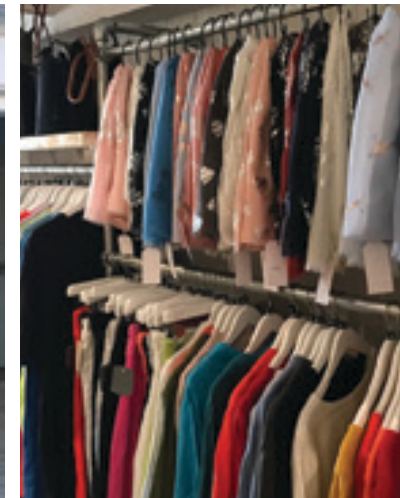
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