



# GALLERY PANGOLIN



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 79.

Well we made it. A full twelve issues this time. This year was easier than the last but it still managed to throw a few challenges and uncertainties in our print worn faces along the way...

Thanks again to all our contributing writers for lending their time and quills, the photographers and cover artists. Not to mention our advertisers, sponsors and all the artists, musicians, filmmakers, venues, shops and festivals who keep on creating, promoting and producing - all ensuring this magazine of ours continues to exist with never ending, hyperlocal content and helping the community and culture of Stroud continue to thrive.

In other news we are excited to announce that the annual (apart from last year) Good On Paper Party returns on the 5th February 2022 for volume 6...

A fundraiser for the magazine (which continues to operate as a part-time fully independent project) bringing forth a hoard of local artists, musicians, DJ's, comedians and poets to celebrate the vibrant, creative scene which Stroud is increasingly becoming renowned for (turn a few pages for the lineup).

Until then take five, read on and plan what you're going to do locally this month.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Better New Year

Long live the printed word.  
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# SHOW OF HANDS COLLECTIVE

BY MILLIE KIDSON

## WHEN CLARE BONNET AND HEIDI HOCKENJOS MOVED TO STROUD, THEY WERE WELCOMED BY A VIBRANT CREATIVE COMMUNITY AND READY TO FIND THEIR PLACE IN IT. THEN A GLOBAL PANDEMIC HAPPENED.

As many of us began a working life of Zoom calls and lonely lunches, artists and makers were trying to create beauty and reflect truth without their usual creative stimuli.

Quite apart from feeling alone, with no one to bounce ideas off of or at least feel in tune with, some artists were now faced with a complete uncertainty over their livelihood. Like many industries, the art world has suffered from a lack of opportunities to exhibit work and create income. Meanwhile, art lovers have missed out on their usual inspirations.

Clare, a fine art painter, describes the effect of successive lockdowns as "super isolating". Having previously worked from Jamaica Street Studios in Bristol, a collective of 40 professional artists, she found herself working alone from the studio in her garden. Heidi, a goldsmith and jewellery designer, also found herself working alone, removed from the thriving creative community of our town. They both describe their love for Stroud; a place with "a creative scene" where "things feel achievable" for artists.

Clare and Heidi soon struck up a friendship. They were both pleased to find that they felt the same: isolated and disempowered by the effects of the global situation. They were both looking for somewhere to show and sell their new works. And so, Show of Hands collective was born.

They are creating networks for makers in the South West to connect and help each other. If there is one thing that we have all learned in the last year and a half, it is the power of collective work.

Clare and Heidi certainly weren't alone in their feelings. As they began to speak to artists about joining the collective, they found that some of the creatives they spoke to were also looking for connection and

community in these difficult times. Their first foray into the public sphere will be a gallery sale created by artists for artists and art lovers alike. They have joined forces with more than 20 artists who will all be exhibiting works including paintings, jewellery, woodwork and sustainable fashion.

Many of the artists are from Stroud, with others from Bristol, Devon and Cornwall. The collective plan to keep developing networks across the South West and hope to hold future pop ups in a variety of Cotswold locations. Knowing that so many industries have been affected by the pandemic, they are looking to give empty shop fronts and venues a breath of fresh air with creative exhibitions.

Most of the works have been created since March 2020 and each artist will rotate pieces as they are sold, so it will be worth revisiting their first showcase throughout the month. Clare and Heidi will both be present in the gallery every day. The many other artists involved will also have a presence, so that visitors can discuss the pieces and meet their makers.

Clare tells me that many of the artists are also parents. They have spent the last 18 months designing and creating whilst juggling home schooling, breastfeeding and caring for children in uncertain times, making these works a powerful reminder of the creative spirit.

They are also very excited to tell me about the launch party, which takes place on Friday, December 3rd at SVA. An evening of fireside live music, mulled wine and stunning art will be set against the backdrop of Stroud's vibrant goodwill evening.

There is a real feeling of something fresh and new when I speak with Heidi and Clare. Clare describes to me the feeling that all of the rules are changing, so they decided to try things "on our own terms".

For them, Covid has 'changed the creative landscape'. This is a time for 'allowing new discussions, fresh collaborations and a dynamic approach to art practices'. Finding new ways to 'connect, move forward and thrive' as artists has led them to a moment where they are ready to take the 'post-pandemic creative market into our own hands'.

As the collective put it: 'artists are becoming curators, marketeers, gallery owners, writers and managers on top of their art practice'. This exhibition gives us an even more direct connection to the artists making things in our local area. Clare and Heidi tell me that whilst this is an experimental approach, it feels like "empowerment for artists".

In the last year artists have faced 'financial insecurity, health concerns, gallery closures, cancelled commissions and a government that has turned away from the creative industries'. Amongst all of this, creatives have gone on creating. Making beautiful things to give our lives meaning. As Winter approaches,

we're all looking for the places that hold light for us and art can be that light. The space that Clare and Heidi describe to me is not just an exhibition, and certainly not just a place to buy beautiful things, but a curated space filled with eclectic objects to inspire and uplift even the weariest soul this December.

### THE ARTISTS

**Clare's** work explores repetition in womanhood – generational cycles, entrenched societal expectations and the personal stories that link us all. She creates paintings that are rooted in the Narrative of Female: past, present, and future.

**Heidi** uses recycled gold and precious stones alongside hand-cut semi-precious stones to create jewellery that is colourful, delicate and tactile.

**Clare and Heidi** will be joined by, amongst others:

**In House**, the print studio and online store founded by Hayley and Marcus Walters, will be showing their colourful works. They use silk screens to print textures and patterns, before overlapping to build layers of colour.

**Alex Merry**, a full time illustrator who has recently worked for Gucci, also paints detailed portraits of pets and people.

**Popalini and Jezando** make collaborative wheel-thrown tea-ware and slipped terracotta tableware. They take influence from the traditional pottery of north Devon and combine it with the subtle, understated forms that they admired whilst researching wood firing in Japan.

**Lorraine Robbins** creates vessels with simple, classic forms capitalising on the making process itself to create bold and colourful pieces with uniquely textured and tactile surfaces.

Other exhibiting artists include the Darn Collective, Rachael McDonnell, Eily O Connell, Maxim Hastings, Dan Ablitt, Emma Studd, James Green, Nigel Noyes, Dan Parry Jones, Emmeline Hastings, Loopy Ewes and more...

The exhibition runs from Saturday December 4th to Thursday 23rd at SVA Gallery, John Street. Open Tuesdays to Saturdays 10am – 5pm. Open on Mondays by appointment and open every day from December 18th to 23rd. The launch party takes place on Fri 3rd December from 5:30 - 8:30pm. Visit [sva.org.uk](http://sva.org.uk) and follow Show Of Hands Collective on instagram [@showofhands\\_collective](https://www.instagram.com/showofhands_collective) for more details.

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## EXHIBITION SPACE:

# PHOEBE HATHAWAY

**I AM A FREELANCE ARTIST WORKING LOCALLY IN STROUD, THE TOWN WHERE I GREW UP AND WHERE MY LOVE OF ART BEGAN. AFTER FINISHING SECONDARY SCHOOL, I STUDIED A FOUNDATION COURSE IN ART AND DESIGN AT STROUD COLLEGE, WHERE I DISCOVERED ILLUSTRATION.**

What drew me to illustration is that the more I learnt about it, the more diverse it became. I realised the subject could range from a decorative design on a perfume bottle, a humorous political cartoon to an interactive installation piece.

After College, I went on to study at Falmouth University, which was an incredible place to live and be creative. There I learnt about digital art and soon became familiar with software like Photoshop and Illustrator. Using digital techniques to develop my work, I became fascinated with creating iridescent shapes with grainy textures, often forming surreal landscapes and atmospheric moods.

I think I am most inspired by the weird and wonderful aspects of the natural world. To me, nothing is more inspiring than the way light bounces off ripples in a stream or the intricate structure of a plant. My work is often a reflection of something I have seen that inspired me or on a concept I am interested in at the time. It can also just be an excuse to experiment with a painting or digital technique.

Now in my twenties living back in Stroud, I work on design projects in my free time, often commissioned by friends and local businesses. I am proud to have worked on Action on Plastic's logo and website rebranding - an organisation from Stroud, who provide information on how we can all reduce our plastic waste.

Over the past year I have painted Murals around the local area. One of which was displayed in the window of Thistle by Nature's botanical studio for a pop up yule shop.. Another piece of work which can be seen in Stroud is at The Kingshead pub in Kingscourt which features a garden mural of Bees, Butterflies and wildflowers.

I enjoy working on larger scale projects, festival sets and sign painting, as well as working on websites and digital media.

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# CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKETS + EXHIBITIONS 2021

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<b>BAPTIST CHURCH HALL</b>	<b>BAPTIST CHURCH HALL</b>
<b>SAT 11TH</b>	<b>SAT 11TH</b>
STROUD ARTISTS COOPERATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET	STROUD ARTISTS COOPERATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET
Stroud Artists Cooperative members will be selling their art, cards and gift items in this small but lovely church hall! Find something unique from local artists to give as gifts this Christmas.	Stroud Artists Cooperative members will be selling their art, cards and gift items in this small but lovely church hall! Find something unique from local artists to give as gifts this Christmas.
<b>10AM-4PM</b>	<b>10AM-4PM</b>
<b>STROUDARTCOOP.CO.UK</b>	<b>STROUDARTCOOP.CO.UK</b>
<b>CORNHILL MARKET PLACE</b>	<b>CORNHILL MARKET PLACE</b>
<b>SAT 18TH - THURS 23RD</b>	<b>SAT 18TH - THURS 23RD</b>
STROUD FARMERS AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS	STROUD FARMERS AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS
Returning for the 10th year the Farmers and Christmas markets at the Cornhill Market Place will be packed full of top quality makers and ethically sound importers meaning there will be something for everyone. Potters, Jewellers and soap makers will be alongside leatherwork, fine foods and artists. Unique gifts for those unique people in your life. Sat: Farmer's Market 9am/2pm, Sun-Weds: Crafts, Gifts and Food 9am-4pm/Thurs: Stroud Farmers Market Extra 9am-2pm	Returning for the 10th year the Farmers and Christmas markets at the Cornhill Market Place will be packed full of top quality makers and ethically sound importers meaning there will be something for everyone. Potters, Jewellers and soap makers will be alongside leatherwork, fine foods and artists. Unique gifts for those unique people in your life. Sat: Farmer's Market 9am/2pm, Sun-Weds: Crafts, Gifts and Food 9am-4pm/Thurs: Stroud Farmers Market Extra 9am-2pm
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<b>GALLERY PANGOLIN</b>	<b>GALLERY PANGOLIN</b>
<b>SAT 20TH NOV - WEDS 22ND DEC</b>	<b>SAT 20TH NOV - WEDS 22ND DEC</b>
CHRISTMAS CRACKER!	CHRISTMAS CRACKER!
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<b>KITSCH COFFEE AND WINE BAR</b>	<b>KITSCH COFFEE AND WINE BAR</b>
<b>SAT 11TH</b>	<b>SAT 11TH</b>
A COURTYARD CHRISTMAS	A COURTYARD CHRISTMAS
Celebrate Christmas with your community at Kitsch. Enjoy Christmas stalls.	Celebrate Christmas with your community at Kitsch. Enjoy Christmas stalls.

Snow, Music, Mulled wine, Food and more. No reindeers were available this year so dress your dog up as one for the chance to win £££!! 12-3pm	<b>FACEBOOK.COM/KITSCHCOFFEEWINEBAR</b>
<b>LANSDOWN HALL</b>	<b>LANSDOWN HALL</b>
<b>FRI 3RD</b>	<b>FRI 3RD</b>
GOODWILL EVE AT LANSDOWN HALL	GOODWILL EVE AT LANSDOWN HALL
Music, bar, café and a charity market! Come and support your community venue and have a mulled wine.. 5-9pm	Music, bar, café and a charity market! Come and support your community venue and have a mulled wine.. 5-9pm
<b>LANSDOWNHALL.ORG</b>	<b>LANSDOWNHALL.ORG</b>
<b>MINCHINHAMPTON MARKETHOUSE</b>	<b>MINCHINHAMPTON MARKETHOUSE</b>
<b>SAT 4TH</b>	<b>SAT 4TH</b>
MINCHINHAMPTON MAKERS MARKET	MINCHINHAMPTON MAKERS MARKET
Local artisans selling their excellent wares ft textiles, jewellery, stained glass, contemporary art and more... 9am-12pm	Local artisans selling their excellent wares ft textiles, jewellery, stained glass, contemporary art and more... 9am-12pm
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<b>SHAMBLES MARKET</b>	<b>SHAMBLES MARKET</b>
<b>EVERY FRI AND SAT</b>	<b>EVERY FRI AND SAT</b>
Christmas Markets every Friday and Saturday up to the 24th December ft. over 25 regular stalls indoor and out selling exciting gifts, original cards, fresh foods and much more! 8am-3pm, also open for Stroud Goodwill Evening on Friday 3rd December from 8am till 9:30pm..	Christmas Markets every Friday and Saturday up to the 24th December ft. over 25 regular stalls indoor and out selling exciting gifts, original cards, fresh foods and much more! 8am-3pm, also open for Stroud Goodwill Evening on Friday 3rd December from 8am till 9:30pm..
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<b>ST LAURENCE CHURCH</b>	<b>ST LAURENCE CHURCH</b>
<b>THURS 2ND - SUN 12TH</b>	<b>THURS 2ND - SUN 12TH</b>
STROUD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL	STROUD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
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<b>STROUD BREWERY</b>	<b>STROUD BREWERY</b>
<b>SUN 12TH</b>	<b>SUN 12TH</b>
CHRISTMAS FAYRE	CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Come along to Stroud Brewery, have a pint of their organic beer or a mulled wine, peruse and buy wonderful gifts to excite and delight your friends and family. 10am-4pm	Come along to Stroud Brewery, have a pint of their organic beer or a mulled wine, peruse and buy wonderful gifts to excite and delight your friends and family. 10am-4pm
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<b>STROUD GOODWILL</b>	<b>STROUD GOODWILL</b>
<b>FRI 3RD</b>	<b>FRI 3RD</b>
2021 THEME: EARTH	2021 THEME: EARTH
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<b>FRI 3RD - SAT 4TH</b>	<b>FRI 3RD - SAT 4TH</b>
SUB ROOMS CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR	SUB ROOMS CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR
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THISTLE BY NATURE YULE BOTANICAL POPUP	THISTLE BY NATURE YULE BOTANICAL POPUP
The Thistle by Nature botanical studio opens its doors again this Christmas. Find time to the lovely folk of Stroud. Find wreaths, dried flower arrangements, workshops (book online!) and botanical themed wares from local makers and artists. Sharing the space this year is folk arts cooperative WEVEN (weven.co.uk), boasting an array of traditional handmade creations from craftspeople across the UK.	The Thistle by Nature botanical studio opens its doors again this Christmas. Find time to the lovely folk of Stroud. Find wreaths, dried flower arrangements, workshops (book online!) and botanical themed wares from local makers and artists. Sharing the space this year is folk arts cooperative WEVEN (weven.co.uk), boasting an array of traditional handmade creations from craftspeople across the UK.
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<b>VICTORIA WORKS</b>	<b>VICTORIA WORKS</b>
<b>SAT 4TH - SUN 5TH</b>	<b>SAT 4TH - SUN 5TH</b>
MADE IN CHALFORD CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP	MADE IN CHALFORD CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP
The annual Made in Chalford Christmas Pop-Up Shop returns to Victoria Works Studios showcasing some amazing local artists and makers, this is a great place to pick up unique, handmade Christmas gifts. There will be music and mulled wine to add to the festive atmosphere and, as usual, proceeds will go to Chalford Village Shop as well as this year's chosen charity: Stroud Foodbank. 11am-4pm	The annual Made in Chalford Christmas Pop-Up Shop returns to Victoria Works Studios showcasing some amazing local artists and makers, this is a great place to pick up unique, handmade Christmas gifts. There will be music and mulled wine to add to the festive atmosphere and, as usual, proceeds will go to Chalford Village Shop as well as this year's chosen charity: Stroud Foodbank. 11am-4pm
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<b>STONEHOUSE CHRISTMAS GOODWILL FEST</b>	<b>STONEHOUSE CHRISTMAS GOODWILL FEST</b>
<b>SAT 4TH</b>	<b>SAT 4TH</b>
Annual Goodwill Fest that marks the start of the town's Christmas celebrations featuring stalls selling seasonal goods and potential Christmas presents, children activities, live reindeer, Father Christmas in his makeshift grotto, street entertainers and music. Several local businesses join in the fun of the day by decorating their shop windows and a wide range of seasonal food and drink is also on offer. 2-5pm	Annual Goodwill Fest that marks the start of the town's Christmas celebrations featuring stalls selling seasonal goods and potential Christmas presents, children activities, live reindeer, Father Christmas in his makeshift grotto, street entertainers and music. Several local businesses join in the fun of the day by decorating their shop windows and a wide range of seasonal food and drink is also on offer. 2-5pm
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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR	CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
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CRAFTED FOR CHRISTMAS	CRAFTED FOR CHRISTMAS
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# MARA SIMPSON AND ALEXANDRA HAMILTON-AYRES



BY BEN WARDLE  
IMAGE BY TOM JACOB

**BEFORE SHE MOVED TO STROUD, MUSICIAN AND STORYTELLER MARA SIMPSON WAS LIVING IN BRIGHTON. IN EARLY 2020, WHILST ON THE BEACH, COLLECTING FIELD RECORDINGS WITH AWARD-WINNING FILM COMPOSER ALEXANDRA HAMILTON-AYRES, THE PAIR CHANCED UPON A SOLITARY FIGURE STARING OUT TO SEA LIKE A GHOST IN A M.R. JAMES STORY, “A WOMAN WITH LONG HAIR IN A FLOWING WHITE GOWN WAS LEANING OVER THE WAVES ON THE EDGE OF A PEBBLE RIDGE AND WE COULD SEE HER HAIR AND DRESS FLYING IN THE WIND COMING FROM THE SEA,” REMEMBERS ALEXANDRA, “SHE WAS REALLY LEANING AND I REMEMBER SAYING TO MARA ‘CAN YOU SEE HER? IS SHE REAL?’”**

The windblown ghost was perhaps an early warning of the extratropical cyclone which hit the UK in February that year. “With the Storm Ciara news, we just got totally hooked with the idea this character embodied the storm,” continues Alexandra. “It was also just as the pandemic was about to start so there was this real sense

of impending something that we really wanted to channel.”

The result of what the pair channelled can now be enjoyed as Ciara, an EP named after the windstorm and the woman, featuring four tracks composed around the field recordings. It is a startling concoction of cinematic folk electronica, with echoes of late period Talk Talk and neo classical artists Nils Frahm and Ólafur Arnalds. Opening track ‘Bristol’ immerses the listener in traffic and street noise before giving way to plangent piano chords and what sounds like a gentle stream. The pair clearly had fun assembling the field recordings but their combined talent avoids any accusations of self-indulgence. “We had the idea for this EP to be built from going on a walk together with a field recorder, not necessarily knowing what we’d find”, says Mara, “and then going back to the studio to chop up what we’d captured, creating a pallet of beats we could then paint from.” Both artists use the word beats, not in the sense of a dancefloor, but as percussive sounds including car doors slamming, clattering pots and bird song. “We knew on the first walk we wanted to make some beats with sound design” says Alexandra, “it was fun to try and make snares with the pebbles on the beach by kicking them. I think the sound for the EP evolved quite organically out of both of our sound worlds.”

It was the pandemic which kickstarted Mara’s blue-sky-thinking, to leave Brighton for “amazing” Stroud. That Alexandra was already in nearby Bristol was “an added bonus”. The pair have both released excellent solo albums during the last 18 months too (Mara’s *In This Place* and Alexandra’s *2 Years Stranger* are highly recommended), did the lockdown period help promote creativity? “I felt lucky that this EP and my LP were both begun just before the pandemic,” says Mara, “It meant that there was a thread to continue and

something to keep me going. That thread became a bit of a lifeline for my mental health too, knowing I had something to work on with another person, albeit remotely, through such an unnerving time.” Alexandra sees it a little more prosaically, “It was the only way I could keep going. I took on every project possible and sold a few things to keep afloat. I think that it definitely helped creatively too in the long run, being in one place for so long.” Is there a recent film she’s composed for which GOP readers might enjoy? “I would recommend watching *Long Live My Happy Head* which will be doing the festival rounds and on BBC soon! It was a great project to work on, I recorded with Her Ensemble and the score also blends sound design taking sounds and inspiration from MRI machines.”

At present there are no plans for the duo to perform Ciara live, so for now you’ll have to use the imagery Alexandra created for the artwork as you listen. You may even notice something familiar, “Stroud certainly got us thinking about locations and how we could define where we live with sound” she says, “When it came to capturing the visuals, the open sky of Rodborough Common resonated with the themes on the EP.”



Ciara is out now, streaming on all platforms. For news and updates visit [marasimpson.com](http://marasimpson.com) and [ah-a.co.uk](http://ah-a.co.uk)

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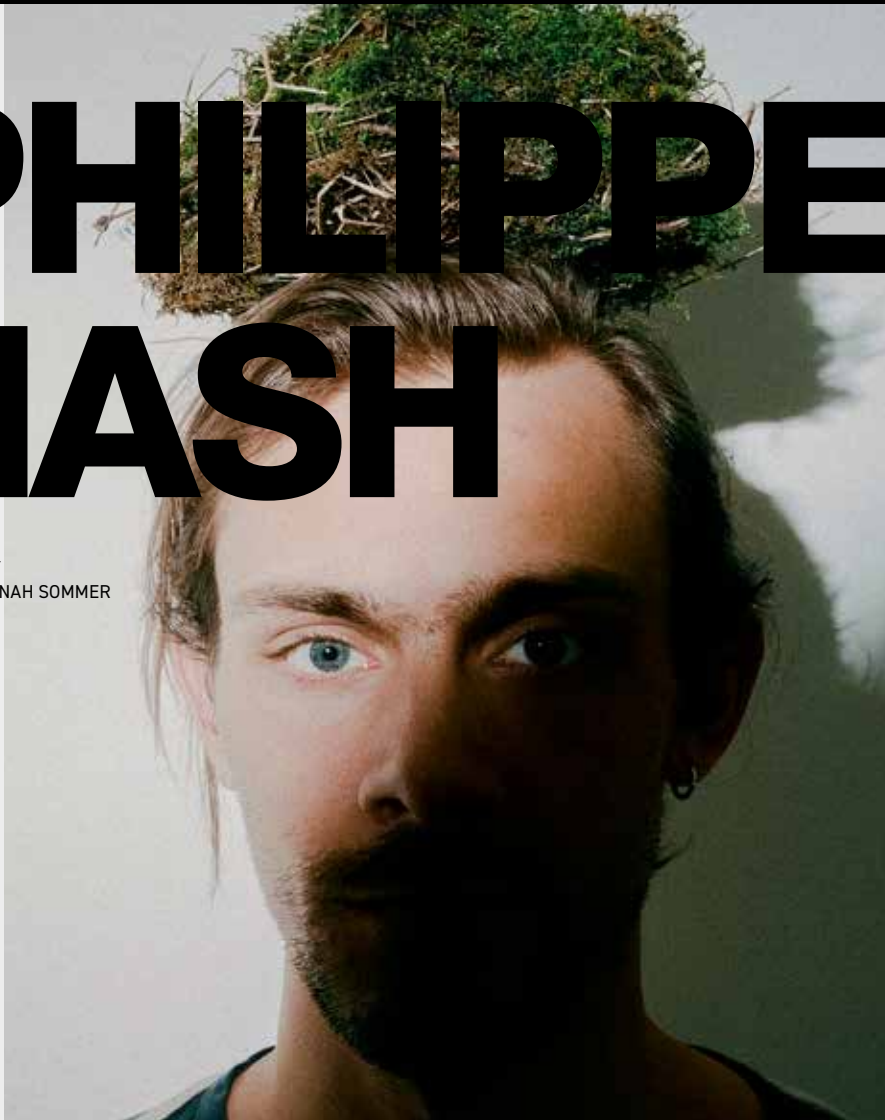
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# PHILIPPE NASH

BY TOM BERRY  
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**AT THIS TIME OF YEAR AS DARKNESS ENGULFS US AND THE TREES HAVE SHED THEIR LEAVES, A STILLNESS CAN BE FELT ON THE EARTH. BIRDS SETTLE ON EMPTY FIELDS AND A PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY CAN BE FOUND IN THE SOLITUDE. A PERFECT TIME OF YEAR THEN TO EXPLORE THE MUSIC OF PHILIPPE NASH.**

By Autumn is the first of two EPs that Philippe will release in the next few months, digitally initially with a view that they may be pressed together onto vinyl later. Like Mara Simpson and Voka Gentle, Philippe arrived in these valleys during the lockdown era and is another key player of an increasingly vibrant scene emerging from this difficult period. Philippe's music is sparse and beautiful, deep and vulnerable. Obvious reference points would be Radiohead at their most pastoral, Bon Iver's first record or Sparklehorse but it is his own voice and thoughts that emerge most clearly.

His songwriting is a solitary process, these songs came about from walks in the woods, listening to the earth before being worked through on guitar. In a difficult period, Philippe found himself unable to connect with the world as he would like and it is his ability to convey this that makes his music

so compelling. Lyrical themes touch upon mental health, notions of femininity, imminent political and climate crisis and yet, there is hope in his work, a sense that human beings can be resilient and that mere survival in these times can, in itself, be 'beautifully moving' as Philippe himself claims.

The recording process was much more collaborative, Philippe worked with Bristol based bassist Alex Heane and Stroud's own drummer and engineer Rob Pemberton. Rob has worked with a range of key Stroud based acts as diverse as Emily Barker, Maja Lena and Woolheads and Philippe is another who sings Rob's praises. "Rob is a wonderful presence, he's egoless but never absent. What I love about both Alex and Rob is that they really listen to what a particular song needs and the moment is asking for" he says.

In this particular case, what the moment called for was the simplicity of Philippe's voice and guitar and this is what we get, a stripped back sound that really lets the songs speak for themselves. Lead off track Loam is about human potential and what we are capable of, while Mud, another standout track explores a dance with femininity as the protagonist emerges from a journey into a murky experience. It ends with a refrain of 'my adoration, my devotion' which is as heartbreaking as it is gorgeous.

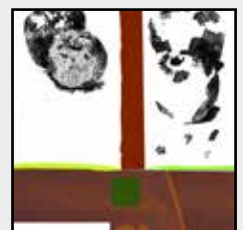
The EP is being released through London based label Off Peak run by Polly Mitchell. Polly is another key player in Philippe's emerging career, providing

direction, acting as a sounding board and supporting him in bringing his own voice to the fore. This allows Philippe to concentrate on the music and his interest in visual art (the packaging for By Autumn includes an art print that will support the release).

Thoughts are turning already to live dates and while Philippe dreams

of supporting slowcore legends Low or Sufjan Stevens, he is setting his sights more realistically in the first instance with some intimate dates to build his audience. Stroud's next opportunity to see him play will be supporting Voka Gentle at the SVA Goods Shed on 27th November where he will play with a full band. A solo Stroud date is also planned for the Prince Albert ([theprincealbertstroud.co.uk](http://theprincealbertstroud.co.uk)) in February next year as part of Independent Venue Week (date tba) in the meantime enjoy By Autumn.

By Autumn will be released on the 10th December via Off Peak Records on all digital streaming platforms. Head to [philippenash.bandcamp.com](https://philippenash.bandcamp.com) to listen/purchase the EP and follow Philippe on facebook and instagram @philippenashmusic for further news and updates.



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# BECKY DELLOW

BY SUSAN FENTON  
IMAGE BY EMILIE SANDY

## BECKY DELLOW STILL RECALLS THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF GETTING A TOY TRUMPET FOR CHRISTMAS WHEN SHE WAS SIX YEARS OLD. "I REALLY, REALLY WANTED A TRUMPET AND MY HEART SANK WHEN I OPENED THE PARCEL AND FOUND IT WAS PLASTIC," SHE SAYS.



But also under the tree was a beautiful antique French fiddle from her grandfather. It was the start of a life-long love of the instrument and indirectly led to Becky, now in her late 40s, launching her first album, *Take Her Out and Air Her*, at the Prince Albert last month.

As a child, Becky accompanied her fiddle-playing father and grandfather when they played at family events. Later, at Stroud High School, she studied violin to Grade 8 and joined a barn dance band run by teacher Pete Hendy, who sadly passed away this year and to whom the album is dedicated. He was helped by folk musician and fellow teacher Jeff Gillett, with whom Becky has collaborated on and off for more than 30 years.

After doing a degree in music, she moved back to Stroud and got involved with the local folk scene. But after she started a family, she was too busy to devote much time to music. "I'd also started to get stale playing the same repertoire," she admits. "My playing had become mechanical and I felt a bit flat." Then her mother died in tragic circumstances, and Becky found a kind of emotional catharsis in music. "Playing helped me find some peace and be content with my grief. Irish tunes in particular have a thoughtfulness, a plaintiveness. They just do something to my soul."

A chance encounter with poet Adam Horowitz was to reinvigorate Becky's career. Hearing that Becky's grandfather, Charles Hampton, had played fiddle with Laurie Lee, Adam suggested collaborating on a project he was planning based on Lee's poetry. They also worked together on podcasts inspired by poet and fiddle player John Clare. Through that, Becky met Lukas Drinkwater of Polyphonic Studio, who was later to produce - and play on - *Take Her Out and Air Her*. (The

title track is a traditional tune that Becky discovered when organising an academic conference.) Becky loved their collaboration. "Lukas is intuitive and musically brilliant. We had so much fun multilayering tracks. *Garden of Butterflies*, for example, has four fiddle tracks overlaid on each other." In turn, Lukas introduced Becky to fiddle player Kit Hawes (formerly of folk band *Sheelánagig*), who accompanied her at the album launch.

Meanwhile, she was having online lessons with fiddle player Martin Hayes. Despite already being proficient technically and academically (Becky studied musicology and music history as a mature student, gaining first an MA then a PhD), Becky believed there was more to learn. "I wanted to merge my practical and academic knowledge to give my music more depth. Martin showed me how to play from the heart: not just bashing out a tune mechanically but combining lyricism and lightness of touch with a rhythmic pulse." This learning process would never have happened if not for the lockdown, which had given Martin time to teach and Becky time to practice. "It was chaos at home as the house was full of people and dogs!" she says. "But suddenly I felt like I had been injected with something. I couldn't put the fiddle down."

Reinvigorated, Becky planned an album that, while mainly new arrangements of traditional Irish tunes, would not sound like a pub session. "I wanted to go deeper and achieve authentic expression, without the music being overly orchestrated." Some tracks - as typical of Irish folk - are melancholy. *False, False*, for example, tells the age-old tale of a girl abandoned by her lover. "Yet it's not all doom and gloom," says Becky. "There is a rhythmic, driving feel, a sense of hope, and that mood reflects the strange feeling of being in lockdown."

Acknowledging the influence that Martin had on the sound of the album, Becky observes: "Some people will say I'm just a poor man's Martin Hayes, that I'm just trying to be like him. Of course I'm just trying to be like him! He is the best Irish fiddler." She was also heavily influenced by Sam Sweeney, who composed *Steppy Down Roads*, one of the two originals on the album. But Becky's musical input is very much present too; indeed, the other original track, *Ruskin Mill*, is her composition.

Becky's daughter Milly, who sings on the album and designed its cover, studied classical violin and is the sixth generation of the family known to have played the fiddle. Becky's great-great-grandfather, Thomas Hampton, handed down a handwritten fiddle manuscript that subsequently became part of the research for Becky's doctorate.

Becky finds Stroud a nurturing space to do creative projects. "I feel very safe here to express myself musically. My album won't be liked by everyone but I do feel it will be accepted." She admits she struggled with the administrative aspects of producing an album. "Playing my fiddle is the fun bit. I had to really push myself out of my comfort zone to knuckle down to the difficult things. Getting the artwork produced, learning about barcoding, filling out the performing rights forms, doing publicity when I express myself better through music than through words. It was a steep learning curve." But is she satisfied with the result? "When we finished the album, I felt I wanted to record the tracks all over again!" she replies. "Apparently that's quite a normal feeling. You have to accept an album as a snapshot in time, get it out of your system and move onto the next project."

Becky doesn't expect to make money from the album. "It's more about being taken seriously, opening up

opportunities to work as a professional musician, getting my name out there so that venues and promoters will have confidence they can sell all the tickets for a Becky Dellow gig." No more pub gigs, though. "They don't satisfy my soul anymore," muses Becky. "In a pub everyone is talking, drinking, even dancing. I want people to really listen to the tunes, as they would do at a classical concert. I want gigs that aren't about just bashing out fast tunes, that allow me to play more contemplatively, with subtle nuances that really express the beauty of the tunes."

Becky is treating her absence from serious music-making as a positive. "My maturity is adding depth to my music. I feel like I've packed 30 years' worth of learning and practising and improving into just a couple of years. I'm playing in a more subtle and nuanced way than I ever have before. I am a different - and a better - player. I've rediscovered my mojo."

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Take Her Out and Air Her is out now and available from [beckydellow.bandcamp.com](http://beckydellow.bandcamp.com) Visit [beckydellow.co.uk](http://beckydellow.co.uk) for news and updates.



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# ADAM HOROVITZ

BY ROB CLUCAS-TOMLINSON

**“FIVE VALLEYS SPLAY BELOW ME  
LIKE A BROKEN HAND ENCASED IN MUD.  
FROM THIS HIGH POINT, I SEE  
OPEN VEINS OF STREAMS RUNNING  
IN RIVULETS TOWARD THE SEVERN’S  
METALLIC, DISTANT SLICE OF LIGHT AND WATER.”**

So Adam Horovitz begins his poem *Stopping* with a bicycle on a hill above Stroud, thinking of Ivor Gurney, one of the many splendidly evocative pieces in his new collection *Love and Other Fairy Tales*. The collection includes a satisfying wedge of local poems, of course, a homage to the five valleys that he loves the most, and yet Adam’s latest works also take the reader to London and Warwickshire, Herefordshire, Sunderland, Edinburgh, and even Germany, where the lines ‘My father moves through a clenched box/of sunlight caught between trees/radiant in his sweat-dishvelled suit./His smile is child-like, a little lost/in the streets of a home he can’t remember,’ weep beautifully and solemnly from the poem *Returning to Frankfurt*, a poignant memory of the last trip that he took with his father, the poet Michael Horovitz, who was born in the city and who died suddenly this year.

“Some of the poems in the book are about my father, of course,” Adam admits candidly. “After all, I grew up surrounded and immersed in the music of poetry. My mother (the poet and broadcaster Frances Horovitz) died when I was twelve and I started writing poetry in order to converse with her.” He is keen, however, to point out that the book is not wholly autobiographical and, with a slight smile, he adds, “Those who know me best may be able to work out which ones are, but I’m not sure.” Written on Shrove Tuesday thinking of Seder, February in the Physic Garden, 42nd Dream of You, Holiday in Arden - these are but four of the thirty-nine poems in the book. Do you recognise yourself in any of them?

Could one of these have been written about you?

*Love and Other Fairy Tales* is Adam’s third full collection of poetry and is, to all intents and purposes, a continuation of his first collection, *Turning*, which was published in 2011. “A lot of the new poems were ready in 2013,” he says, “although I got distracted by other projects. The book is about love in many forms. It’s the culmination of ten years of interrupted work. I’m still very proud of my first collection. I like the sense of development as I move from book to book.”

Much of Adam’s poetry is about humanity’s relationship with the land - meditations inspired by walking in nature, not just in Stroud but all across Britain, and even in Europe. Indeed, a third of *Love and Other Fairy Tales* was written in a little wooded glen in a castle thirty miles outside of Edinburgh. “Inspired by my time in Scotland, a lot of the poems are about woodlands,” he says. “That valley was an echo of the Stroud valley.” But Adam doesn’t hide in a wooded glen, a poet’s bunker, safely camouflaged by flowers and trees, he is also at home wandering through, and pondering on, the city streets of urban sprawl. In *I Used to Walk Through London*, my absolute favourite poem in the book, he vividly recalls, ‘I used to walk through London/and always the edge lands/drew my eye, the sharp borders/between estates where decay/and order met - the wildernesses/where willowherb and ivy/argued for space amongst bricks.’ In fact, the regular changes in landscape from poem to poem help to create an eclectic scrapbook of moods, and

it keeps the collection alive throughout. “I always carry a notebook wherever I go,” he explains, and he wanders far and wide, as all poets should.

It’s so easy chatting with Adam about poetry, especially as we both share a mutual passion for lyrical writers. His love for Laurie Lee and Dylan Thomas, and for many other folk and Celtic voices, shines through with a refreshing honesty that you’d might not immediately expect from the child of literary heavyweights. But his father believed that poetry should always challenge the establishment. “It should counter Thatcherite arrogance and near fascistic xenophobia,” Michael Horovitz once said, and Adam, himself, is quick to quote the late, great Adrian Mitchell, a family friend, who once claimed that “most people ignore most poetry because most poetry ignores most people.” You would do well not to ignore *Love and Other Fairy Tales*, it really is a wonderful book.

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*Love and Other Fairy Tales* is out now via Indigo Dreams Publishing ([indigodreams.co.uk](http://indigodreams.co.uk)), available online and locally from Stroud Bookshop and the Yellow Lighted Bookshop in Nailsworth. For news and updates visit [adamhorovitz.co.uk](http://adamhorovitz.co.uk)

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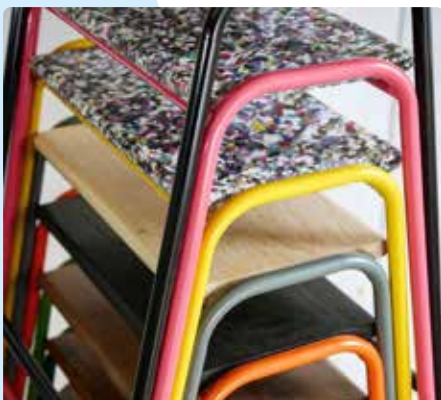
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Give someone you love a deeply relaxing and restorative experience. Jackson Therapies offers deep tissue, remedial and pregnancy massage. Beautifully hand-packaged vouchers are available for 60 or 90 minute treatments, or multiples thereof, and are delivered to your door. Also available as a last-minute-Christmas-Eve printable certificate!

[JACKSONTHERAPIES.CO.UK](http://JACKSONTHERAPIES.CO.UK)



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Junglist is a botanical atelier based in Nailsworth (and recently opened in Cheltenham) selling a huge range of indoor plants, including leafy aroids, ferns, succulents and cacti. Alongside plants we stock a curated collection of sustainable pots, planters and accessories and are proud to be able to say we know where, how and who made everything we sell. Plants make the perfect gift for Christmas. As soon as you add a plant to your home you realise how much life and energy they bring, simply put, plants make people happy, and who doesn't want to give happiness at Christmas?

[JUNGLISTATELIER.CO.UK](http://JUNGLISTATELIER.CO.UK)



## HANDS ON HARPS

Minimalism and anti-landfill friendly harp gifts! Beginner's half-day harp workshops £25 (no experience needed, harp provided). Woodchester-made harps that look and sound beautiful from £650. Harp rentals from £35 per month or £45 with our online course (plus £100 deposit) Want to try something different this year?

HANDSONHARPS.COM



## THE STROUD WINE COMPANY

Stroud's Independent Wine Merchant and Tasting Room. 1200+ Wines, 80 Malt Whiskys, 40 Gins, Rums, Port, Sherry and after dinner drinks! Come and choose your wines for Christmas with friendly, helpful advice and food matching ideas. Unusual and rare spirits, Organic, Natural and Vegan Wines all with 10% off any 6+ bottles and super quick Free Local Delivery. We have Gift Vouchers, Gift Boxes, Corporate gifts and offer national delivery and monthly subscription boxes too. Browse and shop online on the website.

STROUDWINE.COM



## THE FRESH STANDARD

Enjoy the sights of the Stroud hills in the distance and wave at Hill Paul from your couch with this classic Willi Becher style pint glass. Available as part of a gift pack with 2 of your favourite Fresh Standard beers for just £13. A must have for anyone who appreciates the joy of pouring excellent beer into excellent glassware. Available via from the Fresh Standard website and all good local farmers markets.'

THEFRESHSTANDARD.CO.UK



## THE PRINCE ALBERT CHRISTMAS TREES

Pick up a tree from your local pub! Support your local and head up the hill to handpick a beautiful, green, sustainably and locally sourced Christmas Tree. Might as well grab a quick pint whilst you're there too (can't do that at B&Q)... Various sizes and prices, available from the 26th November. Be quick as they sell out!

THEPRINCEALBERTSTROUD.CO.UK



## FIRESIDE BOOKSHOP

Fireside Bookshop is an independent, family run, secondhand, antiquarian and academic bookshop. For over forty years we've focused on providing an incredibly diverse selection of top quality books, both nonfiction and fiction. If you're buying a gift for a booklover we're sure to have something they'll love, with thousands of books in stock we take pride in finding you the perfect gift. We also have gift vouchers available in any amount for a thoughtful, sustainable gift that will bring years of pleasure.

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## THE SUB ROOMS

Forget the socks and the smellies this Christmas, and treat your loved one to an experience they'll never forget. Whether it's Roni Size, Marti Pellow, Nubiyah Twist, Bye Bye Baby or Bjorn Again - we've got something for everyone in our programme. If you don't fancy choosing for them, you can buy your loved one a voucher so they can pick the gig themselves. Because if the last 18 months have taught us anything, it's that we need live music!

THESUBROOMS.CO.UK

# LISTINGS

MONTHLY GUIDE TO ARTS & CULTURE THROUGHOUT THE STROUD DISTRICT.

## ART

### GALLERY PANGOLIN

**SAT 20TH NOV - WEDS 22ND DEC**

#### Christmas Cracker

See Christmas Arts Markets and Exhibitions guide! Mon-Fri 10am-6pm/Sat 10am-1pm

[gallery-pangolin.com](http://gallery-pangolin.com)

### LANSDOWN HALL AND ART GALLERY

**WEDS 1ST - SUN 5TH**

#### Happiness

Art Exhibition to celebrate the creativity and expression of happiness through Art Created by the pupils and staff at Whiteshill Primary School. Private view Weds 1st 4-8pm/Public viewing Thurs 2nd 4-8pm/Goodwill Eve 10am-late

**TUES 7TH - MON 13TH**

#### Su Bittleston: Busy Being, A Life Journey of Paintings

Paintings, drawings and poetry in mixed media. 10am-5pm

**TUES 14TH - MON 20TH**

#### River, Wood and Lea

Working 'en plein air' is a vital part of the creative process for Angie Spencer and Lucy Guenot. Angie works outside in oils and also uses plein air drawings to inform studio paintings. For Lucy walking and drawing can stimulate ideas for other projects using print and letterpress. Lucy and Angie are both members of the Walking the Land group of artists and are also both musicians who play in the Stroud Symphony orchestra. Tues 2-4:30pm/Weds-Sat 10am-4:30pm/Sun 19th 2-4pm/Mon 10am-3pm

[lansdownhall.org](http://lansdownhall.org)

### MUSEUM IN THE PARK

**SAT 6TH NOV - SUN 19TH DEC**

#### Merry Illuminations by Alison Merry

This exhibition of intricate illustrations takes you on a journey to past times, people and places. Encounter angels and shepherds, cats, castles and churches, legendary landscapes and characters from folklore. With a working background in archaeology and history, Alison has been involved in archaeological excavation and draughtsmanship, research, museum curatorship and local history writing. This background informs her richly detailed illustrations. Inspired originally and specifically by the richness and vibrancy of Medieval art, her unique painting style puts a medieval 'spin' on to her subjects for the purpose of storytelling and illustration.

[museuminthepark.org.uk](http://museuminthepark.org.uk)

### RAW UMBER STUDIOS

**THURS 2ND/16TH/30TH**

#### Drop-In Life Drawing

Drop-in life drawing sessions at our studio in Stroud every other Thursday. 5:30-7:30pm £10

**SAT 18TH**

#### Portrait Painting with Anastasia Pollard

Regular BP Portrait award exhibitor Anastasia Pollard will teach you how to paint a portrait, either with a limited 'Zorn' palette or a full colour palette, depending on your goals and level of experience. SOLD OUT!

[rawumberstudios.com](http://rawumberstudios.com)

### STUDIO 18

**SAT 20TH NOV - SUN 12TH DEC**

#### Spaces, Places, Faces

A collection of photographs capturing some of the characters, happenings, meanings and feelings that have come to pass in this area that is so rich in history and heritage. It is a celebration of our local area and the people who live here.

[realartsandmedia.com/studio-18](http://realartsandmedia.com/studio-18)

### SVA JOHN STREET GALLERY

**FRI 3RD - THURS 23RD**

#### Show of Hands: Winter Launch Party and Gallery Sale

A selection of contemporary painting, printmaking, fine jewellery and garments from the Show of Hands Artist Collective. Bringing together some of the South West's finest artists and makers. Plus Winter Launch party and gallery sale 3rd December 5.30pm, for Stroud Goodwill Evening. Opening night Fri 3rd 5:30-8:30pm/Tues - Sat 10am-5pm/Open Mondays by appointment/Open every day for Christmas Shopping Hours from the 18th - 23rd

[sva.org.uk](http://sva.org.uk)

### THISTLE BY NATURE

**SAT 20TH NOV - FRI 24TH DEC**

#### Thistle By Nature Yule Botanical PopUp

See Christmas Arts Markets and Exhibitions guide!

[thistlebynature.com](http://thistlebynature.com)

### THREE STOREYS

**MON 29TH NOV - SUN 5TH DEC**

#### Art And Craft Workshops

A week of art and craft workshops are

to be held at Three Storeys this winter, with a range of activities including wreath making, painting, drawing, basket making, storytelling and lino printing. Check event listings on the website for further announcements.

**TUES 7TH - WEDS 22ND**

#### Winter Exhibition

Three Storeys in Nailsworth will be holding their first Winter Exhibition from the 7th-22nd December and then reopening between 5th-15th January 2022. Submissions to this open exhibition were taken from a wide range of local artists, with 2D and 3D pieces being independently selected to give a really broad mix of work. Open 9am-3pm Tues-Fri, 10am-3pm on Saturdays.

[threestoreys.co.uk](http://threestoreys.co.uk)

### VICTORIA WORKS STUDIOS

**SAT 4TH - SUN 5TH**

#### Made In Chalford Christmas PopUp

See Christmas Arts Markets and Exhibitions Guide! 11am-4pm

**SAT 4TH**

#### Winter Watercolour: Christmas Card Workshop

Give yourself a day to celebrate the season through traditional foliage and decorations! During this sociable class, you will receive an introduction to watercolours and drawing under guidance, as well as have the opportunity to explore your own techniques independently. Create a range of painted cards or paper decorations to take away, in addition to a digital scan to make your own custom print run! 10am - 4pm, £70

**SAT 11TH**

#### Festive Porcelain Decorations

These fun and festive 2 hour mini-workshops brings people of all ages together to experience porcelain paperclay, make unique festive decorations and share some winter cheer! Children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult, children over 12 may attend unaccompanied. Use the code FAMILY£5 at the checkout to get a £5 off for an accompanied child up to age 16. 10am-1pm/2-4pm £25

[victoriaworksstudios.co.uk](http://victoriaworksstudios.co.uk)

### WINSLEY COTTAGE

#### OAKRIDGE LYNCH

**SAT 27TH NOV - SUN 5TH DEC**

#### John Bailey Open Studio: Paintings and Pottery

Open Studio of Paintings and Pottery by John Bailey. John, who is well known for his watercolours, painted mostly en plein aire, will also be displaying oils and acrylics of the local area and the SW coast together with his colourful range of studio pottery. This is an opportunity to share the beauty of our area but also to purchase paintings, prints, cards and ceramics for Xmas! Sales will be in aid of Cancer Research and social distancing measures will apply. Follow signs from Bisley, details phone 01285760659 or e-mail: jrsbailey@yahoo.co.uk. 11am-4:30pm

### PREMA ULEY

**WEDS 3RD NOV - SAT 11TH DEC**

#### Clare Gadsby

Lens-artist Clare Gadsby started taking photographs in 2015, at which point she couldn't tell an aperture from a

shutter speed from an f-stop. Two adult ed courses and countless numbers of photographs later, she still takes her camera everywhere, and likes nothing more than to be out shooting landscapes, flowers and abstracts, or setting up still-life images in her studio.

**WEDS 3RD NOV - SAT 11TH DEC**

#### Susan Kester

Susan Kester's work centres around the woods local to where she lives. Recent colour pencil drawings have expanded during the last 12 months into large gouache paintings where the boundaries between memory, imagination and reality are played out on the surface of the paper. She juxtaposes objects (collected over many years from many different places) and nature to visualise interruptions, both real and imaginary, that come whilst walking.

[prema.org.uk](http://prema.org.uk)

### KINGSHILL HOUSE DURSLEY

**MON 29TH NOV - FRI 3RD DEC**

#### Christmas Craft Week

Due to popular demand the Kingshill Christmas Craft Week is back ft a wide range of Arts and Crafts workshops, all featuring a festive theme. A chance to make your Christmas presents whilst learning a new skill, or surprising someone with the gift of a class. All full day workshops include refreshments and a light lunch, please note that some activities have an additional cost for materials.

[kingshillhouse.org.uk](http://kingshillhouse.org.uk)

### NEW BREWERY ARTS CIRENCESTER

**FRI 5TH NOV - FRI 24TH DEC**

#### A Crafted Christmas

See Christmas Arts Markets and Exhibitions Guide! Mon-Sat 9am-5pm/Sun 10am-3pm

[newbreweryarts.org.uk](http://newbreweryarts.org.uk)

## COMEDY

### THE SUB ROOMS

**THURS 2ND**

#### Scummy Mummies Christmas Show

Join comedians Ellie Gibson and Helen Thorn as they celebrate the scummy side of parenting from drinking wine at teatime to hiding from the PTA. Expect stand-up, sketches, songs and some very scummy stories. Guaranteed to make parents laugh and non-parents happy about their life choices. Based on the hit Scummy Mummies podcast and bestselling book. 8pm £19

[thesubrooms.co.uk](http://thesubrooms.co.uk)

### STROUD BREWERY

**THURS 9TH**

#### CrazyBird Comedy: Matt Price, Jake Baker, Matt Bragg, MC Geoff Whiting

CrazyBird Comedy is excited to bring an awesome Christmas comedy line-up to Stroud Brewery for the last comedy night of 2021. Headlining is the fantastic storytelling comedian Matt Price known for having some of the most extraordinary and outrageous stories drawn from the wilder side of life. And yet this self-effacing Cornish born comic brings real warmth and heart to his tales - as well as finding some audacious laughs in the most unexpected places. Opening the



### SITUATION SOUNDS

Record label Situationism and promoters Situation Sounds make a triumphant return this month for their first local live gig since Groove Armada's Tom Findlay back in 2019 - bringing forth the mighty electronic music legends Crazy P to the Goods Shed on the 3rd Dec as part of their If Life Could Be This Way tour.

[sva.org.uk](http://sva.org.uk)

night is the super talented Matt Bragg, a master of delivery, with timing that keeps you hanging on the edge and then the edge again. The two Matt's are supported by the very funny Jake Baker. CrazyBird also welcomes back former resident MC Geoff Whiting who will comere the evening. 8pm £12.50 pp with tables of 6-8 people or individual tickets available. Booking: Nick Bird at crazybirdcomedy@gmail.com or 07967 214477.

[stroudbrewery.co.uk](http://stroudbrewery.co.uk)

## DANCE

### THE NUTSHELL STUDIOS NAILSWORTH

SAT 11TH

#### Flummery Workshop

A monthly movement workshop for creatives who would like to explore their expressive potential. Brenda's practise is influenced by her eclectic experience in somatic practises, dance, physical theatre and improvisation. Theme for this month's Flummery will be Presence through the Senses. 11am-12:30pm £12 Max 6 participants, booking essential. Lateral flow test required so everyone can feel at ease, thanks. For booking and further information contact: [brendawaite100@gmail.com](mailto:brendawaite100@gmail.com)

[nutshellstudios.co.uk](http://nutshellstudios.co.uk)

## FILM

### THE SUB ROOMS

TUES 7TH

#### Stroud Film Society Presents: Outside Story

Winner of the best first film award at the recent Naples film festival. Outside Story is a film of our times. After months of self isolation, editor Charles (a brilliant performance by Brian Tyree Henry) is accidentally locked out of his New York apartment. Forced to interact with people again, Charles starts to develop a hitherto lost lust for life. A gentle, heart-warming comedy guaranteed to bring a smile to your face. 8pm £8

[thesubrooms.co.uk](http://thesubrooms.co.uk)

### ARKELL CENTRE

FRI 3RD

#### Nailsworth Film Club Presents: The Personal History of David Copperfield

A modern take on Charles Dickens's classic tale of a young orphan who is able to triumph over many obstacles. 7:30pm (book in advance via [info@nailsworthfilmclub.co.uk](mailto:info@nailsworthfilmclub.co.uk))

[nailsworthfilmclub.co.uk](http://nailsworthfilmclub.co.uk)

### ELECTRIC PICTUREHOUSE CINEMA

SUN 28TH NOV - WEDS 1ST DEC

#### Anything Goes

Filed live at the Barbican in London, this major new 5-star production of the classic musical comedy features an all-star cast led by renowned Broadway royalty Sutton Foster reprising her Tony Award-winning performance as Reno Sweeney, alongside three-time Olivier Award and Tony Award winner Robert Lindsay (My Family), Evening Standard Theatre Award winner Felicity Kendal (The Good Life) and beloved West End Legend Gary Wilmot (Chicago).

SAT 4TH - SUN 5TH

#### Christmas With Andre

The King of the Waltz brings you a festive spectacular from his newly created Winter Palace in his hometown of Maastricht. Sat 7:30pm/Sun 2pm

[wottoncinema.com](http://wottoncinema.com)

## MUSIC

### THE ALE HOUSE

FRI 3RD

#### THEE ONES

Local legends playing their own brand of Swamp Boogaloo, Soul-infused Jazz, Organ lead groovy blues and Latin-tinged, feet shufflin' goodness. 8:30pm Free

SAT 11TH

#### Bone Chapel Blues

Urban Blues duo featuring detuned guitars, gritty percussion and whisky soaked original songs of salvation, damnation, lost dreams, love and hope. 8:30pm Free

SAT 18TH

#### Leon Daye Band

The LDB have blended Rock, Indie and blues into their upbeat original material, filled with catchy guitar hooks and soaring melodies. 8:30pm Free

FRI 31ST

#### The Achievers

Eight years after forming in the corner of the Ale House the Achievers return for a massive end of year party! Expect original dancefloor rhythm and blues, americana, gospel and a few surprises...It'll be like 'ole times! 9pm Free

### THE CROWN AND SCEPTRE

THURS 2ND

#### Roddas Hairy Craic

Irish Acoustic Session with Tim Potts. 8pm Free

FRI 17TH

#### Frankly Skanky

Xmas solstice reggae dub party with Stroud dwelling roots, reggae, dub troupe Frankly Skanky. 8pm Free

SUN 19TH

#### The Country Set

Stroud's Good ole Boys playing both types of music, Country and Western!! 4pm Free

THURS 23RD

#### The Pumps

Following their debut live show at the Outer Fringe Festival earlier this year the mysterious new band the Pumps return to the Crown and Sceptre. 8pm Free

WEDS 29TH

#### Chinese Burn

DIY underground local punk legends Chinese Burn for one of their last shows of 2021...8pm Free

[crownandsceptrestroud.com](http://crownandsceptrestroud.com)

### FIVE VALLEYS SHOPPING CENTRE

SAT 4TH

#### Jazz Friday

Popular local Big band, Jazz Friday, have been invited back, by the Five Valley Shopping Centre to play more of their eclectic mix of retro swing, funk, Latin and blues. Bring your dancing shoes! They will be performing in King's St. from 11.00am- 1.00pm

[jazzfriday.co.uk](http://jazzfriday.co.uk)

### HANDS ON HARPS

THURS 9TH/SAT 11TH

#### Free Taster Sessions

HOH are eager to live up to their name and get people's "Hands on Harps" this Christmas, and to that end, they are offering 100 free tickets to taster sessions at dates in November and December. Thurs 9th 5pm and 7:30pm Rodborough/ Sat 11th 10am/11:30am/1:30pm/3pm and 4pm Woodchester.

# GOOD ON PAPER CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

**ANOTHER CHRISTMAS AND ANOTHER GOP CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST...CAREFULLY CURATED TO ACCOMPANY YOUR HOMEMADE SLOE GIN OR A WELL SEASONED GLASS OF EGGNOGG. HIDE FROM THE FAMILY, PUT ON SOME SLIPPERS AND KICKBACK IN YER FAVOURITE EASY CHAIR NEXT TO THE HEARTH, BUT BE PREPARED TO BE OCCASIONALLY INTERRUPTED BY UNKNOWN XMAS SHOULD-HAVE-BEEN HITS.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS DEAR READERS OF THE GOP. MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

SEARCH ON SPOTIFY FOR 'GOOD ON PAPER - CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST 2021' OR SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COLUMN.

- The Soul Santas:**  
White Christmas
- Kurtis Blow:**  
Christmas Rappin'
- Mirror Image:**  
Jingle Bells
- Homer & Jethro:**  
Santa Claus, the Original Hippie
- Mikal Cronin:**  
Christmastime Heist
- The Kinks:**  
Father Christmas
- Joan Jett & the Blackhearts:**  
Little Drummer Boy
- Prince:**  
Another Lonely Christmas
- Eagles:**  
Funky New Year
- Ill Considered:**  
Silent Night
- Sweet Tee:**  
Let the Jingle Bells Rock
- Derek B:**  
Chillin' With Santa
- Run D.M.C.:**  
Christmas In Hollis
- James Brown:**  
Santa Claus Go Straight To The Ghetto
- Otis Redding:**  
Merry Christmas Baby
- Harmon Ray:**  
Xmas Blues
- Khruangbin:**  
Christmas Time Is Here
- Dave Brubeck:**  
The Christmas Song
- Kermit:**  
One More Sleep 'til Christmas
- Sufjan Stevens:**  
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
- Phoebe Bridgers:**  
Christmas Song
- CMAT, Junior Brother:**  
Uncomfortable Christmas
- Cat Power:**  
Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
- Björk:**  
Jólaakötturinn
- John Williams, Boston Pops Orchestra:**  
Main Title from Home Alone
- Mannheim Steamroller:**  
Deck the Halls
- Waveshaper:**  
Walking In The Air
- The Moog Machine:**  
Carol of the Bells
- Danny Elfman:**  
Ice Dance
- This Is The Kit:**  
Christmas Time Is Here
- Low:**  
Blue Christmas
- Kate Bush:**  
Home For Christmas
- Joni Mitchell:**  
River
- Regina Spektor:**  
My Dear Acquaintance (A Happy New Year)

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**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
MINCHINHAMPION**

**THURS 16TH**

**The Cappella Singers**

The Cappella Singers Christmas Concert with The Corelli Orchestra ft a programme of glorious choral and instrumental music. 7:30pm £15adv from cappellasingers.co.uk/£17.50otd

**SAT 18TH**

**The Thames Head Singers and the Capriol Chamber Orchestra with Julian Elloway**

Celebrating Christmas and a return to concerts at last! The Thames Head Singers are once again joining the Capriol Chamber Orchestra for a special Christmas performance with organist Julian Elloway directed by Andrew Hopwood. Bach's Magnificat is a wonderful celebration of the season, originally performed at Christmas in 1723 in Leipzig. It will be followed by a selection of carols, some traditional and some less familiar – including two from Richard Rodney Bennett and Timothy Rogers. As ever, there will be plenty of opportunities for audience participation! The Capriol Chamber Orchestra will also perform two orchestral pieces and the choir will join them for a new setting of Away in a Manager by their very own Jonathan Trim. 7:30pm £13adv from ticketsource.co.uk/thamesheadsingers or by calling the box office on 0333 666 3366/£15otd Further info at thsingers.org.uk

minchchurch.org.uk

**KITSCH COFFEE AND WINE BAR**

**SUN 12TH/19TH**

**The Breakfast Club at Kitsch**

Dubbu's monthly residency - the Breakfast Club at Kitsch, Ebley Wharf. Boho Bakery supply the scrumptious breakfasts, Kitsch supply the gourmet coffee whilst Dubbu plays a relaxed and chilled soundtrack all on vinyl...10am - midday Free

**SAT 18TH**

**The Wax Lounge**

The Wax Lounge comes to Kitsch! Ft DJ Matt Baila (Swindon) and DJ Fade - with both spinning a selection of Soul, Funk, Jazz and more all on vinyl...2-5pm Free

facebook.com/KitschCoffeeWineBar

**LANSDOWN HALL**

**THURS 16TH**

**The Magnificent AKs**

Join The Magnificent AKs, the singing blokes of Ashton Keynes, for an evening of vocal excellence, fabulous family entertainment, plus of course their usual dose of serious silliness. £10/£8under 18's 7:30pm

lansdownhall.org

**THE PRINCE ALBERT**

**FRI 3RD/SUN 5TH/SUN 19TH**

**Unusual Carols**

The annual hugely popular Albert Consort singers return for their 21st anniversary year...

**SUN 5TH**

**Mik Artistik's Ego Trip**

A three piece showband. Delightful, frightening, strange and hysterically funny. Mik puffs, pants, roars, makes stuff up, throws straws and shapes and croons like a dream sometimes. Jonny Flockton, his compadre is a guitar player so awesome and learned, the strings on his guitar whimper. They've done Glastonbury ten times. They are joined on their 'WORLD TOUR' by anyone one of a number of well heeled bass players, and the sound that comes off stage is better than Christmas cake. "[Sweet Leaf of The North] my favourite song of the last decade" Iggy Pop. 7pm £15

**SUN 12TH**

**Unusual Carols Raise The Roof 21st Anniversary**

The Albert Consort celebrate their 21st anniversary, and twenty years of singing unusual carols that have been collected by the choir over the years and putting their take on the seldom heard, rarely religious but always tuneful songs from around the Isles and written to be sung at this time of year. This event will be outside the Albert on Walkley Hill which is officially closed for the lunchtime period...

**SUN 12TH**

**The Magic Lantern, Maja Lena**

The Magic Lantern return for what is always both a heart warming and wrenching, stunning evening. Jamie Doe - The Magic Lantern - released his unashamedly emotional fourth album recently written around the feelings that arose caring for his father with Alzheimers. A true genre-bender. Support, the Albert are delighted to announce will be Maja Lena - songs forged in the fires of self-doubt and fear. Spell-binding. 7pm £12

**MON 13TH**

**Beans On Toast**

SOLD OUT! Contact the Albert for returns...If there are any....

**SUN 19TH**

**Albino Tarantino**

Swamp into Christmas with the Albino Tarantinos - get down and slinky to the smooth but funky Latin sounds from (one of) Stroud's most excellent bands. Like going out with Tom Waits and Ry Cooder to see Santana. But better. 7:30pm £8

theprincoalbertstroud.co.uk

**ST LAURENCE CHURCH**

**FRI 17TH**

**Stroud Choral Society Christmas Concert**

Stroud Choral Society, under the direction of Simon Bell performing a programme of traditional and new music for Christmas. There will also be traditional Christmas carols for everyone to sing, and some

festive readings. The Society will be joined by its children's choir 'The Minpins', under the direction of Zoë Hynes. 7:30pm £5-£15 available from the Sub Rooms.

**THURS 23RD**

**Le Page Ensemble: A Christmas Celebration**

A Christmas Celebration ~ concert by candlelight. Join the Le Page Ensemble in the beautiful St Laurence Church for an evening of music, poems, and stories! From the sounds of medieval England, through masterworks of the Baroque, to music of today. 7:30pm £17/Under 18's free

stlaurencefuture.org.uk

**STROUD BREWERY**

**SAT 4TH**

**DJ Crooked Stylus**

Come and dance the night away in a symphony of sounds in our Balcony Bar. 8pm £5

**SAT 11TH**

**Danadra**

A fusion of semi acoustic guitar and dynamic percussion creating a unique and distinctive mix of blues/ latin/ Jazz /indie original material. From solid blues roots and world music influence - up tempo rhythms and melodies are complemented with melancholic soulful numbers to give a vibrant and inspiring set. 8pm Free

**SAT 18TH**

**Bex Jazz**

Bex Jazz vocalist is back with her lively trio featuring virtuoso guitar with sublime vocals and percussion - performing jazz and blues favourites and the best classic pop tunes throughout the decades. A fun night not to be missed. 8pm Free

**FRI 31ST**

**New Year's Eve 'Mask'querade Party**

You are in for a treat! Come to the Brewery and wave goodbye to another year of isolation and sanitising! Join in the dancing, drinking and wishing fellow revellers an improved 2022. 7pm

stroudbrewery.co.uk

**THE SUB ROOMS**

**WEDS 1ST**

**Bye Bye Baby**

Forty years since Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons had a number 1 hit with the song December, 1963 (Oh, What a Night), Bye Bye Baby brings the story of the band and their timeless classics to tour around the UK. 7:30pm £24.50-£26.50

**SUN 5TH**

**Sam Sweeney**

After embarking on a solo career, releasing his debut solo album The Unfinished Violin on Island Records and touring it to sell-out crowds on the 2019 album launch tour, Sam released his highly anticipated second solo album in Spring 2020. Moving on from his five year connection to the First World War, which inspired his first album and captured the nation's hearts through appearances on Antiques Roadshow and BBC Breakfast, alongside BBC Radio 2, 3, 4 and 6Music, Sam is moving on to making music on his own terms, with three of his favourite musicians and with a totally fresh approach and a big sound. 8pm £16-£18

**FRI 10TH**

**Doreen Doreen**

This colourful, glittery, sparkly, lycra-wearing bunch of crazies have enough energy and enthusiasm to get even the most beige Christmas party pumping. Their musical mastery is second to none and they will create incongruous mash-ups from the likes of Abba with

Queen, to Eurythmics with Erasure and all mixed up with fun, mayhem and frivolity. We challenge you to be unmoved by the experience of an evening in their company. You'll not want the night to end. 9pm £18-£20

**SAT 11TH**

**The Marriage of Figaro: Relaxed Performance**

This performance is open to everyone but is especially for those children and adults with autism spectrum conditions, learning difficulties or who have other needs that make it difficult for them to access live music or theatre. It is for those who wish to engage with live music in a less formal environment - getting up and moving around, leaving the room to take a break and re-entering, enjoying the experience in their own way, with families and carers. Entry is free but booking is required and numbers are limited to 40 so that there's plenty of room for people to feel comfortable. 2pm Free

**SAT 11TH**

**The Marriage of Figaro**

Set in a fine country house somewhere near Stroud, Figaro and his lovely girlfriend Susanna are trying to plan a simple wedding. When your employer is none other than a lecherous count blatantly trying to get Susanna into bed before her wedding night things are anything but simple. Will the count get his wicked way with Susanna? The Hewletts Opera bring Mozart's cherished comic opera into a 1970s setting. A full performance, sung in English, with a live accompaniment. 7:30pm £22.50/£12 under 20's

**SUN 12TH**

**Hattie Briggs, Natalie Holmes**

Hattie Briggs is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Chichester/ Stroud. An independent artist and regular busker at Network Rail stations, she was fortunate enough to be spotted by platinum-selling singer, Alfie Boe, while she was performing in Paddington Station in October 2018. Alfie later personally invited her to open all 21 shows on his 2019 UK tour, the finale of which was at the Royal Albert Hall, after which she and her band received a standing ovation. To top things off, Alfie welcomed Hattie back onto the stage each night during his set to perform a duet, which went down a storm with audiences. Support from new Stroud resident singer songwriter Natalie Holmes. 8pm £16.50-£18.50

**TUES 14TH**

**Bjorn Again**

The Internationally acclaimed Bjorn Again show was created and founded in 1988 in Melbourne by Australian Director and Musician Rod Stephen. Designed as a rocked-up light-hearted satirical ABBA spoof, the show rapidly achieved worldwide Cult status and was acknowledged for singlehandedly initiating the ABBA revival which brought about ABBA Gold, Muriel's Wedding and MAMMA MIA! The enduring appeal of ABBA is reflected in the ongoing success of the Bjorn Again show having amassed 5,000 performances in 72 countries in 30 Years. 8pm £26.50-£28.50

**WEDS 15TH**

**The Brand New Heavies**

Pioneers of the London Acid Jazz scene, The Brand New Heavies, have been responsible for some of the UK's biggest R&B/Soul tracks, scoring sixteen top 40 singles including 'Dream On Dreamer', 'Never Stop', 'Dream Come True', 'Midnight at the Oasis', 'Brother Sister', 'You are the Universe', 'Sometimes', 'Stay this Way' and 'You've Got A Friend', as well as over two million album sales. 8pm £26.50-£28.50

**FRI 17TH**

**Clearwater Creedence Revival**

PLAYLIST



**GOOD ON PAPER - CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST 2020**

Our Alternative Christmas Playlist from the year 2020... Not a single Chris De Burgh christmas song in sight. Merry GOPMAS to you all, and to all a GOPlight. Search on Spotify for 'Good On Paper - Christmas Playlist 2020' or scan the QR code...

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#### SAT 18TH

**Jonny Coppin: All On A Winter's Night**  
Johnny Coppin one of England's finest singer/songwriters and a member of Decameron, returns once more to presents his annual feast and rich mix of traditional carols and new songs, together with stories, folklore and superstitions. 8pm £9.50- £18

#### SUN 19TH

**Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band**  
The South Elmsall Village Brass Band can be traced back to humble beginnings in 1884. During the Bands long and successful history, it has both competed and triumphed at many of the most prestigious competitions in the world. Most notably, the band has held the titles of European Champions, National Champions, British Open Champions, Granada TV Band of the Year, BBC Best of Brass Champions, Spring Festival Grand Shield Champions and British Open Quartet Champions. 2pm £7.50- £14.50

#### SUN 19TH

**Craig Charles Funk and Soul**  
First time ever in Stroud!! The legendary poet, actor, host and broadcaster Craig Charles is also one of the UKs best loved DJs, with his Funk and Soul club broadcasting for over 10 years on BBC 6 Music in their prime-time Saturday night slot. 7:30pm £18.50-£24.50

[thesubrooms.co.uk](http://thesubrooms.co.uk)

#### SVA

#### FRI 3RD

**Situation Sounds Presents: Crazy P**  
Crazy P comes to Stroud as part of their 2021 'If Life Could Be This Way' Tour, presented by Situation Sounds at The Good Shed with a full d&b audiotechnik Soundscape sound system. They craft both pop hooks and exploratory grooves, heavily influenced by vintage disco, soul, and house music. 8pm £15-£20 (Goods Shed)

#### SAT 18TH

##### SVA Christmas party

Live music and guest DJs for the much celebrated SVA xmas party. 8-11pm (Goods Shed)/ 10pm till late (SVA John Street) £15-£20

[sva.org.uk](http://sva.org.uk)

#### ULTER

#### FRI 3RD

#### Bricktop Productions Presents: Itzy Glitzy Circus Cabaret

Roll up! Roll up! The circus is coming to Stroud! Hosted by Miss Radida, Queen of Disguise, starring top class artists: Toby Walker (juggler - the King of Clubs), Electric Ely (alluring LED hula hoops), The Magnificent Mr. Kai (local Stroud sensation performing comedy balloon-modelling AND devil sticks), Jennifer Hebden-King (delightful hand-balance on canes), Will Ellis (mesmerizing dance acrobatics) and more! 10pm doors/show: 10:30- 11.30pm followed by after party DJs Kimos and Radida til 1am £15adv from Tomari-Gi

#### SAT 4TH

##### Glowed Up

A Glow Up is a mental, physical, and an emotional transformation for the better. Everything from hip-hop to gospel, house to rave: music for the mind, body and spirit w/ Jasper Kirton & Discs of Fun and Love's Frederika 9pm £5adv from Tomari-Gi and Sound Records/more on the door..

#### FRI 10TH

##### Invisible Hand

New York, Chicago, Stroud, inspired by the old underground parties and clubs of the late seventies and eighties held by David Mancuso(the loft), Larry levan(paradise garage) and Ron hardy(music Box). These three DJs created the blueprint for clubbing as it is today, playing funk,disco and house. 9pm £5otd (tickets available in adv from Sound Records)

#### SAT 11TH

##### Loose Joints

Loose Joints is a venture into underground dance music ft Monobrow (Sound Records) and Matt Sefton and seeks to create an inclusive space for all of the community to express themselves on the dancefloor. Expect to hear funk, disco, house and techno into the early hours with some curveballs thrown in. One for the dancers...9pm £5otd (tickets available in adv from Sound Records)

#### FRI 17TH

##### Dub In The Valley Pt II

Dub In The Valley had such a good time bringing the people of Stroud a night of entertainment in Sound System style and fashion, that they are coming back for more...Expect another night of top draw selections and heavy weight vibes! Lineup:Inner Echo, Yaksha Sounds and Dub From Above. Powered By Stroud's own Majestic Vision Sound System. 9pm £5-£10 adv

#### SAT 18TH

##### Terra Hi-Fi

A Christmas shindig and fundraiser for Terra Hi-Fi's good friend Natasha Gerrard ft Threebagsfull (Dub/Reggae/Steppas), Tek Gremlin (Drum & Bass), Rubix (Drum & Bass Classics), Miss Lightbeam (Prog Psy), Disco Dan (Prog Psy). 9pm £7.50 (minimum donation)

[ulterstroud.com](http://ulterstroud.com)

#### CHRISTCHURCH NAILSWORTH

#### SUN 5TH

##### Bristol Ensemble Tea Time Concert

Bristol Ensemble's professional musicians perform Gabriel Fauré's D minor elegiac piano trio, one of his final works, together with the heartbreakingly beautiful Sicilienne for cello and piano. The 1922 Piano Trio was one of a number of works written after Fauré's retirement from the Paris Conservatoire in 1920, and despite him complaining to his wife of fatigue, it is not evident in the vigour of the Trio's opening movement or finale. 3pm £10otd

[nailsworthchristchurch.org.uk](http://nailsworthchristchurch.org.uk)

#### PREMA ULEY

#### FRI 3RD

##### Paul McKenna Band

Scotland's Paul McKenna has long been ranked among our finest younger singers and songwriters, armed with a powerful yet intensely emotive voice and passionate social conscience, often expressed through his songs, a combination that's brought frequent comparisons to the great Dick Gaughan. 7:30pm £12-£21

[prema.org.uk](http://prema.org.uk)

#### CARPENTERS ARMS MISERDEN

#### WEDS 1ST

##### ReBil

Rebecca Kay is joined by Bill Taylor, performing traditional and contemporary songs and ballads, rich vocals and warm harmonies accompanied with guitar and mandolin. Mainly traditional songs with a few modern songs from the likes of Richard Thompson and Woody Guthrie. 8:30pm Free

#### WEDS 8TH

##### Sons of the Delta Duo

Sons of the Delta was formed by two of the top bluesmen in the SouthWest UK, Mark Cole and Rick Edwards. They play a no-nonsense blend of electric and acoustic blues which includes traditional blues plus new originals. Their music also features occasional sidesteps into other American roots styles such as gospel, hillbilly, bluegrass, cajun and Texmex. 8:30pm Free

#### WEDS 15TH

##### Discovery

Discovery are husband and wife duo Jeff and Elaine Gillett, who like to sing songs that tell stories. Their arrangements feature vocal harmonies with Jeff's tasteful and inventive accompaniments on guitar, mandolin, mandola, dulcimer or concertina. 8:30pm Free

[thecarps-miserden.co.uk](http://thecarps-miserden.co.uk)

#### UNDER THE EDGE ARTS

##### WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE

#### SAT 4TH

##### LETZ ZEP

The official number one tribute to Led Zeppelin! 8pm £20

#### SAT 11TH

##### Keith Christmas

In a career spanning over 50 years Keith has recorded multiple albums, played acoustic guitar on Bowie's 'Space Oddity' album, appeared at the first Glastonbury Festival in 1970 and gigged solo all over the UK and Europe supporting The Who, King Crimson, Ten Years After, Argent, Captain Beefheart, Frank Zappa, The Kinks and Roxy Music. 8pm £10/£8concs

#### SAT 18TH

##### Jim Causley: A Causley Christmas

Join multi award winning singer-songwriter and musician Jim Causley in

celebrating the Christmas season as he entertains you with lesser known West Country carols, medieval and secular carols from around the British Isles, his own settings of moving Christmas poems by his relative, the late Cornish poet Charles Causley as well as a gurt dollop of festive fun with songs of over-indulgence and even a spot of panto too! 8pm £12/£10concs

[utea.org.uk](http://utea.org.uk)

#### TETBURY GOODS SHED

#### WEDS 8TH

##### Afternoon Tea Concerts: Cathy Hill and the Stroud String Ensemble

Afternoon Tea Concerts at the Goods Shed returns with Cathy Hill and the Stroud String Ensemble playing modern classics. 2:30pm £2.50

#### FRI 10TH

##### Jonny Coppin: All On A Winter's Night

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[shed-arts.co.uk](http://shed-arts.co.uk)

## SPOKEN WORD/ LITERATURE

#### HAWKWOOD

#### THURS 2ND - THURS 16TH ONLINE

##### Writing Our Way To Winter Solstice

Hello Darkness My Old Friend: an online writing workshop with Mary Reynolds Thompson. Write both prose and poetry that explore your relationship with darkness. Celebrate the mystery and fecundity of darkness in the community. Receive writing prompts to engage with between classes.6-7:30pm £95

[hawkwoodcollege.co.uk](http://hawkwoodcollege.co.uk)

#### RUSKIN MILL

#### SUN 19TH

##### Midwinter stories for all ages

Come and enjoy the wonder, wit, mystery and magic of seasonal stories from all over the world... With a host of storytellers, including Fiona Eadie and Kelvin Hall. 2:30-4:30 £5adult/£4child/£12family Stories are for everyone and adults without children are as welcome as children with adults. Suggested ages 5 - 105.

[rmt.org](http://rmt.org)

#### STROUD DISTRICT GREEN PARTY

#### WEDS 8TH ONLINE

##### SDGP Cloud Cafe

There IS room at the inn...The Nationality and Borders bill debunked. Joining the SDGP Cloud Cafe to speak knowledgeably about the subject will be: Judith Large who has spent much of her adult life working on crisis response and recovery both in war zones and during post conflict transition, both settings frequently involving mass population displacement and resettlement needs and Caroline Beatty, who is the founder and manager of Hill House Retreats in Amberley, which offers 'sanctuary breaks' for refugees, asylum seekers and others seeking sanctuary in the UK. 7:30 - 9pm This is a free, online event and everyone is welcome to join and take part in the discussion after the presentations.

[stroud.greenparty.org.uk](http://stroud.greenparty.org.uk)

PLAYLIST



### HIDDEN NOTES: WINTER SONGS PLAYLIST

A 30 track playlist by Hidden Notes Festival ft Esmerine, Rachel's, Peter Broderick, Nick Cave & Warren Ellis, Masayoshi Fujita, Clint Mansell w/ the Kronos Quartet, Penguin Cafe and more...Search on Spotify for 'Good On Paper Hidden Notes: Winter Songs Playlist' or scan the QR code...

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## THE SUB ROOMS

### WEDS 1ST

#### How To Be Invisible

Local author Andrew Fraser recounts his journey from the heaven of Cher's mansion in Hollywood to the hell of life in the gutters of East London as he joined London's army of rough sleepers, where he penned his excoriating account of 'genocidal' government neglect. Invisible.8pm £5 (£1 to Marah)

### TUES 7TH

#### SubVerse Presents Anthony Anaxagorou

Anthony Anaxagorou is a British-born Cypriot poet, fiction writer, essayist, publisher and poetry educator. His second collection After the Formalities published with Penned in the Margins is a Poetry Book Society Recommendation and was shortlisted for the 2019 T.S Eliot Prize. It was also a Telegraph and Guardian poetry book of the year. 7:30pm £11.50

[thesubrooms.co.uk](http://thesubrooms.co.uk)

## THREE STOREYS NAILSWORTH

### SAT 4TH

#### The Call of the Sea: Storytelling and Image Making Workshop

Join artist Liz Lancashire and storyteller Fiona Eadie in a deep dive into words and pictures. Spend half the day drawing and painting, and the other half weaving words inspired by a traditional seafaring tale. Suitable for art lovers and wordsmiths of all levels. 10am-4pm £60 Details and booking: [liz@lancashirepillow.co.uk](mailto:liz@lancashirepillow.co.uk), [fiona@fionaeadieitd.co.uk](mailto:fiona@fionaeadieitd.co.uk)

[threestoreys.co.uk](http://threestoreys.co.uk)

## PREMA ULEY

### SAT 11TH

#### The Big Prema Christmas Cwtch

If you close your eyes tight and listen

really, really closely you might just hear the bells on Santa's sleigh. Join super storyteller Hannah Murray for a spellbinding afternoon of stories from Scandinavia, frosty tales of the Snow Queen and locally resonant fable of the Tailor of Gloucester. Don't miss this intoxicating afternoon for the whole family - ideal for kids aged between 6 and 10 but also fine for tiddlers if they're not too wriggly! 2pm £5-£22

[prema.org.uk](http://prema.org.uk)

## THEATRE

### COTSWOLD PLAYHOUSE

### FRI 3RD

#### Kick in the Head Presents: Musically Speaking

Raconteur and pianist to the stars, Andrew D. Brewis shares a lifetime of experience from the wings and orchestra pits of theatreland. He is joined by West End star Maria Kesselman (Phantom of the Opera, The Sound of Music and many more) to perform the finest songs from the legends of Shaftesbury Avenue and Broadway. Expect your heart to be warmed, your spine tingled, and your ribs tickled in an intimate but epic evening's entertainment. 7:30pm £12

### THURS 9TH - SAT 11TH

#### Hexagon Theatre Company: Breaking The Ice

For the Mansell family, Christmas is a time of well established traditions and rituals. Not this year though, as a sudden change in the weather sends them and their unexpected guests along a completely different path. Breaking the Ice was written especially for Hexagon, by a member of the company. It is the first production of this heart warming, and often funny, play about friendship, marriage and the prospect of retirement. 7:30pm £12

[cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk](http://cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk)



### THE PRINCE ALBERT

### THURS 9TH

#### Owl On The Roof Presents: Three Little Pigs

Christmas is coming and the rent is going up. The three little pigs and little red riding hood can no longer afford their houses. In fact, it's not just them, all of Bristol can't find somewhere affordable to live - all thanks to their landlord, the greedy Emperor. A pint in one hand and a sense of humor in the other is highly advised..7:30pm

### SUN 12TH

#### Mister Robbie Presents: Follow the Star

A sing-a-long nativity play. First performed here in 2019 and back by popular demand - suitable for all and everyone welcome! 3:30pm

[theprincealbertstroud.co.uk](http://theprincealbertstroud.co.uk)

## THE SUB ROOMS

### WEDS 22ND DEC - SAT 1ST JAN

#### Beauty and the Beast

A new production team have taken over the panto reigns at The Sub Rooms and

## HIDDEN NOTES RECORDS

Following Spindle Ensemble's second album Inking back in May this year Hidden Notes Records have just announced the release of a new EP by ondes Martenot player, composer and producer Josh Semans. Winter, Gesture will be released on Fri 3rd Dec with Josh utilizing the seldom-heard ondes Martenot alongside piano, clarinet, guitars, drums and electronics.

[hiddennotes.co.uk](http://hiddennotes.co.uk)

promise a show that is bigger, better and more beautiful and beastly than ever before! Join us this Christmas for the spellbinding story of Belle, the spirited and headstrong village girl who enters an enchanted castle and melts the heart of the monstrous Beast who dwells within its walls. Packed with songs, laughs and dazzling magic effects, Beauty and the Beast is a festive family treat for all ages. £15-£25

[thesubrooms.co.uk](http://thesubrooms.co.uk)

## BARN THEATRE CIRENCESTER

### TUES 16TH NOV - SUN 2ND JAN

#### Brothers Grimm Presents: Cinderella

Blending song, illusion, performance and puppetry, The Brothers Grimm present: Cinderella is Cinderella as you have always known it but never seen before!

[barntheatre.org.uk](http://barntheatre.org.uk)



## TETBURY GOODS SHED

### Christmas At The Goods Shed

**DECEMBER 4/5** Christmas Craft Fair: Two day Christmas Craft Fair at Tetbury Goods Shed - Open to the public 10.30am to 5.30pm

**DECEMBER 10** Johnny Coppin: All on a Winter's Night: Johnny Coppin is back to presents his annual feast and rich mix of traditional carols and new songs, together with stories, folklore and superstitions.7.30 Tickets online £17.00

**DECEMBER 17** Community Carols: Come and join us for this magical start to Christmas. 6.30

**DECEMBER 30** Panto: Cinderella: We welcome back Wonder Productions and their performance of the timeless story of rags to riches - Cinderella. 2pm. Tickets £10 adults, £8 under 14s

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