# The Spring



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#### A note from the Directors...

As we approach the end of 2025, we want to thank you for your continued support of The Spring. The wonderful Spring staff, volunteers and trustees, patrons and members, and all of the fantastic audiences, participants and partners - make The Spring such a special place. And this year wouldn't have been possible without every single one of you.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited for a year filled with creativity, joy and connection. Celebrating local people and stories, exploring new connections and discovering possibilities we don't even know about yet.

Together, through creativity and culture, we know we can keep discovering new ideas, learn new skills and find new futures.

What will 2026 have in store for you? Whether it's trying something new, delving deeper into a project or making time to meet with friends, we look forward to seeing you at The Spring over the coming months.

Fiona and Laura

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#### A warm welcome at The Spring



#### Café & Bar

Open Monday - Saturday, 10am - 3pm and an hour before evening performances.

Enjoy delicious food and drink in our friendly, awardwinning café.

Seasonal specials available!



#### **The Spring Shop**

Showcasing beautiful work from local artists and makers and brimming with gifts and greeting cards, perfect for any occasion.

New pieces arriving regularly!



#### **The Spring Museum**

Discover the stories of Havant, celebrate the people who lived here, and uncover objects that bring them to life!

Free entry.



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More titles to be announced!

#### **Live Events**

Jacqui Dankworth: **The Sondhiem** 

Sonabook

Friday 16th January, 7:30pm Tickets: £26

Acclaimed vocalist Jacqui Dankworth, joined by pianist Charlie Wood. celebrates the genius of Stephen Sondheim in

an intimate evening of song and storutelling. Drawing on her own collaborations with Sondheim, Dankworth offers fresh interpretations of his most iconic works - from West Side Story and Sweeney Todd to Into the Woods - alongside stylish reimaginings of lesser-known gems, honouring his extraordinary musical legacy.



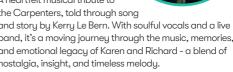
Thursday 29th January, 7:30pm Tickets: £25



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

Saturday 17th January, 1:30pm & 7:30pm Tickets: £18

A heartfelt musical tribute to the Carpenters, told through song and story by Kerry Le Bern. With soulful vocals and a live band, it's a moving journey through the music, memories, and emotional legacy of Karen and Richard - a blend of nostalgia, insight, and timeless melody.



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#### **Purple Zeppelin**

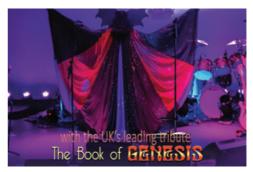
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BBC TV-featured and twice voted Best UK Tribute Band. Purple Zeppelin brings you a full-throttle, two-and-a-halfhour rock experience packed with iconic hits, explosive solos, and electrifying energy.

#### The Book Of Genesis

Saturday 31st January, 7:30pm Tickets: £25

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the early songs of the influential progressive rock band Genesis with leading UK tribute band The Book of Genesis, who faithfully recreate the 1970s era complete with period musical instruments, fabulous costumes, an animated slide show, and excellent lighting in a packed 3-hour show.





#### **Beauty And The Beast**

by Living Spit

#### Wednesday 21st January, 7:30pm Tickets: £17

From the mischievous minds of Living Spit comes a monstrously funny, musically mischievous twist on Beauty and the Beast.

Expect songs, silliness, and a Disney-defying dose of 18th-century chaos as this charming two-man comedy theatre company reimagines the classic French tale of what it truly means to be beautiful.



# "Punbelievable" \*\*\*\* The Sunday Express

# Darren Walsh: Do You Like Puns?

#### Saturday 24th January, 7:30pm Tickets: £19

Neck ←flippin' heck! Witness a pun Goliath in person, as Darren Walsh brings his 8ft frame and award winning act on the road.

Combining sound effects, videos, one-liners and improvised jokes based off audience suggestions, prepare for a comedy show like no other, bar pun. Book now, li is two short.

#### Simon Evans Is Staring At The Sun

#### Friday 30th January, 7:30pm Tickets: £18

BBC Radio 4 favourite and acclaimed comedian Simon Evans returns with a hilarious new show exploring the idea that we might be living in a glitchy computer simulation. Blending razorsharp wit with nostalgic reflections on the analogue past, Evans muses on reality, technology, and the strangeness of modern life in his trademark intelligent, incisive style.



#### **Solve A-Long Murder She Wrote**

Thursday 5th February, 7:30pm Tickets: £20

The cult hit Solve-Along-A-Murder-She-Wrote comes to Havant with an interactive stage show of "A Fashionable Way to Die." Join Jessica Fletcher - and the audience - as you solve the case together! Packed with games, prizes, and laughter, this hit event offers a hilarious, immersive night for sleuths and Murder, She Wrote fans alike.



#### Megson

#### Saturday 7th February, 7:30pm Tickets: £19

Four-time BBC Folk Award nominees and double Spiral Earth Award winners, Megson bring their unique blend of heartfelt songwriting, lush harmonies, and northern humour to the stage. Described by The Guardian as "the most original duo on the British folk scene," Debs and Stu Hanna return on tour with their acclaimed new album What Are We Trying to Say.



#### The Everly Brothers & Friends Tribute Show

Thursday 19th February, 7:30pm Tickets: £18

The Temple Brothers return with their awesome Everly Brothers Tribute Show

- The Everly Brothers & Friends Show featuring The Temple Brothers - UK's No.1 Everly Brothers Tribute as voted for at the 2017 National Tribute Music Awards along with Ivan Marvin as Hank Marvin, Buddy Walker as Buddy Holly and Peter Gill as Jerry Lee Lewis. A must see show for all lovers of 50's music.

#### Pauline Eyre: Anyone For Tennis?

Wednesday 18th February, 7:30pm Tickets: £16

Comedian and former Wimbledon line judge

Pauline Eyre serves up tennis gossip from the royal box to the

locker room, with smashing stories, ace anecdotes, and a 40-love love letter to the game. Expect naughty line-judge antics, insider secrets, and laugh-out-loud moments — all delivered with razor-sharp comic timing. Warm, witty, and impossible not to love, Pauline's show is a cheeky, riotous tribute to tennis... and proves that sometimes, rules are meant to be broken.

#### **Not The Rolling Stones**

Friday 20th February, 7:30pm Tickets: £22

Capturing the authentic sound and spirit of The Greatest Rock n Roll Band In The World, Not The Rolling Stones have played festivals, theatres and private gigs throughout Europe, the middle east and the UK.

Featuring the best Mick Jagger lookalike you will ever see, the band will take you back to the Golden Age of The Stones - from Satisfaction to Sympathy for the Devil... You won't believe it's not Jagger!





#### 1984

by Box Tale Soup

#### Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February, 8pm Tickets: £15

Winston Smith, insignificant cog in the Party's vast machine, dreams of freedom, but is he the only one? Big Brother is watching and dreams can be deadly when rebellion begins with a thought.

Known for their ingenuity and slick storytelling, Box Tale Soup's unique puppetry becomes a striking metaphor for Orwell's chilling vision of power and control.





## Lucy Porter: Let Yourself Go!

#### Saturday 21st February, 5pm & 8pm Tickets: £24

Festival favourite Lucy Porter returns to The Spring with a brandnew show all about the joy of letting yourself go – wrinkles, babycham and all!

Warm, witty and wonderfully relatable, Lucy celebrates midlife liberation and the power of reinvention.

"Impeccably punchlined anecdotes...
genuinely delightful." The Telegraph

#### **Kathryn Williams**

with support from Matt Deighton Thursday 26th February, 7:30pm Tickets: £18

Mercury-nominated singersongwriter Kathryn Williams brings her acclaimed career to the stage, performing songs from her upcoming album Mystery Park.

Support comes from Matt Deighton, a folk virtuoso praised for his solo work and collaborations, described as "a modest guitar legend" and a spiritual descendant of Nick Drake. Together, they promise an intimate, soulful, and masterful evening of music.



Gift Voucher



# Russell Hicks: This Time It's Personal

Saturday 28th February, 8pm Tickets: £20

American comic Russell Hicks returns with a brand-new show following a whirlwind year of film roles (including The Running Man), viral fame from his hit "Dear Diary" series, and life in the UK.

He's back, funnier than ever - and this time, it's personal.

#### Give the gift of great experiences!

**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** 



#### **Celebrating local arts and culture**

From our Associate Community Theatre Companies' inspiring performances to our friendly Book Group and lively Music Bites sessions, there's always something to spark your imagination.

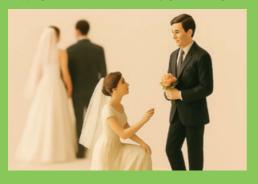
#### **How To Date A Feminist**

bu Bench Theatre

Wednesday 11th - Saturday 14th February, 7:30pm Matinee: Saturday 14th February, 2:30pm Tickets: £14, £12 concessions, £10 for under 25s Buy one get one half price for opening show

Kate likes her men tall, dark and smouldering. She has a fatal attraction to bad men. Then she meets Steve...
Steve is a feminist. Can Kate overcome her love of lipstick, cupcakes and Heathcliff? Can Steve forgo the ethical confetti and learn to be a little more ravishing in bed? Can the two of them reinvent romance for the 21st century?

How To Date A Feminist is a hilarious new spin on the Hollywood rom-com, brought to you by the director of recent Bench shows of Dear Jack, Dear Louise, and Stepping Out, it promises to be an enjoyable evening.





bu Bench Theatre

Thursday 23rd April - Saturday 2nd May, 7:30pm Matinee: Saturday 25th April & Saturday 2nd May, 1:30pm.

Tickets: £14, £13 concessions, £10 for under 25s Buy one get one half price for opening show

Based on the true story that became a hit film and West End sensation, Calendar Girls is a heart-warming comedy full of laughter, love and Yorkshire grit. When Annie's husband dies of leukaemia, her friend Chris dreams up a bold plan to raise money in his memory: a charity calendar with a difference - featuring the ladies of the local Women's Institute. in the nude!

As the calendar's success takes them far beyond their village hall, the women discover the power of friendship, courage, and community spirit. Calendar Girls is a glorious celebration of ordinary women doing something truly extraordinary.

#### **What The Butler Saw**

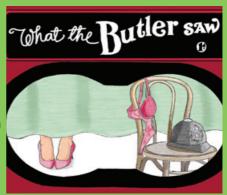
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Wednesday 18th - Saturday 21st March, 7:30pm Matinee: Saturday 21st March, 2:30pm

Tickets: £15

Joe Orton's What The Butler Saw is a razor-sharp, wildly funny farce of chaos, desire, and deception. When young Geraldine Butler arrives at Dr Prentice's clinic for a job interview, she's met with more than she bargained for - a lecherous doctor, his equally wayward wife, a blackmailing page-boy, and a disastrously timed government inspection.

Intelligent, scandalous, and outrageously witty, this classic Orton comedy exposes human folly with biting brilliance. From the award-winning HumDrum team behind Entertaining Mr Sloane.



#### **Book Group - Spring 2026**

Second Thursday of the month, 7:15pm Tickets: £7

A welcoming space for book lovers 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 8th January –
The Land in Winter by Andrew Miller

Thursday 12th February –
The Safe Keep by Yael Van Der Wouden

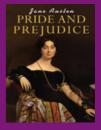
Thursday 12th March –
Lean, Fall, Stand by Jon McGregor

Thursday 9th April –
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen









#### **Music Bites**

Selected Saturdays, 12.30pm-2pm. Free

Enjoy live music in our foyer over a drink and delicious lunch.

Head to our website to see who will be playing!



#### **Bringing The Outside In**

Tuesday 3rd February, 7:30pm Wednesday 4th February, 11am Tickets: £12. £8 for under 25s

A new theatre show influenced by New Forest folklore, Bringing The Outside In explores topics of climate anxiety in young people and local issues like air pollution through a combination of music, puppetry, and digital storytelling.

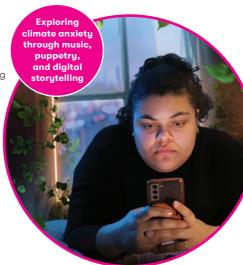
"A soul-stirring exploration of fear, hope, and the importance of community in a changing world."

Theatre For Life is an arts organisation working with marginalised groups, the NHS, Solent Mind charity, educational providers, and the wider community through specialist creative and health programmes.









#### **Event Cinema**

Enjoy the world's greatest performances brought to you live via satellite or recorded in front of live audiences and presented direct to our cinema screen.



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**ROYAL BALLET** & OPERA

**Fickets** 

#### Royal Opera: La Traviata

At a lavish Paris party, courtesan Violetta meets Alfredo, and love transforms her world. She abandons luxury for passion, but tragedy soon follows. Verdi's La Traviata, directed by Richard Eure and starring Ermonela Jaho, blends sumptuous grandeur with intimate emotion in one of opera's most beloved masterpieces.



#### **Royal Ballet: Giselle**

Peasant girl Giselle falls for Albrecht, unaware he's a nobleman betrothed to another. Betrayed, she dies of heartbreak and joins the vengeful Wilis, spirits who condemn men to dance to their deaths. Peter Wright's classic Royal Ballet production evokes love, betrayal, and redemption in Adam's hauntingly beautiful Giselle.



#### **Royal Opera: Siegfried**

Unaware of his true heritage, a young hero sets out on a quest that leads to a shattered sword, a deadly dragon, and a cursed ring. The third chapter in Wagner's Ring cycle, following Kosky's acclaimed Das Rheingold (2023) and Die Walküre (2025), Siegfried blazes with mythic grandeur and magic.



#### **Royal Opera: The Magic Flute**

When Princess Pamina is captured, Prince Tamino and his companion Papageno set out to rescue her - only to discover that love and truth are far from simple. Guided by a magic flute, they face trials of wisdom and heart in David McVicar's enchanting production of Mozart's timeless The Magic Flute.



#### Make a matinee of it!

Join us for a delicious pre-show lunch before your Royal Opera House, Exhibition on Screen or musical cinema experience.

Tables are limited - book in advance at info@thespring.co.uk.



#### **Turner And Constable**

#### Tuesday 10th March, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Celebrate the 250th birthdays of J.M.W. Turner and John Constable in this captivating new documentary, exploring their rivalry, intertwined lives, and artistic legacies. With exclusive access to Tate Britain's groundbreaking exhibition, the film showcases Turner's fiery, dreamlike landscapes alongside Constable's pastoral realism. Enjoy intimate views of sketchbooks, personal items, and expert insights, and witness the clash of 'fire and water' that defined two of Britain's greatest painters. A unique opportunity to experience their art and stories together, on the big screen.



#### **Hamlet**

#### Thursday 22nd January, 7pm

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera (Life of Pi) is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy.

Trapped between duty and doubt, surrounded by power and privilege, young Prince Hamlet dares to ask the ultimate question – you know the one. National Theatre Deputy Artistic Director, Robert Hastie (Standing at the Sky's Edge, Operation Mincemeat) directs this sharp, stylish and darkly funny reimagining.





#### **Love Never Dies**

#### Tuesday 27th January, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Love Never Dies continues the story of The Phantom of the Opera in a breathtaking production filmed in 2012. With a 21-piece orchestra, a cast of 36 led by Ben Lewis and Anna O'Byrne, over 300 costumes, and 5,000 lights, this cinematic musical spectacle is a feast for the eyes and ears.

#### Radiohead x Nosferatu: A Symphony Of Horror

Tuesday 17th February, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Silents Synced pairs classic silent films with powerful rock soundtracks for a bold big-screen experience.
This edition reimagines F.W.
Murnau's Nosferatu (1922) - the haunting, unauthorized take on Dracula - set to
Radiohead's Kid A (2000) and
Amnesiac (2001). A fusion of gothic cinema and modern sound.



#### **Bat Out Of Hell: The Musical**

#### Tuesday 14th April, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

The cast of the West End production will bring Jim Steinman and Meat Loaf's iconic anthems to life.

This heart-pounding experience, with a powerhouse eight-piece live band on stage, delivers a new production with sprawling multi-level platforms to transport you from Raven's bedroom to the underground world of the Lost in a visual feast that pushes the boundaries of live theatre.

#### When Vincent Met John

by The Everyman Theatre

Wednesday 4th March, 8pm Tickets: £15

What if Vincent van Gogh and John Lennon - two of history's greatest artists - had met? This play imagines that encounter at the exact moment of crisis for both men. In 1886, Vincent struggles with poverty, illness, and artistic rejection in Antwerp, while in 1974, John battles fame, estrangement, and addiction in Los Angeles. Exploring love, death, art, and legacy, the story fuses their worlds to reveal how two troubled geniuses confronted change, creation, and the choices that defined their lives.



#### **All For Your Delight**

by Farnham Maltings

Thursday 5th March, 7:30pm Tickets: £15

The famous Brightcoats are on tour. In between gigs at the nation's best holiday resorts, they're welcoming audiences into community spaces around the country.

Behind the sequins and spotlights, something deeper is unfolding. When an unexpected character emerges forcing them to confront what it means to live a life dedicated to performance.



#### The Noise Next Door: Comedy, Improvised

Saturday 7th March, 7:30pm Tickets: £18

Funny stuff, made up on the spot. No gimmicks, no tricks - just the quickest, wittiest improvisers in the UK putting on a show to make you laugh like nobody's business.

The formula is simple - 1) You suggest ANYTHING. 2) The Noise Next Door turn your suggestion into a miniature comedy masterpiece. 3) Laughter. 4) Repeat.

The Noise Next Door are award-winning, twelve-time sell-out legends of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and have blown audiences away on BBC One, ITV1, Comedy Central, and in comedy clubs and theatres all over the world. Don't miss your chance to see them live.



#### **General Medical Emergency** Ward 10

by Dyad Productions

Wednesday 11th March, 8pm Tickets: £17

The award-winning Dyad Productions and Company Gavin Robertson are joining forces in a pacy, clichéridden comic homage to the intrigues and dramas of every hospital plotline on the big and small screen!

Every hospital, medical-based, Doctors-and-Nurses clicheridden drama onstage in a comedy mash-up spoof! To be taken once a day.

#### "Robertson performs with a subtle conviction that's compelling to watch."

\*\*\*\* The Guardian



#### **The Alter Eagles**

#### Friday 13th and Saturday 14th March, 8pm Tickets: £23

Now in their 23rd year, the Alter Eagles bring their concert-length tribute to one of the greatest bands of all time back to The Spring for two nights. The two hour show delivers a loving note-for-note recreation of all the Eagles' greatest hits including classics like Hotel California, Lyin' Eyes and Take it Easy.



#### **Cerys Bradley's Queer Tales** For Autistic Folks

by Ingenious Fools

#### Thursday 12th March, 8pm Tickets: £13

Join award-winning comedian Cerys Bradley for the national tour of their wonderfully bonkers, expansive, interactive choose-your-own-

story comedy show. All participation in the show is voluntary, and all contributions are celebrated.

"A great storyteller." \*\*\*\* ND Review The

Guardian

Relaxed performance suitable for all audiences



#### **Fixing**

by Matt Miller and Peader Kirk

Wednesday 25th March, 8pm Tickets: £15

Drag mechanic Natalie Spanner would like to teach you all about holistic car care - how to look after our cars, but also ourselves - and invite you to get down and dirty under the bonnet. She's also here to help Matt navigate childhood memories of the time just after Matt's parents divorced, when everything seemed like an adventure. The time Matt and their dad were closest.

These two worlds collide in a show which is both outrageous and touching, laugh-out-loud and heartfelt, interactive and caring. A show about family breakups, learning car maintenance and choosing the right shade of lipstick to do it in.





#### **Counting Sheeps**

Wednesday 4th March, 10:30am, 12noon & 2pm Tickets: £12 Adult and 1 baby, £16 Adult and 2 babies, £5 for additional adult

Two sheep think they know everything about sleep. They're experts in the field.

But tonight they're wide awake.

Snuggle up and join two sheep on a journey through the joys and frustrations of everything bedtime. A touching, musical adventure filled with sensory play, for 0-3 year olds and their (very tired) grown ups.



#### **Wonder Gigs**

Saturday 21st February, 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.



#### Zoom

#### Saturday 24th January, 11am & 2pm Tickets: £10

Molly knows everything about space - or so she thinks! But when she meets a visitor from outer space, she discovers there's plenty to learn about caring for our own planet.

Zoom! is a playful, music-filled adventure for ages 3-8 about friendship, curiosity and looking after Earth.

"There could not be a better way than this, to introduce your young child to theatre." Surrey Advertiser



#### **Out Of The Box**

#### Saturday 28th March, 11am & 2pm Tickets: £11

Out of the Box is a family friendly circus comedy show, which sees an unlikely character and his box bring audiences together through jouful awe, never knowing what to expect next.

The show is a joyous celebration of PLAY throughout your life, whatever your age, bringing generations together through seriously skilful silliness.



#### **Bringing The Outside In**

Tuesday 3rd February, 7:30pm Wednesday 4th February, 11am Tickets: £12, £8 for under 25s

For

ages

Amber is alone. She's not turned up for the first day of her final year of sixth form. She's terrified of the

climate crisis, and everyone knows it. Enter Yerna - a three thousand uear old "giant" she accidentally summons, who turns her stuffu flat into a forest oasis. But can

#### **Dire Streets**

#### Friday 27th March, 7:30pm Tickets: £27

Dire Streets bring to life the classic songs of one of the world's greatest guitar bands with a level of musicianship and attention to detail that makes them the stand out Dire Straits tribute in the UK.

The two-hour theatre show includes faithful renditions of classic studio tracks along with extended live versions from some of the legendary Dire Straits concerts.



# Alex McAleer: Mind Reader Saturday 28th March, 8pm Tickets: £19.50, £16.50 concessions Alex McAleer possesses the uncanny ability to apparently read people's minds. With awardnominated, sell-out shows around the globe, Alex has earned his reputation as a charismatic entertainer. Featuring unbelievable demonstrations of his psychological skills, this show is interactive, engaging, and laugh out loud funny. \*\*The West Australian\*\* \*\*The West



#### 80s HiFi

#### Friday 3rd April, 7:30pm Tickets: £23.50 standing, £25 seated

The UK's number one 80s experience - relive the best music and biggest hits of the decade, performed live by a full five-piece band. Imagine stepping into a time capsule back to the dance halls of the 1980s, with the sounds of Duran Duran, Tears for Fears, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Kate Bush, and many more.



#### Forever Elton And Joel

#### Saturday 4th April, 7:30pm Tickets: £25

The spectacular Forever Elton and Joel delivers a dazzling celebration of two of the greatest musical icons of our time - Billy Joel and Elton John. Led by the multi award-winning composer and musical director Phil Mountford, this tribute band brings the magic of two of the greatest piano men to life with electrifying performances.



#### **True Strays**

#### Thursday 9th April, 8pm Tickets: £16

True Strays are a Bristol-based duo blending alt-Americana, blues rock, and neo-psychedelia into heartland anthems filled with soul and grit. Lifelong friends and DIY warriors, they've supported Lukas Nelson, rocked stages from Glastonbury to Joe Bonamassa's cruise, and returned with their boldest, most personal album yet: Never Ending Sunset. For fans of big hooks, real stories, and music that hits home.

Twice nominated as Emerging Act of the Year at the UK Blues Awards, the duo are fast becoming one of the UK's most exciting alt-roots acts



#### **Meet Fred**

bu Hiiinx

Wednesday 8th April, 8pm

Ten years, 20+ countries, and countless laughs later,
Meet Fred is back!

This darkly funny, internationally acclaimed satire follows Fred, a puppet fighting for his independence as his Puppetry Living Allowance is under threat. A hilariously subversive take on bureaucracy, disability rights, and what it means to be human.

**"Sharp, funny and vastly entertaining."** Lyn Gardner, for The Guardian



# Looking For Me Friend: The Music Of Victoria Wood by The Cabaret Geek

Friday 10th April, 7:30pm Tickets: £22.50

Celebrate the life and legacy of Victoria Wood in this joyous, feel-good evening. Paulus The Cabaret Geek (BBC1's All Together Now) and pianist Michael Roulston (Fascinating Aïda) bring nostalgia, laughter, and Victoria's best-loved songs to the stage.

Welcomed by her family, friends, and colleagues, the show is a heartfelt tribute for both longtime devotees and newcomers alike. Expect wit, warmth, and wordplay wizardry in a night of pure fun - stilettos optional, oven gloves encouraged!

"Paulus's homage to Victoria Wood is practically a national institution" Kate Copstick, Chortle.



#### Fire, Rain And American Pie

Saturday 11th April, 7:30pm Tickets: £22

A heartwarming musical tribute to the iconic U.S. singer-songwriters of the late '60s and early '70s. This show features timeless hits from James Taylor, Carole King, Simon &



Garfunkel, Joni Mitchell, Don McLean, Carly Simon, and more, performed by an excellent five-piece band.

Classics like You've Got a Friend, American Pie, Big Yellow Taxi, California Dreaming, and Woodstock come alive alongside a nostalgic, intimate narrative with period images. Sometimes poignant, sometimes amusing, this show is always a delightful celebration of a golden era of music.



#### **Club Mistero**

by SilverStage Theatre Company

Thursday 16th April, 7:30pm Tickets: £16, £12 students

Step into the dangerous but dazzling world of Club Mistero, set in 1920s New York, a thrilling murder mystery that combines glitz, glam, and suspense. With sharp dialogue, unexpected twists, and a dynamic cast, Club Mistero is a gripping, immersive theatre experience that will keep you guessing until the end.



#### The Croupiers

Friday 17th April, 7:30pm Tickets: £19

Fresh from their adventures around the UK, Brighton-based The Croupiers return to Havant for an evening filled to the brim with Classic, Rare and Anthemic Northern Soul, performed live by a female-fronted 10 piece powerhouse!

The Croupiers continue on their mission to spread the gospel of all things Northern Soul directly to you. Expect tracks you won't have heard played by a live band before, and that you won't hear anywhere else.



#### **A Country Music Songbook**

Saturday 18th April, 7:30pm Tickets: £26

Brought to life by a talented band of seasoned players, and singers, A Country Music Songbook promises an unforgettable evening filled with intimate moments, engaging narratives, and emotionally charged performances.

Expect a one-of-a-kind experience as the show weaves together a unique collection of songs, from The Carter Family to Billy Joel, Buck Owens to John Hiatt and Elvis to Asleep at The Wheel,

with carefully chosen illustrations to bring the songs to life.



## **Coming up for Summer!**



Daniel Foxx: How Lovely



Tom Stade: Naughty By Nature



Comedy: Edinburgh Previews



Music: Summer Sessions



Music: The Rebel Rousers



Event Cinema: John Cleese Packs It In

#### Plus lots more!

Join The Spring's mailing list to be the first to find out when these events go on sale!

#### **Open Exhibition 2026**

#### Mark your calendars! The Springs' annual Open Exhibition returns.

Each year, The Spring hosts a vibrant Open Exhibition that showcases and celebrates art, crafts and textiles in all their forms, from artists and makers in Havant, Hampshire and surrounding areas.

Whether a seasoned professional, an enthusiastic amateur, or just love to dabble, we welcome visual artists working in any medium to share their unique perspective with us.





At The Spring, our unique gallery spaces offer inspiring settings for exhibitions, meetings and special occasions.

The **Mezzanine Gallery** is a bright, open, and professional exhibition space.

Our **Foyer Gallery** is a lively, public space within our café bar.

To find out more, arrange a visit, or submit a proposal, email exhibitions@thespring.co.uk.















#### **Threads of Freedom**

On display from 24th November

As part of Our Freedom: Here and Now, The Spring has joined a nationwide celebration marking 80 years since the end of the Second World War. Working with local artists Helen Sill and Tanya Woods, we've explored what freedom means to people in Havant today.

Through drawings, words, and stitches, our community has shared their reflections on freedom. These contributions have been brought together into one participatory artwork that captures the voices and creativity of the local community.

Explore the evolving exhibition from 24th November 2025, then celebrate the final artwork from 7th January 2026.

Photography credit: Sam Ivin

















# Celebrating local heritage stories

Discover the stories and celebrate the people of Havant borough, through our heritage collection, research room and events.

#### Heritage Walks!

Returning from April 2026 with the brilliant Nigel Brown as your guide!

Identify evidence of human activity in the landscape to discover what might have happened in the past - all while enjoying the fresh air and good company. Specific dates and themes can be found on our website.

#### Your history, your heritage

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

- Browse maps, census returns, church records and local directories.
- Online access use Ancestry and Find My Past.
- Expert help book a free appointment with our volunteer genealogists and historians.

#### **Upcoming exhibitions for Spring 2026**

- Threads Of Freedom
- Swing Riots
- William Grant
- Havant Camera Club

Dates and further details to be announced.

#### **Havant History Group**

First Saturday of the month 10am – 12noon, Free.

We are delighted to host this brilliant local group. If you have a love of local history and want to find out more. Join them for their open meetings.

#### **Take part**

#### 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 (term time) 10am - 12noon. Free.

Bring your own creative projects to these open drop-in sessions and be supported by a facilitator in a friendlu atmosphere!

Thursdays (term time) 10am - 12noon. £2 per session.

Focusing on art mediums, use a selection of our materials or bring your own projects to this open session.

# Creative Memory Café

Wednesdays (second of the month) 10:30am - 12:30pm. Free.

For people living with dementia and their carers to relax, enjoy a cup of tea and take part in gentle, themed creative activities using colours, sounds and different materials. Supported by Home Instead Havant.

#### **Body Control Pilates**

led by Gillian Burn and John Spencer

Wednesdays

Beginners: 2:15pm

Intermediates: 11:30am and 1pm 7th January - 11th February (6 weeks)

25th February - 1st April (6 weeks)

Pay on the day: £13. Pay in full: £75 each term

Relax and strengthen your body with Pilates, focusing on core muscles for improved tone, posture, flexibility, and balance. Gillian and John, trained with Body Control Pilates Academy, have over 21 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.

Visit www.healthcircles.co.uk/pilates-exercise.



#### **Support Groups**

The Spring serves as a hub for the local community and many support groups. For details about attending or taking part, please contact the individual groups listed below.

#### **Breastfeeding Network**

Mondays, 10am - 11.30am Every Monday during term time

Contact: bfnsouthcoast@breastfeedingnetwork.org.uk

Tel: 0300 100 0212

### Havant & Portsmouth Area MS Social

First Tuesday of the month, 12pm - 3pm **Contact:** johnnybish@hotmail.com **Tel:** 07586 596099

#### Serendipity

Twice a month on Thursdays 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Contact: serendipity@avenuesgroup.org.uk

Tel: 01489 880881 (ext. 225)



#### **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.





#### **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 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.

#### 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.

Annual tea and cake meeting with patrons and Directors.

£500 / £700 per year Individual / Joint

£1,000 / £1,400 per year

#### **PLUS**

Become a

Directors.

website.

Gold Patron

Exclusive invitations to

Twice-yearly insider

newsletter from the

season preview events.

Public recognition in our

brochure and on our

Annual tea and cake

meeting with patrons

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

and Directors.

Individual / Joint

#### 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.

Discounted use of space once a year (subject to availability).

£2,000 / £2,800 per year Individual / Joint



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

Thank you to our Patrons: Alan Thurbon, Emma Loveman, Gladys West and Rachel Bowns.

#### 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

#### Thanks to our funders:





#### **New! Ticket Refund Protection**

We know that plans can change - that's why we've partnered with Secure My Booking to offer Ticket Refund Protection. For just £2 per ticket, you can add extra peace of mind when you book online, by phone, or at Box Office. If something unexpected means you can't attend - such as illness, travel disruption, or severe weather - you may be able to reclaim the cost of your tickets.

For more information and what's covered, head to our website:

www.thespring.co.uk/visit-us/ticket-refund-protection.



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