

Sandstone RIDGE FESTIVAL Featuring MARK RADCLIFFE BARRY GRAIN SAUL DAVID GARETH R ROBERTS NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIR OF GREAT BRITAIN MATTHEW DENNISON JOHN LINDLEY LUCY STEVENS KIM ATKINSON AND MANY MORE...



THURSDAY 18TH MAY - SANDSTONE RIDGE

"A View From The Ridge: Maiden Castle and Bickerton Hill" - Dr Peter Winn will lead a walk on the Sandstone Ridge discussing the history of this stunning landscape.

Venue: Meet at Pool Lane Car Park, Bickerton SY14 8LN

Time: 10.00am start estimated finish 12:00pm Tickets: £5.00 / Under 18s Free

THURSDAY 18TH MAY - CHOLMONDELEY

Tour of Cholmondeley Castle Gardens with Barry Grain, Head Gardener - With over twenty years of horticultural experience, Barry has been instrumental in the continuing evolution of the gardens, and works closely with the Cholmondeley family.

Venue: Public Entrance, Nantwich Drive, SY14 8AH

Time: 16.00pm - 17.30pm

Tickets: £6.00 / Under 18s FREE

The Charge of the Light Brigade: Who

Blundered? - Saul David - The Charge of the Light Brigade is one of the most notorious fiascos in British military history. But who was responsible for this suicidal assault on Russian guns? Saul David considers the evidence.

Venue: St Nicholas's Chapel, Cholmondeley, SY14 8AH

Time: 19.00pm - 20.15pm

Tickets: £10.00 / Under 18s Free

FRIDAY 19TH MAY - BUNBURY

Literary Lunch prepared by My Secret Feasts with talks from Gareth R Roberts and Matthew Dennison - Gareth is a former political speech writer who, these days is criminal barrister by day and a scribbler by night. Matthew Dennison is the author of six works of non-fiction. He read English at Christ Church, Oxford, as Douglas Jerrold Scholar, and afterwards the History of Decorative Arts at the University of Glasgow.

Venue: Bunbury Cricket Pavilion, CW6 9NR

Time: 12.30pm - mid afternoon

Tickets: £25.00 / Under 18s not FREE

FRIDAY 19TH MAY - BUNBURY

The Fellows of the National Youth Choir of

Great Britain - Eight of this country's finest young singers in a thrilling programme which takes us from Britten to Billy Joel and from Shakespeare to Spider-Man.

Venue: St Boniface Church CW6 9PE

Time: 18.30pm - 20.00pm Tickets: £10.00 / Under 18s Free

SATURDAY 20TH MAY - MALPAS

Acorn Writers - The Acorns of Malpas writing group members are performing a selection of their work. They will also be talking about the writing process and their inspirations. Please join us. If you are an aspiring writer or if you just love to listen, you are very welcome.

Venue: St Oswald's Church, SY14 8PA

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

Tickets: FREE

Refreshments on sale provided by the Friends of St. Oswald's.

'The Last Train to Tomorrow' by Lady Milena Grenfell Baines MBE - One of the 669 children saved by Sir Nicholas Winton during the second world war in Czechoslovakia, Lady Milena will give one of her amazing talks that are nationally and internationally recognised. Make sure you attend this "once in a lifetime" event. On behalf of The Holocaust Educational Trust.

Venue: St Oswald's Church, SY14 8PA

Time: 13.00pm - 14:00pm

Tickets: £5.00 / Under 18s Free

Chris Robson Discusses the Value of Literature and It's Effect on all of us - Chris will discuss the value of literature, delve into the power of storytelling, exploring its ability to shape identity, culture, and the world itself.

Venue: St Oswald's Church, SY14 8PA

Time: 15.00pm - 16:00pm

Tickets: £5.00 / Under 18s Free

SATURDAY 20TH MAY - MALPAS

Former Cheshire Poet Laureate John Lindley performs - Former 'Cheshire Poet Laureate' and 'Manchester Cathedral Poet of the Year', John Lindley is a freelance poet, songwriter and creative writing tutor. An experienced performer, he has read at Ledbury Poetry Festival and at the Buxton and Edinburgh Fringe Festivals.

Venue: St. Oswald's Church, SY14 8PA

Time: 16:30pm - 17:30pm

Tickets: £5.00 / Under 18s Free

Mark Radcliffe....Should you be interested -

Radio and TV presenter, musician, writer, friend of the stars and all round cheese fetishist Mark Radcliffe has been making a little go a long way for several decades now. This show is no exception.

Venue: Jubilee Hall, SY14 8NN

Time: 20:00pm – 23:00pm (Bar open from 19:00pm)

Tickets: £12.50 / Under 18s not FREE

SUNDAY 21ST MAY - TATTENHALL

Peter Wheeler Competition Winners Reading

Venue: The Barbour Institute, CH3 9PX

Time: 11.30am - 13.00pm

Tickets: FREE | Kindly Supported by



Exhibition of paintings by Kim Atkinson

- A series of paintings commissioned by the Sandstone Ridge Trust as part of a project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Venue: The Barbour Institute, CH3 9PX

Time: 13:00pm - 18:30pm

Tickets: FREE

Talk "Sandstone Ridge: past, present and future" by Andrew Hull - Andrew Hull is Emeritus

Professor of Landscape Ecology at Liverpool John Moores University and chairman of The Sandstone Ridge Trust.

Venue: The Barbour Institute, CH3 9PX

Time: 14:00pm - 15:00pm

Tickets: £5.00 / Under 18s Free

SUNDAY 21ST MAY - TATTENHALL

Whattalife! A new one woman play with music starring Lucy Stevens - Kathleen Ferrier was one of Britain's phenomenal women of the 20th Century. Whattalife! tells her story from her debut as a singer in 1940, her meteoric rise and her tragic death in 1953.

Venue: The Barbour Institute, CH3 9PX

Time: 18.30pm - 20:00pm

Tickets: £10.00 / Under 18s Free











Matthew Dennison



John Lindley





WELCOME TO THE SANDSTONE RIDGE FESTIVAL

The Sandstone Ridge Festival is a new arts and community festival celebrating Cheshire's artists and performers, with music, theatre, art exhibitions, author talks and poetry. It launches for the first time this year from May 18th - 21st.

The villages of Cholmondeley, Tattenhall, Bunbury, Burwardsley and Malpas run alongside the Sandstone Ridge and will hold events against the backdrop of some of Cheshire's oldest prettiest villages and stunning landscapes. Each village will host a day of the festival.

THE SANDSTONE RIDGE FESTIVAL ART EXHIBITION







The Sandstone Ridge Festival Art Exhibition is being held at the Cheshire Art Hub, a superb, purpose built gallery overlooking a spectacular view in Burwardsley, heart of the Sandstone Trail.

Come and enjoy a wonderful selection of art, ceramics, glass and sculpture by artists whose roots lie in the area.

Refreshments will be on sale at the gallery or take a stroll to the nearby Pheasant Inn.

Address: Cheshire Art Hub, Mickerloo Barn, Hart Hill Road, Burwardsley, CH3 9NU Dates: 18th - 27th May Opening Times: 10.00am - 17.00pm Admission: FREE

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Tickets can be bought online or from our local venues: Bunbury: Tilly's Coffee Shop, Tattenhall: Post Office, Malpas: Old School Tea Rooms, Burwardsley: Cheshire Art Hub.

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