

What's On September - December 2025



The Spring



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arts, creativity, and culture

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A note from the Directors...

Thank you for picking up our Autumn 2025 brochure, and what a season we have in store! Alongside, the usual fantastic array of live performances from comedians, theatre companies and musicians mixed with screenings and visual art exhibitions, this season will also see a new Christmas Fair with opportunities to discover creative gifts for loved ones, and some new workshops for you to try.

As we approach a new season, we want to take this moment to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Big Give Campaign which raised funds to support the young people of Havant through our Open Up & Take Over project. Through arts, creativity and culture, we want to keep finding ways to empower the people of Havant and beyond to discover new ideas, learn new skills and find new futures. Without your support this wouldn't be possible.

Following on from a refreshed Membership, this season we are launching our new Patrons' Scheme. We hope you or someone you know may be able to support our ambitions further and the future of The Spring.

We thank you for your continued support of all that we do.

We look forward to seeing you this season.

Fiona and Laura

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Details correct at time of going to press. The Spring reserves the right to make any alterations to the published programme if necessary.

A warm welcome at The Spring

As well as all the great live events, film screenings, workshops and exhibitions that The Spring is known for, you'll find so much more in this brochure...

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Café & Bar

Our friendly and award-winning café is open from 10am - 3pm Monday to Saturday for delicious food and drink options including homemade cakes and light lunches. Hot food is served until 2.30pm.

Check our notice boards for seasonal specials!



The Spring Shop

At the heart of our foyer, you'll find our delightful shop, brimming with gifts and greeting cards perfect for any occasion.

We're proud to showcase beautiful work from local artists and makers.

New pieces arrive regularly, so pop in and see what's new!



The Spring Museum

Celebrating and recognising the history of our Borough, the people who have lived here and their stories. Uncover artefacts spanning the ages and objects from beloved local brands like Scalextric, Tampax and Kenwood.

Entry to the museum is free.

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Make the most of summer at The Spring!

Before we turn the page to an exciting autumn season, there's still time to enjoy some wonderful summer moments with us at The Spring. Whether you love books, art, or simply spending time together as a family, we've got something to delight you.

- ✓ **Annual Book Sale** | [find this in our foyer](#)
Discover hidden gems and stock up on your next great read.
- ✓ **The Story Garden** | [find this in our Mezzanine](#)
Step into our playful summer installation inspired by this year's reading challenge. Take part in our free book trail to discover the hidden word.
- ✓ **Open Exhibition** | [find this in our foyer](#)
Celebrate local creativity in this vibrant showcase of art and crafts.

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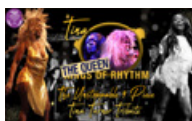
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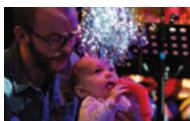
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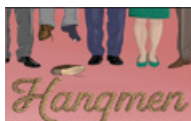
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Book Group

Once a month, 7:15pm

Tickets: £7

A welcoming space for book lovers, our monthly group meets to discuss and reflect on the themes of a selected read.

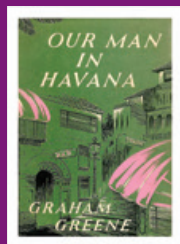
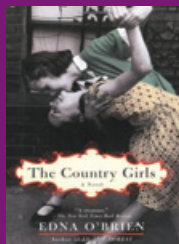
Each session is led by a founding member of the Havant Literary Festival Committee, offering insights into the author and book, and guiding the discussion so everyone can share their views.

**Thursday 11th September –
The Country Girls by Edna O'Brien**

**Thursday 9th October –
Mayflies by Andrew O'Hagan**

**Thursday 13th November –
The Wren, The Wren by Anne Enright**

**Thursday 11th December –
Our Man in Havana by Graham Greene**



Celebrating our local theatre community

From inspiring youth performances to dynamic community productions, our associate theatre groups showcase the passion and creativity of local performers. Don't miss these must-see shows this autumn!

Bleak Expectations

by Dynamo Youth Theatre

Wednesday 3rd - Saturday 6th September, 7:30pm

Tickets: £12, £10 for under 18's

Mark Evans' 'Bleak Expectations' is a riotous Dickensian parody packed with dastardly villains, absurd names, and outrageous twists. Join half-orphan Pip, sisters Pippa and Poppy, and best friend Harry Biscuit as they battle evil, dodge disaster, and search for a definitely, probably, hopefully happy ending. Hilarious, chaotic, and gloriously over-the-top - Victorian melodrama has never been this much fun!



Supernova 9 by Bench Theatre

Bill 1: Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th September, 7:30pm

Saturday Matinee: 13th September, 2:30pm

Bill 2: Wednesday 10th, Friday 12th & Saturday 13th September, 7:30pm

Tickets: £14 and £12 concessions. Buy tickets for both bills at the same time: £21 and £18 concessions

Supernova 9 explodes with creativity, presenting a festival of original one-act plays by talented local writers. From gripping mystery and moving drama to quirky comedy and laugh-out-loud farce, each evening features four bite-sized theatrical gems. Fresh, bold, and brilliantly diverse, this celebration of new writing promises an unforgettable mix of characters, ideas, and emotions.

With something to suit every taste, Supernova 9 is a bold celebration of local creativity - diverse, daring, and not to be missed.



Hangmen

by HumDrum Theatre

Wednesday 15th - Saturday 18th October, 7:30pm

Saturday Matinee: 18th October, 2:30pm

Tickets: £15

HumDrum Theatre presents Martin McDonagh's award-winning dark comedy *Hangmen*, a gripping tale of jealousy, revenge, and the ghosts of Britain's executioners. With capital punishment abolished, former hangman Harry Wade is thrust into the spotlight when a journalist's interview tarnishes legendary Albert Pierrepoint's reputation. But when a mysterious stranger arrives and Harry's daughter goes missing, events take a sinister turn. Darkly funny and full of twists, *Hangmen* is a razor-sharp exploration of pride, justice, and retribution.



This Happy Breed

by Bench Theatre

Wednesday 12th - Saturday 22nd November, 7:30pm

Saturday Matinee: 15th & 22nd November, 2:30pm

Tickets: £14, £13 concessions

Noël Coward's *This Happy Breed* traces the Gibbons family's journey from 1919 to 1939 in South London. Amid personal joys and tragedies - marriage, political tensions, and loss - they live through major historical events such as the General Strike and the abdication crisis. This heartfelt drama celebrates the resilience, endurance, and quiet heroism of ordinary Britons during a turbulent era, offering a nostalgic yet realistic portrait of life between the wars.

Humbug!

by Havant Light Opera

27th - 29th November, 7:30pm

Saturday Matinee: 2pm

Tickets: £14, £7 for under 18s

Havant Light Opera presents *Humbug!*, Fraser Charlton's witty retelling of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Set to the music of Gilbert and Sullivan and featuring lyrics drawn from Dickens' original text, this festive show invites audiences to join in with traditional carols.

Follow Scrooge's journey with three spirits as he discovers redemption in this heartwarming tale. Praised by the *Adelaide Theatre Guide* for its seamless blend of lyrics and music, *Humbug!* promises a charming and joyful Christmas celebration at The Spring.



The Spring Café & Bar

As the days grow cooler, settle in with our rich, locally roasted artisan coffee or a soothing hot drink. Tuck into comforting seasonal specials like hearty soups, toasties, and homemade bakes - perfect for autumn.

Our specials change weekly, so there's always something new to try!

Opening times:

Monday - Saturday
10am - 3pm

Hot food served till 2:30pm

Show evenings
An hour before performances

Music Bites

Music Bites are free gigs that take place in our foyer on selected Saturdays. Enjoy the music over a drink or a delicious lunch. Music Bites are performed from 12:30pm - 2pm.

Head to our website to see who will be playing!

Enjoy live
music over
lunch

Hire our spaces

- ▶ Workshops and meetings
- ▶ Team away days
- ▶ Fitness classes
- ▶ Lectures, talks and presentations
- ▶ Rehearsals

Looking for the perfect space in the heart of Havant? We've got a range of bright, flexible, and welcoming rooms ready for you to hire.

Free WiFi is available throughout the building, and if you need it, there's the option to add catering and technical support to make your event run smoothly.

The Spring

Your space to meet,
connect and create.
Scan the QR code for more info.



Out and about!

The Spring's programme and work reach far beyond our building. From town-wide festivals to unique cultural events, we're proud to collaborate with local partners to celebrate creativity, history, and community spirit.

Take a look to see what's coming up...

Havant Borough Heritage Festival

12th - 21st September

Taking place across the borough. Free, but some events may have paid extras.

Celebrate the rich history and culture of our borough as part of this year's Heritage Open Days. Across Havant, you'll find exhibitions, walks, talks and more – all exploring the fascinating heritage of our local area.

For the full schedule of events, please visit our website.

Havant Fayre

Sunday 14th September, 10am - 4pm
Havant Park, PO9 1QF

Havant Fayre is a new community event for all the family. There will be lots to see on the day including live music, stalls, food and drink, free activities for the kids, a dog show and more! More details to be released soon.



Pompey Elvis

by People and Stories

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th October, 8pm

Park Community Theatre, PO9 4BU

Tickets: £20 (Friends of People and Stories £14)

From the pubs of Gosport to the care homes of Havant, Stella is on a remarkable journey – and this time, she's taking on the crowds at Fratton Park. Pompey Elvis is a brand-new comedy drama from People and Stories, featuring a professional cast and live band.

Stephen K Amos

Thursday 18th September, 7:30pm

Tickets: £22

Comedy favourite Stephen K Amos returns to The Spring - where he's performed numerous sell-out shows - with a brand-new evening of laughter and unfiltered musings.

His joke book is overflowing, and he's ready to dive into what gives him the ick and what makes him tick. It's time to get down to the nitty gritty. No filter, no limits. The gloves are off and he's packing a punchline. Expect spontaneous stories, sharp observations, and plenty of belly laughs.

Join him for a night of freestyling fun and full-on merrymaking - because, after all, in jokes we trust.

"You'll laugh until you actually cry."

★★★★★ Sunday Express

STEPHEN K AMOS



NOW
WE'RE
TALKING!



The West End Ensemble: The Best Of Broadway

Friday 19th September, 7:30pm

Tickets: £21

After four sell out cabarets at The Spring, The West End Ensemble return to present a dazzling evening of songs from across the pond! The Best of Broadway. Featuring a line-up of stunning voices from the West End and beyond, this cabaret will celebrate favourite songs from all the ages of the musical from our favourite American composers. Come hear the music play!

Hosted by the returning Carolyn Maitland and musical director Jordan Paul Clarke with special guests to be announced.

James Alderson & Friends

Thursday 25th September, 8pm

Tickets: £14

Join award-winning comedian James Alderson for a brilliant evening of stand-up as he hosts a line-up of comics putting fresh ideas to the test.

From familiar TV faces to rising talent and those just starting out, this is a night where acts take risks, debut material, and shake up their sets - all for our entertainment. It's spontaneous, unpredictable, and guaranteed to leave you laughing all the way home.

Acts
to be
announced
soon!



Tina, Queen Of Rhythm

Saturday 20th September, 7:30pm

Tickets: £20

Tina – Queen of Rhythm is a high-energy tribute to the legendary Tina Turner, blending electrifying live music and storytelling in a powerful “musicmentary” experience.

Led by powerhouse vocalist Ruby Rose and a dynamic 9-piece band, the show takes you on a journey through Tina’s iconic hits – from River Deep – Mountain High to Proud Mary.

Whether you’re a lifelong fan or new to her music, get ready to sing, dance, and celebrate the unforgettable Queen of Rock ‘n’ Roll!



Featuring
the vocalist of
South Coast
Soul

Lady Nade sings Nina Simone

Friday 26th September, 8pm

Tickets: £24

Renowned for her award-winning vocals and distinctive style, Lady Nade is often compared to the legendary Nina Simone. Deeply inspired by Simone’s legacy of empowerment, passion, and musical storytelling, Lady Nade celebrates her influence in this powerful, high-energy tribute.

Joined by top UK musicians, she channels Simone’s unique blend of jazz, blues, gospel, and folk in a moving homage to one of music’s true trailblazers.



Event Cinema

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National
Theatre
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Tickets
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£10

Leonardo: The Works

Tuesday 30th September, 7:30pm

Discover the genius of Leonardo da Vinci as you've never seen before. Leonardo: The Works showcases every attributed painting in stunning Ultra HD, including The Mona Lisa, The Last Supper, and Lady with an Ermine. A rare chance to experience Leonardo's masterpieces on the big screen in all their glory.



Titanic: The Musical

Tuesday 7th October, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Winner of 5 Tony Awards (including Best Musical), based on the real people aboard the most legendary ship in the world, Titanic The Musical is a stunning and stirring production focusing on the hopes, dreams and aspirations of her passengers who each boarded with stories and personal ambitions of their own.



Caravaggio

Wednesday 10th December, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Mystery, passion, murder - Caravaggio's life was as dramatic as his art. This stunning new film, five years in the making, uncovers the secrets hidden in his masterpieces. With rare insights and gripping storytelling, award-winning filmmakers David Bickerstaff and Phil Grabsky reveal the genius - and turmoil - behind the legend.



Kinky Boots: The Musical

Wednesday 3rd December, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

This huge-hearted hit tells the story of two people with nothing in common - or so they think. Charlie is a factory owner struggling to save his family business and Lola is a fabulous entertainer with a wildly exciting idea. A joyous story of British grit transforming into a high-heeled hit as it takes you from the factory floor of Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan!



Inter Alia

Wednesday 8th October,
1:30pm & 7:30pm

Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike (*Gone Girl*, *Saltburn*) is Jessica in the much-anticipated next play from the team behind *Prima Facie*.

Jessica Parks is a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright?

Writer Suzie Miller and director Justin Martin reunite following their global phenomenon *Prima Facie*, with this searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity.



Mrs Warren's Profession

Tuesday 4th November, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

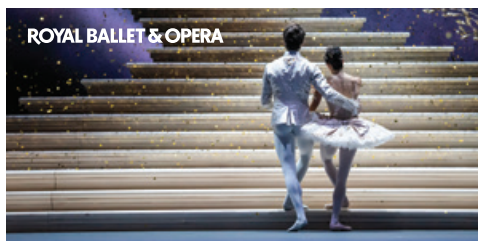
Five-time Olivier winner Imelda Staunton and daughter Bessie Carter star as mother and daughter in Shaw's *Mrs. Warren's Profession*. Filmed live from the West End, this new production explores morality, independence, and generational conflict, directed by Dominic Cooke and featuring a powerhouse cast in a bold, thought-provoking revival.



Cinderella

Tuesday 2nd December, 2pm & 7:30pm

Stuck at home with her spoiled Stepsisters, Cinderella's life changes when magic whisks her into an ethereal world of fairies, carriages, and love. Ashton's enchanting ballet is a festive treat for all the family.



The Fifth Step

Tuesday 9th December, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Olivier winner Jack Lowden and Emmy winner Martin Freeman star in David Ireland's darkly funny new play. As AA sponsor James guides newcomer Luka, a fragile friendship forms—until confessions in step five reveal unsettling truths. Directed by Finn den Hertog, filmed live from London's West End at @sohoplace.



The Nutcracker

Tuesday 16th December, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Join Clara on a magical Christmas Eve adventure as her Nutcracker battles the Mouse King and leads her to the glittering Kingdom of Sweets. Peter Wright's beloved Royal Ballet production features Tchaikovsky's score and stunning period designs.



Love great arts and entertainment? Be first in line with The Spring membership!

Get exclusive booking opportunities to selected shows throughout the year by becoming a member!

The benefits you can enjoy as a member:

- Advanced exclusive booking window on selected events.
- Invitations to exclusive events, including season briefings with the Directors.
- Regular e-newsletters about our work.
- Play a key role in the governance of The Spring through participation at the AGM.



Support local. Love the arts. Join today.
Scan the QR code for more info.

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for an
individual
per year

£32
for a joint
account
per year

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Looking for the perfect present?

Our gift vouchers are the ideal way to treat friends and family to something truly memorable.

They can be used to enjoy:

- Tickets for live events or screenings.
- Workshops and creative classes.
- Memberships for exclusive perks.

Gift vouchers can be purchased via the Box Office or online at thespring.co.uk/gift-voucher





Nerina Pallot

Saturday 27th September, 8pm

Tickets: £27

Critically acclaimed singer-songwriter Nerina Pallot returns with her eighth studio album, *A Psalm for Emily Salvi*. Known for her soul-stirring melodies and raw, emotional songwriting, Pallot rose to fame with *Fires*, earning Brit and Ivor Novello nominations. Inspired by a fan's message of hope, her new album is a powerful tribute to resilience, led by the uplifting single "Regrets."

With chart hits, viral covers, and collaborations with stars like Kylie Minogue, Pallot's music promises an unforgettable night.

The Little Unsaid

Wednesday 1st October, 7:30pm

Tickets: £16

Experience the raw energy and emotional depth of The Little Unsaid – a London/Aarhus-based four-piece blending alt-folk, post-rock, and electronica. Known for their powerful live shows and deep audience connection, the band returns with their most expansive and personal album yet, crafted through spontaneous, improvised sessions. Expect an electrifying night of soul-stirring music, catharsis, and shared celebration.



Don Quixote

(is a very big book)

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by Opposable Thumb Theatre and Nordland Visual Theatre

Thursday 2nd October, 8pm

Tickets: £15

In this bold and hilarious one-man show, Dik Downey (Coulrophobia, Green Ginger) fuses the madcap world of Don Quixote with his own battle against time and reality.

With anarchic puppetry, clowning, and a cast of absurd characters, Dik's Quixote embarks on surreal adventures, chasing impossible dreams while confronting mortality.

A poignant, laugh-out-loud exploration of ageing, delusion, and the relentless pursuit of relevance.

If you love Living Spit, you'll love this!

**"A truly fabulous
showcase of clowning
and puppetry skills."**

Total Theatre



Abbamania

Friday 3rd October, 8pm

Tickets: £27.50

Back by popular demand, Abbamania returns to The Spring for a second time with their spectacular tribute to ABBA. Now in their 26th year of touring, Europe's leading ABBA tribute brings outstanding vocals, dazzling performances, and all the timeless hits - including Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, Waterloo, and many more. Get ready to sing, dance, and relive the magic of ABBA in this high-energy, feel-good show. Dust off your flares - it's time to have the time of your life!



Martin Turner ex Wishbourne Ash - Blowin' Free tour 2025

Saturday 4th October, 7:30pm

Tickets: £22

Marking the 55th anniversary of Wishbone Ash, Martin Turner and his band return to The Spring for an unforgettable night. Celebrating classic albums like Argus and Pilgrimage, the show features iconic hits and deep cuts from the band's rich legacy. A must-see for longtime fans and lovers of timeless rock.



Stories From An Invisible Town

by SDJ Productions

Thursday 9th October, 8pm

Tickets: £15

Step into the darkly comic world of BBC award-winning storyteller Shôn Dale-Jones, the creator of CRACKING. Through vivid, imaginative tales, Shôn brings to life a made-up town filled with quirky characters and haunting memories.

Joyous, funny, and moving, this captivating show explores innocence, imagination, and the mysteries of growing up. A must-see from one of Wales' finest storytellers.



Inspiring family moments at The Spring

Bring the whole family to The Spring, where art, theatre, and hands-on fun come alive for all ages. Discover, create, and imagine together through workshops, exhibitions, and seasonal surprises.

Wonder Gigs

by Filskit Theatre

Saturday 13th September, 11th October & 22nd November,
10am & 11:15am

Tickets: £5

These joyful live sessions mix toe-tapping acoustic tunes (think pop, rock and folk hits) with playful adventures for your child. While a professional musician sets the vibe, Filskit Theatre's friendly facilitators lead the fun – with bubbles, puppets, props and plenty of giggles.

Ages
0-4



Spend a day at The Spring - where families create, explore, and make memories together. Here's what's waiting for you:



Imaginative play in
our play space



Tasty children's
lunch boxes



Museum activity
trails for families



Seasonal interactive
installations



Groove Onto The Moon

by Groove Baby

Saturday 4th October, 11am & 1pm

Tickets: £12, £10 children

Blast off on a space adventure for kids 3-7 and their grown-ups! Join three young astronauts on a mission to find Neil Armstrong's lunar footprint - packed with aliens, challenges, and fun. Enjoy vibrant animation, interactive theatre, and live funk, jazz, and rock from the Groove Baby Organ Trio.

An out-of-this-world show full of friendship and adventure!

Ages
3-7
years



The Great Baldini's Family Magic Show

Tuesday 28th October, 11:30am & 2pm

Tickets: £10

The legendary magician the Great Baldini tells the story of his, and Baldwin the magical dog's, life from their first tricks to the height of their careers - attempting Houdini's greatest escape. The show is packed with magic, sweets, puppetry, sweets, water, sweets, eggs, sweets, and escapology. It's hilariously silly...with sweets.

The Great Baldini is an award-winning member of the Magic Circle, and 22/23 Bristol Stage Magic Champion.

"Incredible." Total Theatre

"Charming, engaging, and charismatic. A pleasure."

Fringe Review

Fun for
all the
family



Coming soon this Christmas...

The Gingerbread town is coming!

Explore a magical, handmade world built from recycled materials—full of tiny houses, festive surprises, and local landmarks.

Perfect for all ages, with fun ways for families to get involved.

Keep an eye on our socials to join in!

Get your golden ticket
for a special train ride...
A Magical festive journey
is on its way...keep reading
to find out more!



Sam Avery - Thunderstorm

Friday 10th October, 8pm

Tickets: £20

Back with a bang, award-winning comedian Sam Avery returns with his electrifying new show, Thunderstorm!

In his trademark punchy style, Sam takes you on a whirlwind journey through the chaos of the modern world - from parenting disasters to culture wars, conspiracy theories to political morons.

With sharp wit and a stormy twist, he's here to prove that the only way to weather modern life is through laughter!

Expect thunderous punchlines, lightning-fast jokes, and a night of belly laughs you won't forget.

**A night
of belly
laughs!**



Maya Irgalina

Saturday 11th October, 7:30pm

Tickets: £18, £16 concessions

Following their recent show with Yi-Yang Chen, International Interview Concerts present Tartar pianist Maya Irgalina.

Praised as a “keyboard virtuoso”, Maya’s performance spans baroque to jazz, featuring works by Rachmaninov, Bach, Debussy, and Ravel.

An evening of dazzling, imaginative music not to be missed.

**Special
concert with
Q&A session!**



Too Many Greek Myths

by Living Spit

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd October, 7:30pm

Tickets: £16

Two boastful actors. One furious Zeus. Twenty epic myths in one hilarious, chaotic show!

From Medusa to Midas, Heracles to Hades, Living Spit race through Ancient Greece with ridiculous wigs, harebrained humour and zero historical accuracy. Can they survive Zeus's challenge, or will the gods get the last laugh?



Chris Difford: A Little Stand-Up, A Little Sit-Down

Thursday 23rd October, 7:30pm

Tickets: £27

Join Chris Difford, legendary co-founder of Squeeze, for a unique evening of songs, stories, and laughter. In this warm and intimate show, Chris takes audiences on a journey through his extraordinary 50-year career - from his early days in South London to global success with hits like Up the Junction and Cool for Cats.

Blending classic songs, personal tales, and brand-new material, A Little Stand-Up and A Little Sit-Down is a candid, funny, and deeply moving celebration of the music, friendships, and memories that have shaped his life. A must-see evening with one of the UK's finest lyricists.



A weekend of great comedy at The Spring

Ed Patrick: Catch Your Breath

Friday 24th October, 7:30pm. Tickets: £16

NHS anaesthetist, comedian and author (oooooh check him) Ed Patrick injects Havant with a gut-punch hilarious show about becoming a junior doctor, the NHS, the pitfalls of modern medicine and the power of questioning it. There's plenty of laughing gas to go round.

"Brilliantly funny." Matt Lucas

"Extremely funny." The Telegraph

Ria Lina: Riabellion

Saturday 25th October, 7:30pm. Tickets: £19

Following her killer debut tour, Riawakening, the wickedly funny Ria Lina realised she wasn't just awake, she was ready to rebel. Expect a relentless stream of hilarity as Ria explores the state of the world, the eternal battle of the sexes, and the delight of throwing life up in the air after years of following the rules. Credits include Live At The Apollo, Have I Got News For You?, Mock the Week, co-hosting Pointless, The Last Leg and Celebrity Mastermind.

"Fearless, provocative, and very funny." The Scotsman

"Ridiculously gifted." The Evening Standard





Trouble, Struggle, Bubble and Squeak

by Victoria Melody

Wednesday 29th October, 8pm

Tickets: £15

Award-winning theatre maker and "Fringe legend" (Time Out), Victoria Melody joined a historical re-enactment society... because we all deal with divorce differently! She uncovered The Diggers - 17th-century radicals - and realised their spirit never left. Directed by Mark Thomas, this show celebrates ordinary people still shaping history.

Graffiti Classics

Thursday 30th October, 7:30pm

Tickets: £25, £24 concessions, £15 under 16s

Experience 16 strings, 8 dancing feet, and 4 voices in a hilarious, high-energy musical comedy show!

Graffiti Classics break classical music's elitist mould with a virtuosic mix of Beethoven, Elvis, opera, bluegrass, and more - blended with comedy, dance, and audience fun.

Prepare for laughs, dancing, and unforgettable entertainment.



That Knave, Raleigh

by Dyad Productions

Monday 3rd November, 8pm

Tickets: £17

From the award-winning creators of *I, Elizabeth*, Dyad Productions (Lady Susan, *A Room of One's Own*, *Austen's Women*) presents a powerful portrait of Sir Walter Raleigh - explorer, poet, soldier, and courtier.

Witness his rise, fall, and final, heart-breaking chapter through gripping historical drama. A captivating journey into the life of one of Elizabethan England's most magnetic figures.

From the
creators of *Lady
Susan*, *A Room
of One's Own*,
and *Austen's
Women*



The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari

by Silent Cinema

Wednesday 5th November, 7:30pm

Tickets: £15

Experience the 1920 German Expressionist silent film masterpiece *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* like never before, featuring a brand-new live score by acclaimed composer Chris Green.

Known for its distorted sets, eerie shadows, and haunting story of hypnotist Dr. Caligari and the somnambulist Cesare, this film shaped the future of horror, film noir, and gothic cinema. Chris Green's evocative score blends electronic and acoustic instruments, performed live to immerse you in this nightmarish, psychological tale. A captivating fusion of silent film and contemporary music that brings fresh life to a timeless classic.

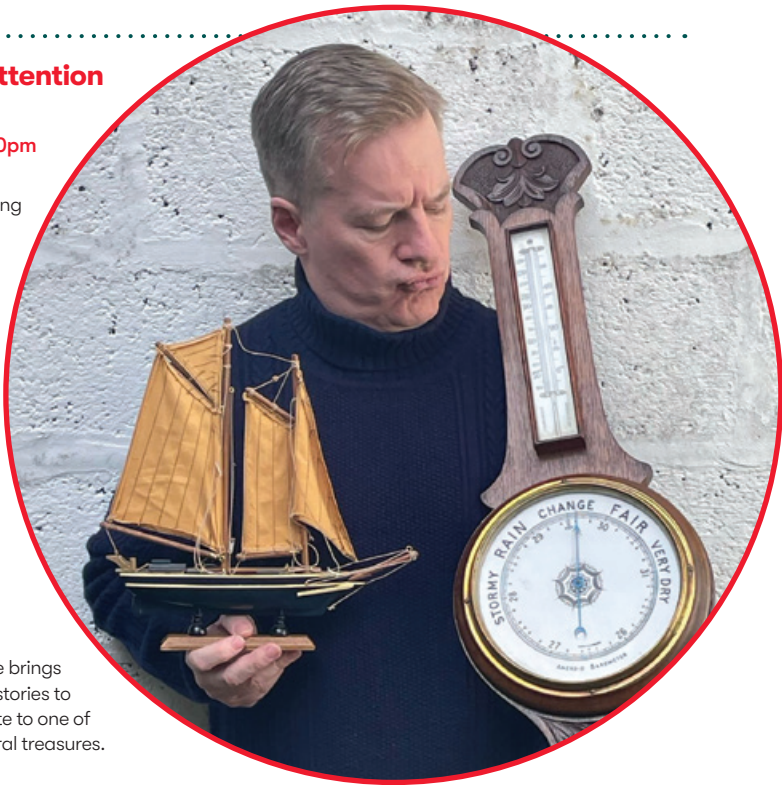
Charlie Connelly: Attention All Shipping

Thursday 6th November, 7:30pm

Tickets: £18

Celebrate the legendary shipping forecast's second century with bestselling author and broadcaster Charlie Connelly in this hilarious and insightful show. Discover how this quirky weather broadcast captured the nation's imagination - from sailors to insomniacs - and unravel the meaning behind curious phrases like "rain later" and the mysterious North Utsire.

Drawing on his bestselling book and extraordinary adventures across the 31 sea areas - including singing sea shanties with Tom Hardy and near-annexing Rockall - Charlie brings history, humour, and heartfelt stories to life. A fast-paced, moving tribute to one of modern Britain's greatest cultural treasures.



An Evening With Marty Wilde

Friday 7th November, 7:30pm

Tickets: £27

Join British rock 'n' roll pioneer Marty Wilde as he shares his remarkable life and career, from his rise as a teen idol to his songwriting hits for others. Celebrating over eight decades in music, Marty reflects on classics like Endless Sleep, Donna, and Bad Boy.

Enjoy rare photos, stories, live music, and a Q&A with this iconic figure in British pop history - a rare and unforgettable one-man show.



Special
concert with
Q&A session!

Discovering Antarctica: Heroic Tales of Shackleton, Crean & Scott

by Play On Words

Saturday 8th November, 8pm

Tickets: £15

Discover the extraordinary true story of Tom Crean, Ireland's unsung Antarctic hero, in this award-winning solo performance by Aidan Dooley.

Set during the heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration, the play captures Crean's daring feats alongside Scott and Shackleton, including his legendary 36-mile solo trek to save his comrades.

Critically acclaimed worldwide, this gripping and heartfelt show brings to life one of history's greatest tales of courage and endurance.

**Critically
acclaimed
worldwide**



Coming up for Christmas!



Esther Manito: Slagbomb

Thursday 4th December, 7:30pm



Five Star Swing at Christmas

Friday 5th December, 7:30pm



A Christmas Carol

Saturday 6th December,
2pm & 7:30pm



**The West End Ensemble:
Christmas Cabaret**

Thursday 11th December, 8pm



5,6,7,8 The Steps Experience

Friday 12th December, 7:30pm



Bye Bye Baby

Saturday 13th December, 7:30pm



**James Alderson & Friends
Christmas Show**

Wednesday 17th December, 8pm



A Winter Union

Thursday 18th December, 7:30pm



**South Coast Soul Revue
Christmas Reunion**

Saturday 20th December, 8pm

Plus lots more!

Head to thespring.co.uk to book tickets.

New for 2025 – A festive fair at The Spring

Save the date:
Sunday 16th November

Join us for our brand-new Christmas fair as we transform The Spring into a festive wonderland.

Explore market stalls filled with beautiful gifts from local makers, browse our seasonal shop and charity Christmas cards, and soak up the joyful atmosphere.

The day will end with our annual carols – a heart-warming way to welcome the season together!



All aboard for a magical Christmas adventure!

Interactive Screening:
The Polar Express

Save the dates: Tuesday 23rd
& Wednesday 24th December

Join us at The Spring for a special screening of the beloved classic The Polar Express. Arrive from 10.30am to meet characters, soak up the festive atmosphere and enjoy a hot chocolate (included with children's tickets). And don't forget your pyjamas - just like the film, we're travelling to the North Pole in style!



An
interactive
screening
experience
like no other!



Exhibitions

Our exhibitions are open during our standard opening times.
Entry is always free, and no tickets are required.

Current exhibitions



The Spring Open 2025

In the Foyer

On display until 20th September

This year's Open Exhibition showcases arts, crafts and textiles from talented artists and makers across Havant, Hampshire and beyond. Discover local talent, spark conversations and connect through art.



The Spring Story Garden

In the Mezzanine Gallery

On display until 20th September

Looking for a moment of inspiration, adventure, or calm? Head upstairs to our Mezzanine Gallery and immerse yourself in The Spring's Story Garden - a vibrant summer installation where stories take root and imagination blooms.

Upcoming exhibitions

New Ventures - an exhibition by Chichester Festival Theatre

In the Mezzanine Gallery

On display from 14th October - 1st November

We are delighted to host this new exhibition by Chichester Festival Theatre. As they move to open their new Nest space, this exhibition celebrates the unique history of temporary theatre spaces at CFT and shares some history of fringe venues.

As a theatre space local to CFT we are excited to open up the discussion of the importance of temporary fringe spaces and their important role in the development of theatre in the region.

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festival
theatre**

The Gingerbread Town - The Spring's Christmas Installation

In the Mezzanine Gallery

On display from 17th November - 10th January

Step into a magical gingerbread-inspired world this Christmas! Created from cardboard and recycled materials, this enchanting installation invites you to wander through tiny houses, spot local landmarks, and discover festive surprises around every corner.

Working alongside professional artists, we are looking for schools, local community groups and volunteers to participate in the creation and construction of the Town. **To find out more please email info@thespring.co.uk.**

Celebrating local heritage stories

Our museum and heritage facilities celebrate the history of Havant Borough, its people and stories.

Our museum is open 10am-4pm, Monday - Saturday, and one hour before our evening performances.

Entry
is free

Havant Borough Heritage Festival

12th - 21st September



Join us for the Havant Heritage Festival, part of this year's Heritage Open Days. The Spring, along with many other venues, will offer free activities and events across the borough and surrounding areas to celebrate our rich history and culture. Discover hidden gems and try out new experiences.

All events are free (some activities may include optional paid elements), and most operate on a first-come, first-served basis unless specified as ticketed. **For the full schedule of festival events, please visit our website.**



Your history, your heritage

Uncover the stories of people and places from our community in our Research Room - a free resource open to all.

- Free Research Room - browse maps, census returns, church records and local directories.
- Online access - use Ancestry, Find My Past and our local history booklets.
- Expert help - book a free appointment with our volunteer genealogists and historians.
- Discover people & places - trace family trees, uncover local stories and search our archives.

Find out more and book at
thespring.co.uk/heritage

Join us for our Heritage Walks!

Back again for our autumn season, local heritage enthusiast Nigel Brown leads a programme of trails to uncover our history:

All Aboard!

Tuesday 16th September, 10:30am

Earning A Living In Old Portsmouth

Saturday 11th October, 10:30am

Scenes From Chichester Life

Tuesday 14th October, 10.30am

Curtain Up!

Tuesday 21st October, 10:30am

A Saxon Winter

Tuesday 4th November, 10:30am

Workshops

Discover something new or sharpen your skills - our workshops offer an exciting opportunity for all ages to learn, create, and grow!

Workshops include:

- Drawing Essentials
- Portrait Essentials
- Latin American Dance
- Pastel Essentials
- Watercolour Essentials and Explorers
- An Introduction To Acrylics
- Oil Essentials
- Life Drawing Essentials

Dates and prices for each class can be found on our website.



Create and Connect

Our welcoming sessions gently explore a variety of arts and crafts activities in a friendly, supportive environment. If you are looking to meet new people, explore your creativity or take a moment for yourself, these sessions are for you.

Creative Space

Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Our free art sessions offer a welcoming, relaxing environment to create, meet like-minded people, and enhance wellbeing. Bring your own projects to this drop-in session and create in a friendly atmosphere! Led by tutor Lauren Carter.



Creative Memory Café

Monthly on Wednesdays, 10:30am - 12noon
For dates please see our website.

Our monthly Memory Cafes are a chance for people living with dementia and their carers to relax, enjoy a cup of tea and take part in some gentle creative activities. Led by facilitator and puppet maker Polly Beestone, these sessions are a way to explore, communicate and connect through themed sessions that use colours, sounds and materials.



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Colouring for the mind

Thursdays, 10am - 12noon, £2 per session

Using existing patterns, or draw your own designs, we will gently explore a variety of art materials from pencils, pastels and paint to discover different colouring techniques. We will have a selection of materials available but also welcome you to bring your own along too. Led by Lauren Carter.

Coming soon... one-off and evening workshops

Sign up to our newsletter via thespring.co.uk/newsletter to be the first to know when they launch!



Become a Patron of The Spring

Play an integral role in The Spring family as a Patron. Your support goes beyond buying tickets - it helps us create inspiring cultural experiences, nurture talented artists, and bring communities together across Havant, Hampshire and beyond.

As a Patron, you'll be helping us do something truly special, and we'd love to show you just how much your support means to us.

Patronages are split into four tiers of giving and offer the following benefits:

Become a Bronze Patron

- Exclusive invitations to season preview events.
- Twice-yearly insider newsletter from the Directors.
- Public recognition in our brochure and on our website.

£250 / £500 per year
Individual / Joint

Not sure which tier is right for you?

If you would like to find out more about the patron schemes and the different levels, please do not hesitate to get in touch: Fiona Baxter, Executive Director

fionab@thespring.co.uk or call **023 9224 9067**.



For more information or to join as a Patron of The Spring, scan this QR code.

Become a Silver Patron

- Exclusive invitations to season preview events.
- Twice-yearly insider newsletter from the Directors.
- Public recognition in our brochure and on our website.

PLUS
• Annual tea and cake meeting with patrons and Directors.
£500 / £700 per year
Individual / Joint

Become a Gold Patron

- Exclusive invitations to season preview events.
- Twice-yearly insider newsletter from the Directors.
- Public recognition in our brochure and on our website.
- Annual tea and cake meeting with patrons and Directors.

PLUS
• Invitation to our exhibition private view events.
• Annual one-to-one meeting with the Directors.

£1,000 / £1,400 per year
Individual / Joint

Become a Platinum Patron

- Exclusive invitations to season preview events.
- Twice-yearly insider newsletter from the Directors.
- Public recognition in our brochure and on our website.
- Plus annual tea and cake meeting with patrons and Directors.
- Invitation to our exhibition private view events.
- Annual one-to-one meeting with the Directors.

PLUS
• Discounted use of space once a year (subject to availability).
£2,000 / £2,800 per year
Individual / Joint

Thank you to our Patrons: Gladys West, Rachel and Matthew Bowns.

Community



Breastfeeding Network

Mondays, 10am - 11.30am
Every Monday during term time.
Keep up to date on Facebook for dates in the school holidays.



The Breastfeeding Network Peer Support volunteers meet in our café. Come along for support, help with feeding out and about, or just to see a smiling face and enjoy some friendly chat. For further details of the support offered please scan the QR code.



Havant and Portsmouth Area MS Social



First Tuesday of the month
2nd Sept, 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 2nd Dec

This is a social event for those with MS, their friends and families, in the Garden Room at The Spring. Please advise of your attendance in advance to organiser John Bishop by email to johnnybish@hotmail.com or on 07586 596099.



Body Control Pilates led by Gillian Burn and John Spencer

Wednesdays, Beginners: 2pm
Intermediates: 11:30am and 12:45pm
Term 1: 3rd Sep - 22nd Oct (8 weeks)
Pay on the day: £13, Pay in full: £100.
Term 2: 5th Nov - 17th Dec (7 weeks)
Pay on the day: £13, Pay in full: £87.50.

Relax and strengthen your body with Pilates, focussing on core muscles for improved tone, posture, flexibility, and balance. Gillian and John, trained with Body Control Pilates Academy, have over 20 years of teaching experience.

Please bring your own mat. Intermediate classes offer a challenge for those with experience, while beginner sessions are gentler.

To book email gillianburn@healthcircles.co.uk or call 07831 526 531.

www.healthcircles.co.uk/pilates-exercise

Serendipity

Twice a month on Thursdays

The free community groups are a safe place for autistic people to meet other autistic adults, receive peer support, learn new skills, and share their interests. They are open to any autistic adult over the age of 18, even if they are still waiting a diagnosis or have chosen not to receive a formal diagnosis.

Please contact Autism Hampshire for exact times and to sign up for free. Email serendipity@avenuesgroup.org.uk or contact 01489 880881 (ext. 225). Or visit autismhampshire.org.uk to find out more.



How to make your experience one to remember

We are delighted to welcome everyone into our building, and we will always do our best to help make your visit enjoyable. Our venue is open Monday – Saturday from 10am – 4pm, as well as one hour before evening performances. Selected Sundays and Bank Holidays also have opening hours around scheduled performances – please check ahead.

Booking and Accessibility

- Tickets can be purchased 24 hours a day via our website: thespring.co.uk
- Our box office is open during our opening hours for in-person and phone bookings at 023 9247 2700.
- Concession tickets are available for selected events and complimentary tickets are offered for essential companions.
- Accessible seating and wheelchair spaces are available in our theatre. An induction loop for hearing assistance, and accommodations for Registered Assistance Dogs are available.

For our full list of booking terms and accessibility access, please contact our box office or head to our website.

How to get to us

We have a rail station less than 10-minute walk away, bus stops outside and bike racks by the door. If you need to come by car, we are next to a council owned Pay and Display car park with two others less than 5 minutes away. Blue badge holders can park for free.

For more information, head to our website.

Our Resident Company

We're proud to be the home of our resident company, Music Fusion.

Associate Community Theatre Companies

- Bench Theatre
- HumDrum Theatre
- Havant Light Opera

Associate Youth Theatre Company

- Havant Dynamo Youth Theatre

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**Carpenters: Rainy Days,
Mondays & Good Old Dreams**

Saturday 17th January, 7:30pm



**Darren Walsh:
Do You Like Puns?**

Saturday 24th January, 7:30pm



Megson

Saturday 7th February, 7:30pm



Not The Rolling Stones

Friday 20th February, 7:30pm



**Lucy Porter:
Letting Yourself Go**

Saturday 21st February, 5pm & 8pm



**Cally Beaton: Namaste
Motherf*ckers**

Thursday 2nd April, 7:30pm

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