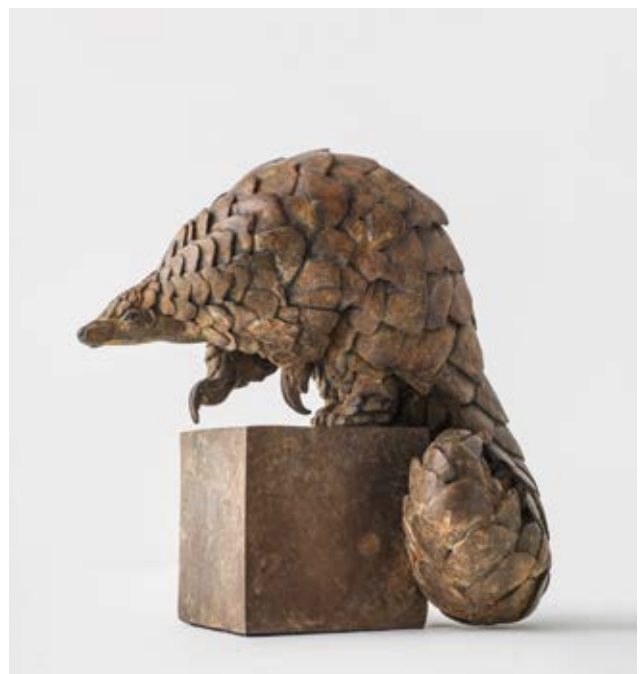


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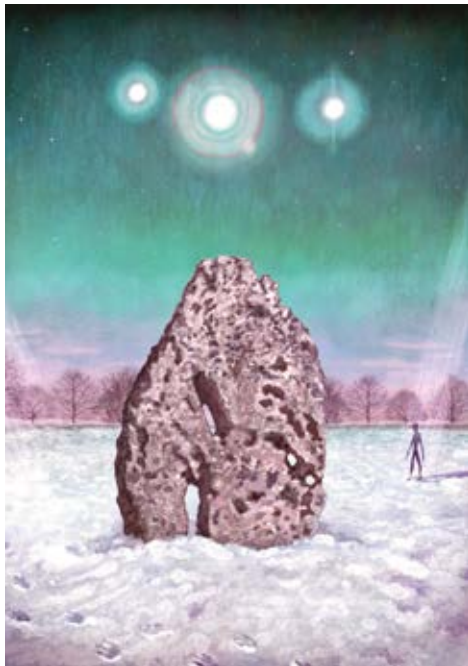
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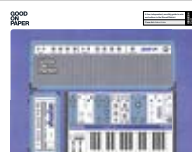
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# MERLIN SHELDRAKE

BY JENNY PATTON



**BIOLOGIST, AUTHOR, LEADING VOICE IN THE COMPLEXITIES OF FUNGAL LIFE AND NEW STROUDIE, MERLIN SHELDRAKE FURTHER DELVES INTO THE WORLD OF FUNGI, WITH HIS FILM 'FUNGI: WEB OF LIFE.' IN THIS NEW OFFERING MERLIN AND TEAM PRESENT FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON FUNGAL BEHAVIOUR IN A CAPTIVATING, MULTIDIMENSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

Merlin's new film offers a fascinating journey into the mysterious world of fungi. The movie is a unique collaboration with K2 Studios who sparked Merlin's interest with the opportunity to present fungal life in an unconventional way. The film is narrated by Björk, on the suggestion of Merlin's wife Erin who knew the magic and mystery of the fungal world would be best explained by an ethereal tone.

Rather than a direct replication of his book 'Entangled Life,' the film draws inspiration from Merlin's inspiring talks and the vibrant concept of the new illustrated edition of his book. Working with the same image makers who contributed to the book, Merlin's team worked to illuminate the captivating diversity and enigmatic beauty of fungi through moving imagery and in doing so they began to challenge established perceptions of individuality and even intelligence.

Merlin feels one of the film's most compelling aspects is its manipulation of perspective using the giant canvas of the IMAX screen to take the audience on a transformative journey. The movie uses scale and time to blur the boundaries between the familiar and the unfamiliar. By playing with temporal elements, the movie confuses and challenges the limitations of our human senses to offer a multidimensional experience.

Favourite scenes of Merlin's are the time lapses, a highlight being an acorn sequence that captured mycorrhizal fruit growing from an acorn and ensnaring the roots as a rare glimpse into the intricate behaviours of fungi. Merlin describes fungal life as a cryptic and mesmerising world and with film we can experience fungal events unfolding on a timescale outside the scope of our observation.

The majority of the scenes have been captured using cinematography, use of CGI effects was limited to capturing only those sequences inaccessible to cameras.

Through exploration, the film sheds light on the temporal realm fungi inhabit, illustrating not only their unique relationship with time but also their unusual strategies for travelling and eating. Fungi infiltrate and grow within their food, absorbing nutrients by extending their bodies into their food source rather than through ingestion, and they travel slowly by expanding into and across their environment providing a new way to see time and space. (Unfortunately this approach to time and space doesn't link to fungi being extraterrestrial, on this Merlin is clear, while fungal spores are tough enough to withstand interplanetary travel, genetic studies confirm their terrestrial origins, all fungi evolved here on Earth.)

Merlin is a fresh face in Stroud, choosing this spot to be close to friends and our beautiful valleys he's come to know so well. His love for the great outdoors goes back to his childhood spent exploring the 'decomposers' around his Hampstead Heath home. He was fascinated by how organic matter magically disappeared. Those early days ignited his fascination with the superpower of decomposition.

This fascination is why Merlin is a strong believer of the importance of incorporating the vibrant, exciting, living world and how we are deeply connected to it into our education system.

Speaking of education, Dr Shel Drake kindly answered questions from two of Stroud's fungally fascinated folks Ryan Kelly, previously of Thistledown and now Caper fame and Greg Pilley of Stroud Brewery:

Ryan: Are there natural systems and structures that we can learn from, perhaps other ways of organising society?

Dr Shel Drake: Fungi helps us to redefine individuality and provides a new point of view that challenges the concept of units and boundaries. In the modern post industrial world, humans have been treated as units, this doesn't allow for the vast amount of organisms that live on our bodies, and how our bodies are inextricably entangled with organisms outside of our bodies. As we take on this new point of view it will become harder for us to justify our ecocidal behaviours of pollution, extraction and exploitation. As powerful decomposers, fungi challenge the dysfunctional human concept of waste and by assimilating the behaviours of fungi we can begin to design better production systems.

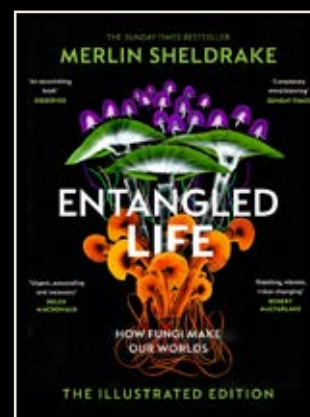
Greg: What advice would you give to a new community compost scheme here in Stroud in terms of value to growing nutrient wealth through a local nutrient economy?

Dr Shel Drake: There is great value to maintaining a nutrient economy and that is 100% the way society should be thinking moving forwards. A community composting scheme allows value to stay in the local system, for example the ingredient value of spent hops or coffee grounds becomes non-existent post use if they become waste, but they retain value if they are used for something else such as nutrient dense compost for the community and local environment. Local compost schemes can become a goldmine for a self-sustaining, nutrient-rich economy. By diverting organic waste from landfills and transforming it into nutrient-rich compost, these schemes bolster the local nutrient cycle. The resulting compost serves as a valuable resource for local agriculture and gardening, enriching the soil, promoting plant growth and promoting a healthier, more productive community. Not to mention the reduced carbon footprint from keeping things local.

If you have your own questions about the wonderful world of fungi, I can highly recommend a walk through Woodchester listening to the audio version of Merlin's eye opening book 'Entangled Life' and I for one will be going to watch the film...

Entangled Life: The Illustrated Edition is available from the 2nd December published by Bodley Head, an imprint of Penguin ([penguin.co.uk](http://penguin.co.uk)). Fungi: Web of Life is screening now at select IMAX cinemas, for further info visit [fungimovie.com](http://fungimovie.com) and [merlinsheldrake.com](http://merlinsheldrake.com)

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## SHOW OF HANDS X SACRED THING

BY REBECCA STAPLEFORD

### HOW ARTISTS ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION FOR REVIVING OUR HIGH STREETS...

Occupying a former high street bank of Stroud could not be a more perfect venue to display some of the area's most talented artists and makers. Skill in craft and the sacredness of handmade objects is the commodity being exchanged. But that is not the only commodity. Bernie Page, Clare Bonnet and Heidi Hockenjos are hoping to initiate with this collaboration. During our interview, it was clear how important contact and connection is for artists' health and well-being. A shop front presence facilitates happenchance encounters that can support or instigate valuable relationships between patron and artist as well as peers.

What is this attachment to high street shops? Can the work not just be marketed and sold online? Once a year artists' spaces open to the public for the open studio trails allowing a fleeting glimpse with artists and their work. This has its place, however, without the high street presence, Bernie points out that we are missing out on the "chance encounters and serendipitous moments". In regards to virtual spaces, his response is "There is so much noise online and so many algorithms that get in the way of finding an audience...it is difficult to break through those algorithms in the first place". It is the spirit of happenchance encounter that seeded this collaboration. SOH is artists claiming back tactile experiences with the work, what Heidi refers to as "touch points", where the work can be held, worn and reimagined. So while the high street banks are moving their business online the makers are interested in moving their work back into the shops.

But it is not so straightforward or accessible for many artists and start up creative businesses to find spaces. SOH 2023 has only been possible because of the generosity and support of a friend, the new proprietor of the building.

"My frustration comes with the lack of initiative on the council's behalf to make it easier for young fledgling businesses or creatives to use those spaces," Clare explains. She questions whether there is a missed opportunity to "join up the dots" between the council, landlords, and creatives making these empty spaces more accessible, benefiting the community and adding to the vibrancy of Stroud's town centre. Heidi points out the lack of presence in town and the growing number of empty shops does not reflect the diverse and exciting culture of Stroud. "Stroud is such a melting pot for some really interesting people and a variety of creative businesses." The opportunities for Stroud's creatives to be visible are few and far between.

Another shared ethos of this venture is making art accessible to invest in, breaking through barriers and preconceived ideas of who can be an art collector. Do you need to be attending contemporary art fairs, or following Sotheby's catalogs? Curator Bernie Page believes anyone can be a collector. It is not an exclusive club for the intellectually elite. "Just buy what you love" is advice he often gives. Jewellery maker Heidi shares her vision of a space where fine craft sits beside fine art on equal terms, where "all these things are equal and just as beautiful". To reflect this ethos SOH 2023 will have a selection of collectible hand-crafted items for sale at a range of prices.

Let's fill the shops of our dwindling high streets with creativity, not the



Heidi Hockenjos



Jonny Martin



Nigel Noyes



Nooka Shepherd



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cardboard cut-out examples of profit and economic growth we have seen rise and fall. Stroud is unique, full of spirit and ingenuity. All we need to do is turn up and invest in our hearts and minds.

Show of Hands 2023 is the second artist-led group exhibition showcasing the finest artists and makers from Stroud and the South West. Founded and curated by painter Clare Bonnet and fine jewellery designer Heidi Hockenjos ([show-of-hands.co.uk](http://show-of-hands.co.uk)) and Co-curated with curator and Sacred Thing co-founder Bernie Page ([sacredthing.art](http://sacredthing.art))

The winter exhibition runs from 24th November - 16th December at the old Halifax bank, 12 Kendrick St and is open on Fridays and Saturdays 10am-5pm. A Goodwill party with music and refreshments will take place on the 1st Dec 5 - 9pm.

Exhibiting artists include Amabel Barraclough, Ruth Batham, Clare Bonnet, Andy Bradley, Sue Bradley, Fred Clark, Mark Darbyshire, Rosalie Day, James Green, Paul Grellier, Nick Grellier, Maxim Hastings, Heidi Hockenjos, Humphries & Begg, Loren Lewis-Cole, Albie Lucas, Jonny Martin, Nigel Noyes, Clemency Rose, Viviana Rossi-Caffell, Tom Sears, Tamay and Me, Rebecca Simmons and more tbc...

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# RADIOLARIANS

BY JAKE NEWBY



**THE FIRST RELEASE FROM KLANG TONE RECORDS' NEWLY-LAUNCHED LABEL, "WONKY BEDSIT ELECTRONICA" RECORD RADIOLARIANS IS ALREADY GARNERING NATIONAL ATTENTION. JAKE NEWBY TALKS TO STROUD-BASED CREATOR DAVID CUDLIP...**

Named after a form of microscopic ocean-dwelling plankton, the debut solo album from locally-based musician David Cudlip has been making waves since its release last month. Radiolarians was acclaimed as "unbelievably good" by renowned music magazine *Electronic Sound* in a glowing write-up that likened it to the work of electronic music leviathans Autechre and Harmonia.

Not bad for an album described by Cudlip as recorded "quickly and spontaneously" in the space of around a week. Though there is, of course, a bit more to it than that. "It took me 30 years and one week really," says Cudlip, who began making music as a teenager, inspired in part by seeing the likes of London punk band Snuff play in Stroud (with tickets just a couple of quid). Stints in various bands followed before Cudlip found musical kinship with two friends further north; having moved to Durham for university, he joined a psychedelic rock outfit (who would eventually become known as Ogres) in Yorkshire.

This was the 1990s however, and just as the trio were building momentum, "the music industry collapsed" as Cudlip puts it. "Just as we were about to kind of achieve something, the industry just went boom," he says. "It was weird. One minute you're sending off tapes and you're getting letters back from record companies and then suddenly... just nothing. You could sense the fact that all of the energy, all of the air, all of the money had gone."

While this forced the guitarist to reappraise his dreams of appearing on the cover of the *NME* or *Melody*

Maker, it didn't stop him making music, both with Ogres – a group he still works with today – and as a solo artist. "I was always making music," says Cudlip. "The moment I got my hands on a multi-track machine, I remember thinking, 'Now I can do stuff'. It was like magic. You can put one sound on top of another on top of another. And for years I just did that. I was so thrilled by the possibility that you could just layer sounds. And I didn't do anything about writing songs or structuring anything – it was just that pure process of doing the sounds."

Having begun his experiments using a four-track cassette recorder, today Cudlip is more used to working with the dizzying array of tools offered up by cutting edge production software. Yet Radiolarians was born of a more back-to-basics approach. "Logic Pro does everything you can imagine," Cudlip explains. "And then you kind of think, 'Oh, if I had that guitar, or if I had that synth, or if I had that recording interface, then I would be finally able to do something.' You just get obsessed with this stuff and there's whole magazines devoted to it: 'All you need is this 1,500 quid thing, and then suddenly you'll be great.' I just thought, 'I really need to stop thinking like that and just make some music as well as I can with the stuff that I've got.'"

The self-imposed constraints ended up giving him a kind of freedom. "I limited myself to two pieces of equipment: I just used a drum machine and a synth, with pedals for the effects. I was reading about Autechre who said in an interview that they hadn't bought any new gear in the last five years, they just wanted to use the tools they'd got – if you want to express yourself you have to learn to use your equipment properly. So that was the kind of idea. And then I didn't do that, I just did ten songs really quickly in about a week. But I think that's sort of the impetus behind it: what happens if you impose some limitations on yourself so that you're just forced to actually think about what you're doing, rather than just pressing a button that makes a cool sound?"

The answer in the case of Radiolarians is fascinating, pulsating electronic music – with plenty of "cool sounds" regardless. Pulling in influences from

Spacemen 3, early Kraftwerk and, of course, Autechre, the record splices together driving beats with slightly off-kilter melodies to make for an absorbing debut. It's spiky and other-worldly, much like the sea creatures from which it derives its name.

"It breathes," as Cudlip puts it. "I was very conscious of having it have a pulse. It feels quite alive." It was this sense of the music being "alive" and having a "pulse" that gave the project its name, with Cudlip going down a Google rabbit hole after coming across radiolarians in Bugs Britannica. He decided to use the term for both the whole project and the title of the record, with each track name derived from a different variety of the marine plankton.

Given there are more than 15,000 species of radiolaria, Cudlip isn't likely to run out of new song titles any time soon. Yet even if he were to produce a track for every species, it'd still be a drop in the ocean on today's musical landscape. The rise of technology may have made the process of releasing music arguably more accessible than it has ever been, but it's also led to a tidal wave of output that at times can feel overwhelming. In May, data company Luminate released a report claiming that 10.8 million new songs had been uploaded to streaming platforms in the first three months of 2023. That amounts to 120,000 tracks every day. "I get emails from [online record shop] Juno every week and there's so much being released and it's all really good," says Cudlip, throwing his hands up. "I want to own them all – it's financially ruinous. So you can have ideas, you can record those ideas, you can put them onto whatever format you like. But how do you get other people to hear that?"

Community can be key in such circumstances. That's where Klang Tone Records and its scene-building owner Sean Roe have come in. Radiolarians is the first release on Klang Tone's newly-launched label, with Roe describing Cudlip's sound as "like Aphex Twin jamming with Hans-Joachim Roedelius" in *Good On Paper* issue 101. Klang Tone has also secured distribution for the LP through legendary London record shop Honest Jon's and made Radiolarians

available overseas via their newly-launched Bandcamp page.

The now-Lansdown-based record shop is also partly responsible for an enigmatic passage of text found on the sleeve of the limited edition vinyl version of the album. Klang Tone was the venue for a talk by DJ Food and Matthew Ingram in March as part of Stroud's Pop Up Sub-Culture Festival; after talking with Cudlip at the event and listening to Radiolarians, author and Woebot creator Ingram offered to pen some words for the LP. Similarly, the artwork for the album was put together by artist Graham Sefton (aka Detritus Plates), who heard and loved the record after connecting with Cudlip via an exhibition of his collages at Klang Tone. "Everyone kind of coalesced around it," Cudlip says, crediting locally-based producer Ed DMX with working wonders on the mastering as well.

And people continue, rightfully so, to gravitate toward the record – not that Cudlip is getting carried away just yet. "I'll take it one step at a time," he says. "The fact it exists at all is major progress."

Radiolarians is available now on vinyl from Klang Tone Records at 7a Lansdown and from [klangtone.bandcamp.com](http://klangtone.bandcamp.com)



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# A PLACE FROM MANOAH



BY TOM BERRY

## “AN EXPERIENCE IN NATURE GOING BEYOND THAT OF AN OBSERVER; AT SOME POINT THE LANDSCAPE IS OBSERVING ME”

Alec Harrison (aka A Place from Manoah) would know. In order to write his latest record, he and his close friend Bill Merrick took a week-long voyage into the Welsh Hills in order to explore the inner and outer wilderness of nature and their own minds. They pitched up at a beautiful lake where, as Alec puts it “we wanted to deepen exploration into the uncharted realms of the psych...” The two men would mostly work separately throughout the day, playing guitar parts before reconvening each evening around the fire in order to share their work.

The results are revealed to the outside world this month via a 7 track EP called Songs From Cuckoo Lake – a reference to the choral accompaniment of their trip. The first five tracks were all written on the trip itself while the final two instrumental pieces were written immediately upon his return. The work is an engaging listen; shimmering guitars, folk lyrics and bright vocals create an uplifting mood rooted in the joy of the natural world. Alec’s influences range from Brian Eno and Jon Hopkins to Juliana Barwick and Kurt Vile but his own music has very much its own sound and personality.

Nature has always played a key part in Alec’s world since his Dorset childhood where he would climb trees and play in the sea. Born into a musical family he first picked up a bass guitar at the age of 10. By his early teens he had discovered jazz bass virtuoso Jaco Pastorius and had started his first band, Stentorian. Upon discovering the music of Michael Manring he revelled in the joys of detuning his instrument and in using piccolo strings and by the age of seventeen he was recording his own songs. He was attending Poole College but, by his own admission, he and close friend Alex Hedley would generally get stoned, spend all day noodling in the studio and all night jamming and listening to music in Hedley’s garage.

Deciding to forgo University, he instead re-joined Stentorian to undertake a tour of New Zealand supplemented with busking with his fretless bass. It was upon his return, visiting old friend Alex that he first met Bill Merrick, an immediate chemistry developed between the three of them and this provided the key to the next stage of Alec’s musical journey. They created a band named after Nick Drake’s Saturday Sun and had a very successful career over a few years. They supported Sigur Ros and played a number of key shows in London as well as securing a record deal. Eventually the band ran out of steam and Alec left to pursue his solo work.

It was in 2017 that Alec and Bill would work together again. They rented a house just outside Granada in Spain for six months, a location that Alec recalls as “a post-apocalyptic nightmare landscape high on some cliffs with constantly barking dogs.” Despite this harsh environment, they formed a new psychedelic folk rock outfit. Upon their return to the UK they toured with a band called Hands Of The Heron and befriended singer Bea Piper – joining forces, The Good Beast was born.

The Good Beast was (excuse the pun) a very different beast from Alec’s previous work - forceful, an assault on the senses – as anyone who saw their in-store gig at Sound Records back in October will testify. Drawing on the spirit of Jefferson Airplane and Hawkwind but sounding somehow fresh they are a beguiling live act. Having completed their UK tour (of which Stroud was the last date) the band are currently reconfiguring and Alec doesn’t really see himself as part of their plans in the immediate term. Instead he wants to focus on his solo work. For now, this involves firstly releasing the EP and then, with a short break in South Africa in between, some live dates “in interesting venues” to follow. Stroud will no doubt form part of this musical tapestry so keep your eyes peeled.

Manoah is a Hebrew name meaning rest and at the end of our conversation I asked Alec the significance of this. “There is undoubtedly a spiritual dimension to my music – it’s what informs and inspires my work. Music should take the listener on a journey, to a place” he says “If it’s not doing that, then what is it doing?” This is a musician who clearly lives and breathes his music and we look forward to his sharing it...



Songs From Cuckoo Lake by A Place From Manoah will be released on the 1st December - head to [aplacefrommanoah.bandcamp.com](http://aplacefrommanoah.bandcamp.com) to listen and purchase...

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# FIRST THURSDAY PAINSWICK

BY SOPHIE JOHNSON-MUMFORD

**“WE WANT TO BRING TOGETHER THE THREADS OF LITERATURE AND COMMUNITY,” ENTHUSES MADELEINE BUNTING OF FIRST THURSDAY PAINSWICK. “IT’S MUCH MORE THAN JUST THE BOOKS, THEY’RE JUST THE CENTRAL HUB OF IT,” ADDS DR SANDRA RANDLE, FELLOW CO-FOUNDER.**



“It’s something I didn’t know I wanted to do until I started doing it. It just feels so... right,” Sandra Randle is telling me over Zoom from the cosiness of her living room on a very wet and windswept afternoon in Painswick. We’re chatting about First Thursday Painswick, a book event which takes place, as you might’ve guessed, on the first Thursday of every month at The Painswick Centre. “Yes, and you know, arriving in a new neighbourhood and getting involved in something like this, where you feel you’re offering something, you’re putting something back in. I like that sense of contributing to community life. That’s important,” Madeleine Bunting adds. And it’s clear within the first few minutes of our chat that these impressive women, along with their fellow co-founder, local photographer, Anne-Marie Randall, are not only the sort of people who get things done and make stuff happen, but they do it with heart.

Like Sandra and Madeleine, I uprooted my family from the buzz of a big city and settled into the peaceful countryside surrounding Stroud in recent years, not knowing what, if anything, would be accessible to feed my cultural craving. Little did I know that the creative industry; writers, artists, poets, performers, the list is endless, in and around these lush valleys is indeed an industry in and of its own making. An industry thriving with heart and soul. And what Sandra, Anne-Marie and Madeleine have created in First Thursday Painswick is no exception. Their book events feed into the rich and diverse tapestry of offerings by hosting an ‘in conversation with...’ evening with a different author every month, all with a glass of wine in hand, I mean, what could be more inviting.

Though their events are set up with a cosy, welcoming atmosphere, with Sandra bringing lamps and soft furnishing from home, don’t think for a second that it’s a womb-like sycophantic evening, “We are nurturing. But we’re also quite tough. It’s important to tackle the tough questions,” Madeleine points out, “and our authors are willing to take the difficult questions because we hold people in a safe space.” And I have no doubt that the interviews are anything other than compelling with Sandra and Madeleine taking it in turns as interviewer, along with locally acclaimed poet, Phillip Rush, and CEO of The Countryside Charity, Roger Mortlock. Madeleine is a highly acclaimed author of several non-fiction books as well as boasting a 25-year career as a journalist at The Guardian. And even though Sandra’s opening accolade to me was that she ‘owns eight alpacas and two miniature Shetland ponies’ with a bit more digging, I discovered a long and successful career in academia as an anthropologist, writer, and entrepreneur. Here’s what they had to tell me about First Thursday Painswick.

## HOW DID FIRST THURSDAY PAINSWICK COME ABOUT?

**Sandra:** Coming out of the pandemic, Anne-Marie and I set up a little pop-up shop to support local artists and makers to sell their work, it went really well and after three months, we opened a café. It all grew more quickly than we anticipated. We started selling books by local authors and then I said, ‘why don’t we do book events?’

**Madeleine:** I met Sandie through Anne-Marie and we hit it off straight away, it was a meeting of minds. We realised that we had a shared philosophy, a sort of set of ideas about the importance of local. Local authors, local issues, or books on issues of local relevance. The café was this incredibly warm, welcoming, community hub, so right from the beginning First Thursday was also about community building primarily and it soon became adopted by the village.

## HOW DO YOU FIND WHICH AUTHORS TO HOST EACH MONTH?

**S:** Well, one of our authors, Alexander Norman, was a direct result of the café. His dog, Doug the Pug, would arrive in the cafe every morning to get a treat. I’d chat about the book events and Alexander’s wife said, ‘well, Alexander’s published you know’. So that was a really special little link that happened. You find people that you don’t even know are in the village, who have a 25-year historical relationship with the Dalai Lama and has written the definitive biography of this world figure, and he lives two minutes away. And I met him because of his pug!

**M:** We decided to try and balance the authors we choose, so some are local authors, like Clover Stroud or Mary Portas, and some are authors of books we spot that we think people would be really interested in. Sarah Langford came last month and spoke about her book, Rooted: How regenerative farming can save the world, on sustainability and nature recovery, she ended up having very detailed discussions about crop rotation with some incredibly knowledgeable people in the audience.

## WHAT CAN PEOPLE EXPECT FROM THE EVENING?

**S:** It’s very much a whole evening. People arrive from about 7pm into the cafe, the author will already be there, you can buy wine, it’s very convivial, very relaxed. And then we’ll all go upstairs for the actual author talk, which all-in-all is about an hour. Then back to the café for the book signing. There’s always a noise and buzz in the room, a real sense of warmth. And we’re very grateful for Stroud Bookshop’s support in selling the books on the evening.

**M:** Yes, and we’ve had such lovely responses from the authors too, they feel the warmth from the audience. You work in a sort of quiet loneliness when you write. Then to find people who have the same passion for books and have found in your writing something that they connect with is just so affirming. They get such a buzz out of it.

## WHAT’S NEXT FOR FIRST THURSDAY PAINSWICK?

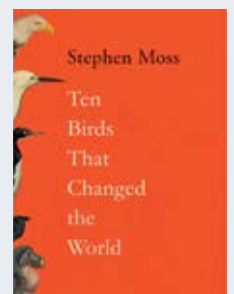
**M:** Our mission really is to continue to build community through a shared love of books and literature.

**S:** Yes, we’re a Community Interest Company, so we cover our running costs and any surplus we make from the events gets reinvested into local projects. We’re thinking about running workshops, maybe something for young people who have an interest in writing, and older people who have stories to tell. We hope to bring those two things together, and help young people develop ideas around their writing, their technique, and at the same time build bonds of community.

At certain points in our interview, they break off to share updates with each other on the authors they host, getting enthused at news of recent publishing successes or exciting new ventures. It’s clear that Sandra and Madeleine genuinely care about the people they champion at their events.

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This month’s First Thursday Painswick features Stephen Moss - one of the UK’s most prominent nature writers - discussing his latest book Ten Birds That Changed the World.

For tickets and further info visit [firstthursdayspainswick.co.uk](http://firstthursdayspainswick.co.uk)



SOPHIE JOHNSON-MUMFORD IS A FREELANCE WRITER, ARTIST AND DESIGNER BASED IN STROUD. SHE IS ALSO CO-FOUNDER OF @THE.NESTE.UK - AN ARTS AND INTERIORS ONLINE SPACE, LAUNCHING NEXT YEAR. SOPHIE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON HER DEBUT NON-FICTION BOOK, WHEN NOT BUSY TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH HER THREE SMALL BOYS AND PICKING LEGO FROM THE SOLES OF HER FEET.



# CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS MARKETS + EXHIBITIONS 2023

Illustration by Phoebe Hathaway

[instagram.com/phoebejhathaway\\_art](https://www.instagram.com/phoebejhathaway_art)

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## CORNHILL MARKET PLACE WEDS 20TH - SAT 23RD

### Stroud Farmers and Christmas Markets

Returning for the 12th 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. There will also be three indoor arts and crafts markets in the Baptist Hall to run alongside the farmers' market on the 9th, 16th and 23rd! Weds/ Thurs/Fri: Crafts, Gifts and Food 9am-4pm/Sat: Farmer's Market 9am-2pm.

[fresh-n-local.co.uk](https://www.fresh-n-local.co.uk)

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## GALLERY PANGOLIN SAT 11TH NOV - TUES 19TH DEC

### Christmas Cracker! 2023

Gallery Pangolin's popular annual exhibition returns with a collection of sculpture, jewellery, prints, drawings and books. Including work by Anthony Abrahams, Jon Buck, Lynn Chadwick, Ann Christopher, Michael Cooper, Terence Coventry, Sally Fawkes, Sue Freeborough, Elisabeth Frink, Steven Gregory, Nicola Hicks, Richard Jackson, Martin Jennings, Jonathan Kingdon, Anita Mandl, Marino Marini, Briony Marshall, Charlotte Mayer, Eilis O'Connell, Lorraine Robbins, Almuth Tebbenhoff and many more! Mon- Fri 10am-6pm/Sat 10am-1pm

[gallery-pangolin.com](https://www.gallery-pangolin.com)

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## JOLLY NICE SUN 3/10/17

### Christmas Mini Market

Visit the new Christmas Mini Markets at Jolly Nice for festive shopping this December, showcasing local craftspeople and artisans in the log fired yurt. Seasonal food and drinks will be available including free range turkey burgers, kids free range hot dogs, warming mulled wine, toasted marshmallows, mince pies and hot chocolate - all made from scratch with local ingredients by Jolly Nice chefs. 4-8pm

[jollynicefarmshop.com](https://www.jollynicefarmshop.com)

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## KINGSHILL HOUSE ARTS CENTRE SAT 2ND

### Christmas Market

Come along and join in the festivities

at Kingshill House Creative Centre for their annual Christmas Market. Their stalls feature local artists and makers, handmade jewellery, crafts, artworks, books, cakes and sweet treats, clothing and much more as well as hot drinks and mulled wine being served on the day in the bar. 10am - 3pm

[kingshillhouse.org.uk](https://www.kingshillhouse.org.uk)

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## RUSKIN MILL SAT 9TH

### Christmas Market

A treasure trove of beautiful, handmade goods from Ruskin Mill students, tutors, makers and artists. Make your own Christmas wreath and dip candles in their special workshops. Children's Christmas Stories at 11am and 1pm in the Festival Room with Fiona Eadie. 10am-2pm

[rmt.org](https://www.rmt.org)

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## SHAMBLES MARKET FRI 1ST + SAT 23RD

Christmas Markets every Friday and Saturday up to the 23rd 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 1st December till 9pm...

[shamblesmarketstroud.co.uk](https://www.shamblesmarketstroud.co.uk)

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## SHOW OF HANDS FRI 24TH NOV - SAT 16TH DEC

### Show Of Hands Winter Exhibition

Show of Hands is back for a winter pop up. Painting, sculpture, fine jewellery and everything in between. A celebration of the finest artists and makers in Stroud. In the old Halifax Bank. 12 Kendrick St. Open Fridays and Saturdays. Collectors preview: 23rd Nov 6 - 9pm. Goodwill Evening Party 1st Dec 5-9pm

[instagram.com/showofhands\\_collective](https://www.instagram.com/showofhands_collective)

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## ST LAURENCE CHURCH FRI 1ST - SUN 10TH

### Stroud Christmas Tree Festival

Over 100 beautiful community decorated Christmas Trees at St Laurence Church - a winter favourite raising funds for the building's future. Opens Friday 1st from 10am - 9pm to include the Goodwill Evening and then from 10am - 4:30pm every day. Almost every day there are three different local groups playing music and singing at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. The Town Carol Service at 11am

finishes the celebrations on Sunday 10th. Two fantastic evening concerts add to this festival celebrating Inclusivity (see music listings for further info!). St Laurence are also collecting non perishable food and packs of clean underwear for the Hubs and homeless people.

[stlaurencefuture.org.uk](https://www.stlaurencefuture.org.uk)

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## STROUD BREWERY SUN 17TH

### Christmas Art and Craft Fair

Come along to Stroud Brewery, buy their organic beer or a mulled wine, peruse and buy wonderful gifts to excite and delight your friends and family, from local talented crafts people featuring over 30 stalls across three levels! 11am-4pm

### SAT 23RD

### Vegan Fairs Presents: Stroud Vegan Eco-Living Market

New location for the bi-annual Winter Fair! As well as an impressive food and drink line up there will also be a selection of non-food items including eco-friendly gifts, ethical clothing brands, cruelty-free skincare and handmade arts and crafts items. As well as a few charities and outreach stalls and live music from vegan musician Poppy Rose Creates. The perfect place to grab those last minute prezzies and stock up for the winter break.

[stroudbrewery.co.uk](https://www.stroudbrewery.co.uk)

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## STROUD GOODWILL FRI 1ST

### Theme: Oceans

This Goodwill eve the streets of Stroud will once again be alive with music and dance, a procession of lanterns, festive pop up markets, food and late night shopping. Come along at 6pm for the lantern procession, awe at the talents of local makers at Cornhill and the Sub Rooms and find some special Christmas gifts.

[facebook.com/StroudGoodwillEvening](https://www.facebook.com/StroudGoodwillEvening)

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## STROUD LIBRARY SAT 2ND

### Stroud Library Christmas Craft Fair

Come along and celebrate the festive season with the team at Stroud Library. They will be hosting a range of local craft organisations who will be selling their wares. Drop into their LAB who will also have a range of gifts on offer and see how they

were made on site using our range of equipment. The library will also be hosting a free drop in craft activity for children and families. 11am-3pm

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## STROUD POTTERY FRI 1ST - SAT 2ND

### Stroud Pottery Goodwill Exhibition and Sale

An exhibition showcase and sale featuring the works of Stroud Pottery students. Fri 5-9pm/Sat 9:30am-4pm

[stroudpottery.co.uk](https://www.stroudpottery.co.uk)

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## THE SUB ROOMS SAT 2ND/9TH/16TH/23RD

### Christmas Market

Get your Christmas shopping off to a fun and festive start with your favourite local marketeers! Perfect for finding locally made gifts for loved ones (or a treat for yourself). 10am-2pm

[thesubrooms.co.uk](https://www.thesubrooms.co.uk)

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## SVA JOHN STREET GALLERY FRI 8TH - SAT 23RD

### Adventus

Head to the SVA John Street Gallery this Christmas to prepare for the festive season. A curation of objects, clothing, homewares and art by local brands - Object Story, Nothing but Navy, Monty and Co. Weds-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat-Sun 9am-3pm. Late night shopping Thurs 14th 6-9pm

[sva.org.uk](https://www.sva.org.uk)

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## THREE STOREYS TUES 5TH - SAT 23RD

### Christmas at Three Storeys

Prepare for the festivities with Three Storeys. They'll be opening up the doors to the gallery and creating a winter wonderland, full to the brim with beautiful gifts and treats. Three Storeys will also be serving up plenty of seasonal spirit to fill you with Christmas cheer.

[threestoreys.co.uk](https://www.threestoreys.co.uk)

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## NEW BREWERY ARTS Cirencester SAT 28TH OCT - SUN 24TH DEC

### Joy!: A Seasonal Celebration Of Craft

New work by over 500 makers, designers and craftspeople - perfect for your home and for gifting.

[newbreweryarts.org.uk](https://www.newbreweryarts.org.uk)

**SHOPPING LOCALLY IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN THESE STRANGE TIMES WE FIND OURSELVES IN, SUPPORTING LOCAL INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES AND THE COMMUNITY, NOT TO MENTION SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING OUR OWN CARBON FOOTPRINT! FROM RECORD STORE/BOOKSHOP VOUCHERS, GIG TICKETS AND CRAFTS TO ART MATERIALS, CLOTHING, COFFEE, TEA, WINE AND MORE - WE BRING YOU OUR ALTERNATIVE GUIDE TO UNIQUE GIFTS WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED RIGHT ON YOUR DOORSTEP...**



**STROUD WINE**

STROUDWINE.COM

Stroud's Independent Wine Merchant and Tasting Room. Shops in Stroud High Street and Griffin Mill, Thrupp. 1000+ Wines, Beers and Spirits. Port, Sherry and after dinner drinks. 10% off any 6+ bottles. Come and choose your wines for Christmas with friendly, helpful advice and food matching ideas. Unusual and rare spirits. Organic, Natural and Vegan Wines. Browse and shop online or book one of our very popular wine tasting evenings. We have Gift Vouchers, Gift Boxes, Corporate gifts and offer national delivery and Free Local delivery.



**FIRESIDE BOOKSHOP**

FIRESIDEBOOKSHOP.CO.UK

A family run bookshop specialising in good quality secondhand, academic and antiquarian books. We believe we best serve our community by selling books covering a really wide range of subjects, both nonfiction and fiction, starting from just a couple of pounds up to the more collectible, rare and unusual. You can browse many of our books on our website, we buy books and sell gift vouchers for those hard to buy for book lovers. Drop us a line or pop in, we're always happy to help.

# INDEPENDENT



**THREE STORES**

THREESTOREYS.CO.UK

Prepare for the festivities with Christmas at Three Storeys from the 5th - 23rd December. We'll be throwing open the doors to the gallery and creating a winter wonderland, full to the brim with beautiful gifts and treats, to spoil your loved ones or even yourself. The Plot cafe will also be serving up plenty of seasonal cheer to fill you with much needed Christmas spirit.



**NEW BREWERY ARTS**

NEWBREWERYARTS.ORG.UK

Joy! Running from the 28th October until the 24th December is our celebration of everything crafted for the season. Spread throughout our shop and our gallery we bring you work by hundreds of UK craftspeople. From exquisite homewares to make your space truly special to cards from illustrators and designers to handmade gifts for everyone - we have just the thing. Feel great about your seasonal shopping, knowing that buying from us supports craftspeople and our charitable activities throughout the year. Open 9am-5pm (Tues and Sun opens at 10am).



**ADVENTUS**

SVA.ORG.UK

A festive pop-up shop. A curation of objects, clothing, homewares and art by local brands - Object Story, Nothing but Navy, Monty & Co. SVA Gallery, 4 John Street 8th - 23rd December. Weds - Frid 10am-4pm/Sat - Sun 9am-3pm/Late night shopping: Thurs 14th Dec 6-9pm. Follow us on Instagram: @object\_story @nothingbutnavy @montyandco



**HUMPHRIES & BEGG**

HUMPHRIESANDBEGG.CO.UK

Come and feel our vibrant winter clothing collection, pyjamas, quilted robes, printed mens shirts and many quilted jackets. Popular giant tote bags! Homewares including cushions, rugs, table linen and bed quilts and our brand new collection of dress making fabrics by the metre, pictured above. These are all our original designs and block printed by hand. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm, 11 Lansdown.



**KLANG TONE RECORDS**

SEE LINKS BELOW

Stroud's underground record shop and Paganhill Vintage have teamed up for some great festive special offers in December! T-Shirts are £18 Tote Bags £6 and our first LP release "Radiolarians" is £18. We also have gift vouchers you can use on anything in the shop ( not just records!) Best wishes for the festive season from Sean and Ritsuko. Follow us on instagram @klang\_tone\_records and @paganhillvintage



**GOOD ON PAPER PARTY**

GOODONPAPER.INFO

Following its most triumphant sold outness back in February 2023 the annual Good On Paper Party returns once again, this time for its eight outing, taking place on Saturday 3rd February 2024 at the Sub Rooms in the centre of Stroud. Live bands (College, AK/DK, the Umlauts), DJ sets (Mully Jowers, Dubbu, Mendoza, Mz Monique, Disco d'Oli, Monobrow), a popup arcade (10 original 80s arcade machines!), an exhibition (Mark Levy's 80s film and tv posters) and much more... Give the gift of something to look forward to!

# T GIFT GUIDE.



**BLACK CLOUD TEA**

BLACKCLOUDTEA.COM

Tea is the best. Almost certainly. We seek and discover the best and most natural single source loose leaf teas we can find. Our experience travelling in China has led us to bring home some of the finest leaves available. We specialise in sourcing teas from small family owned tea gardens. Some of our teas are in fact made from wild tea bushes. Entirely natural. The amount of love and effort that goes into every Black Cloud Tea cup is truly remarkable.



**DOMESTIC SCIENCE**

DOMESTICSCIENCEHOME.CO.UK

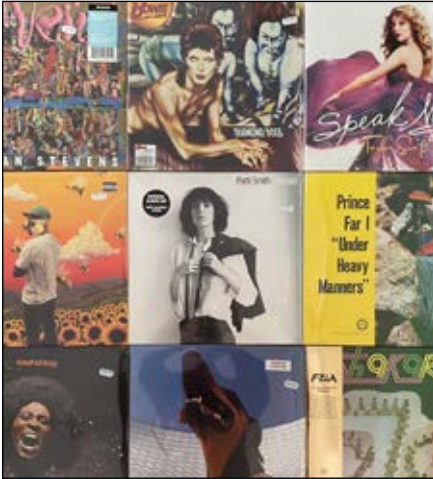
With our curated collection of gift ideas to inspire and delight, Domestic Science is a Christmas shopping destination not to be missed. Our independent Home and Lifestyle stores are filled to the brim with a mix of contemporary homeware, deliciously scented candles, clothing, accessories and toys. Explore our collection of festive, colourful tableware and decorations to adorn your home this Christmas. Visit one of our three Cotswold's stores in Tetbury, Nailsworth and Stow-on-the-Wold or shop online.



**JOLLY NICE**

JOLLYNICEFARMSHOP.COM

Get your skates on at Jolly Nice... For the first Christmas ever, local farmshop Jolly Nice invites you to skate on the Cotswolds most enchanting and sustainable pop-up ice rink, that is, short of the village pond freezing over. Using 'Glice' technology instead of the standard energy guzzling and polluting rinks you'll find across the country, this rink has an artificial surface that saves huge amounts of water and power in comparison. Book a slot any day of the week on the hour from 10am until 8pm or later until 10pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Book online.



**SOUND RECORDS**

SOUNDRECORDS.CO.UK

Sound records is a high street record store selling the best of all genres including rock and pop, soul, funk, reggae, house, techno, breakbeat, latin, african and jazz. We also have an extensive selection of hi-fi equipment for all budgets as well as a range of accessories and gift vouchers. Come pay us a visit and give someone the gift of music this festive season!



**NATURAL COOKERY SCHOOL**

NATURALCOOKERY SCHOOL.COM

Nestled in Days Mill in Nailsworth, Natural Cookery School is run by chef Erin Baker and her team providing plant based cookery classes, catering and Monday takeaways. Gift vouchers available for Cookery classes, Private lessons, Supper Clubs and Meat Free Monday takeaways. Perfect gifts for your favourite foodie, vegetarian, vegan or those trying to eat less meat. Erin's cookbook, The Veg Table, is also a great gift that can be purchased on the website and shipped nationally and further afield.



**BAKED BY BETH**

BAKEDBYBETH.CO.UK

At the Baked by Beth cake studio in Nailsworth you'll find the most beautiful plant powered cakes around. Every treat is vegan, gluten and refined sugar free. Oh, and totally delicious! You can also sip on a coffee whilst you browse the handpicked collection of gifts. A whole lot of lovely plant based products from local indy businesses, including Noni's Coffee, Black Cloud Tea, Coco Caravan Chocolate, Penny Campbell Pottery, Starlingpots Ceramics, Heyday gift cards and prints and so much more...

# BUY COMMUNITY



**MEADOWS**

MEADOWS-STORE.COM

Meadows is a romantic and feminine collection of women's clothing inspired by Victoriana, prairie-style and folklore with their flagship store in Painswick and orders also available online.



**PORTAMUS**

PORTAMUS.CO.UK

Portamus hand make classic canvas daypacks here in Stroud. The Portamus collection includes a range of styles and shapes, each meticulously handmade by sought-after accessories design consultant Ben Patton. Ben has sourced the finest British woven fabrics and natural vegetable-tanned leathers to recreate the enduring quality of traditional metal framed mountaineer packs (pictured here). The Portamus collection also includes smaller pieces with styles suited to more everyday pursuits, perfect for adventures around the Stroud Valleys.



**WOODMANCOTE RETRO**

WOODMANCOTERETRO.COM

Woodmancote Retro is a sustainable furniture design company based in Stroud. We have a passion for creating functional, simple, and timeless furniture that is accessible to all. Using local sustainable wood and recycled plastics is a prerequisite in all the furniture we produce. The materials we use have been sourced, handcrafted and made within a 100-mile radius of our HQ, reducing our carbon footprint, helping the local economy and fitting into the circular economy principles.





**KINGSHILL HOUSE**

KINGSHILLHOUSE.ORG.UK

A ticket to an event at Kingshill House Creative Centre makes for a perfect Christmas gift! We've had a great year of art classes, workshops, concerts and community events, including life drawing, foraging for food and art, glass blowing and more, all of which will be continuing through to 2024. Coming up: 26th Jan Claude Bourbon: progressive blues at its best! 7.30pm, £15/ 23rd March Swing From Paris - live/gypsy jazz 7.30pm, £15/ 9th March Spring Equinox Art Journaling Workshop 10.30am, £30. Keep an eye out for all events on Kingshill House's What's On page and follow us on instagram and facebook.



**ROCOCO GARDEN**

ROCOCOGARDEN.ORG.UK

Painswick Rococo Garden is a unique 18th century pleasure garden nestled in a beautiful hidden valley ten minutes from Stroud. With stunning vistas, horticultural delights, quirky follies, a maze, and woodland play area, it is the perfect place for all generations to enjoy - dogs on short leads are very welcome too. Treat a loved one to an annual membership starting from just £31, visit the website for more information.



**YELLOWLIGHTED BOOKSHOP**

YELLOWLIGHTEDBOOKSHOP.CO.UK

Both Tetbury and Nailsworth have amazing independent shops – including us! Come and visit this Christmas and you'll find that while we have the books you know about, we're especially good at the books you didn't know about as well. We're told we're better than most at children's books. And most of us are lovely people (apart from me, I fear). We're open every day throughout the year, and online 24/7. It'd be lovely to see you this Christmas.

# Y. SHOP LOCAL.



**QUICKTHORN BOOKS**

QUICKTHORNBOOKS.COM

There are people in your life who are difficult to buy for (they know who they are). The creatives will appreciate Intelligent Hands and the inspirational darning of Celia Pym in On Mending. Finding Quiet Strength is for the busy bee who doesn't stop to draw breath and could use some down time. And then there are those who are grieving, for whom the holiday season is the hardest time. When Words are Not Enough may fit the bill.



**PULP**

PULPSTATIONERY.CO.UK

We are an independent, women-owned boutique specialising in the sales of all things stationery, art and lifestyle. We focus on providing a range of high end products whilst minimising our impact on the planet and supporting indie designers. We have a selection of gifts perfect for any stationery addict. Pop in to get your fill of goodies or shop online and follow us on socials @pulpstationery. Opening times: Mon-Sat 9:30am - 4:30pm



**COCO CONFECTIONERY**

COCOCONFECTIONERY.CO.UK

With a fresh look and brand new owners, Coco Confectionery is the perfect one stop shop for all your sweetie gifts. We are an independent, women-owned business specialising in all things sweet. We stock a selection of treats with a focus on vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy-free options. Pop in to get your fill of goodies or shop online and follow us on socials @cococonfectionery. Opening times: Mon-Thurs 10:30am-4:30pm / Fri 10:30am - 5:30pm / Sat 10:00am - 4:30pm



**ROUGH HANDS COFFEE**

ROUGHHANDSCOFFEE.CO.UK

Speciality coffee in the heart of stroud, established in 2021. Offering a rotating coffee menu from multiple roasters and providing both espresso and filter options from all over the world. Perfect gifts for the coffee lovers; beans, equipment and accessories. We pride ourselves on making speciality coffee accessible to everyone as well as being mindful of the environment and our impact on the planet.



**THE MALTHOUSE COLLECTIVE**

THEMALTHOUSECOLLECTIVE.CO.UK

Join us at the Malthouse Collective for festive inspiration of gifts old and new. Meet with friends and family this Christmas for brunch at Brick and Brew and shopping for antiques, interiors and gifts. Whether you are looking for an extra chair for Christmas lunch or an unusual gift for dad who likes trains, or a new fluffy scarf for your sister or some Turkish Delight and local cider for uncle. Open Thurs- Mon 10-4pm. (Cafe closes at 3pm. No booking necessary. Dogs welcome)



**MY FRIEND CHANGE**

MYFRIENDS.WORLD

My Friend Change is the first in a series of short rhyming books for children and adults, aiming to help facilitate conversations. Change walks the reader through life from childhood to adulthood, outlining the changing nature of our relationship with the concept of change and our need to embrace it in order to then change the world. The book is available for pre-order online and will be with you in time for Christmas.

# SHOP STROUD.



**PEGASUS ART SHOP**

PEGASUSART.CO.UK

Something for everyone at your favourite, local art shop! Delicious paint sets, luxury gifts, brush sets, art books, printmaking, marbling, pastels, graphite, sketchbooks, workshops, kids art materials and so much more. Gift Vouchers can be posted or emailed last minute. Lots of shopping options: Online, Visit our shop, ring us, click and collect. Free Xmas Gift wrapping if ordering online. Thank you for supporting our independent shop. Wishing you a very, merry Christmas from the PegArt team!



**STROUD BOOK SHOP**

STROUDBOOKSHOP.COM

This November Stroud Bookshop celebrated our 31st birthday. We still adore books. Ideas, images, imagination, diversity in every handy package. We love welcoming you into our cosy shop. We enjoy it when you gasp at the huge range of titles we have crammed into our small space. Above all we love being here at the heart of Stroud's vibrant culture. We are blessed!



**NONI'S COFFEE ROASTERS**

NONISCOFFEEROASTERS.COM

Cruz Loma is a family run, award winning farm which has been producing coffee for over 20 years. It is only in the last 6 years that it started focusing on speciality coffee. Galo Morales is a former technician for Caravela, here he gained much valued experience which is now focused on his coffees and farm. Along with his wife, Maria Alexandra, they run a pioneering farm in the country. This coffee was chosen as a special edition for the notorious Hidden Notes Festival and was designed by one of the best designers in our town. The perfect gift for anyone who loves music and coffee! Don't miss out-limited stock remaining!

# LISTINGS

MONTHLY GUIDE TO ARTS & CULTURE THROUGHOUT THE STROUD DISTRICT.

## ART + CRAFTS

10 RUSSELL STREET

**FRI 17 NOV - SUN 3 DEC**

Seen...

Lorraine Robbins (Ceramics), Nadine James (Paintings) and Jessie James (Rugs) bring together a curated selection of work in Stroud town centre. Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11am-5pm. Late night shopping Friday 1st Dec (Stroud Goodwill). Visit SVA's website for further info!

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

**CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ART**

**SAT 2/9/16**

**Drop-in Life Drawing**

3hr single pose. Everyone is welcome. 2-5pm £20 (includes tea and biscuits)

**SUN 3**

**Clothed Portrait Session**

This 3hr session provides an affordable opportunity to draw or paint a portrait from direct observation in a friendly and supportive studio environment. 2-5pm £20

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

**FORM GALLERY**

**FRI 17 NOV - SAT 6 JAN**

**David Bowie - The Geoff MacCormack Collection**

Form Gallery is proud to present an exhibition of photographs by Geoff MacCormack documenting his time and travels with David Bowie. Geoff MacCormack, AKA Warren Peace, was one of David Bowie's oldest and closest friends, their relationship dating back to their childhoods in Bromley. MacCormack toured with Bowie for three years (1973 - 1976) as backing vocalist, dancer and percussionist. During this time he recorded with Bowie on five albums - from Aladdin Sane to Station to Station, also co-writing the track 'Rock 'n' Roll With Me on Diamond Dogs, and Turn Blue with Bowie on Iggy Pop's album Lust For Life. As Bowie preferred not to fly, he and MacCormack travelled together by boat, train and road. The photographs in the exhibition explore this period, and give a rare insight into their friendship.

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

**GALLERY PANGOLIN**

**SAT 11 NOV - TUES 19 DEC**

**Christmas Cracker!**

See Christmas Arts Markets + Exhibitions!

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

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRINTMAKING COOPERATIVE**

**SAT 9 - SUN 10**

**Explore Traditional Letterpress Printmaking Using Metal and Wooden Type with Andy Kinnear**

The letterpress weekend workshop is designed to give you a basic understanding of typesetting and printing with movable type. You will learn how to compose your chosen text and see the various techniques used to print your work. From posters to books the principle is the same. Come and experiment and continue the renaissance of this wonderful art form. 10am-4pm £150

**THURS 14**

**The Magic of Lithography with Cathy Mills**

One day workshop for those who are

interested in Lithography. This is a chance to get further your Lithography journey with support and input from experienced lithographer, Cathy Mills. Cathy can focus on particular issues that students bring along. General areas covered will be drawing and etching a stone or plate and printing. This is an excellent opportunity to develop your practice in this traditional craft. 10am-4pm £90

**FRI 1 DEC - THURS 4 JAN**

**Curated works from GPC Members - The Printmakers Gallery**

Inspired by the success of the Making Contact Swedish exchange project members are showing innovative examples of Screenprint, Etching, Collograph, Linocut and Letterpress. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-2:30pm or by appointment - contact info@gpchq.co.uk

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

**IMAGINE THERAPEUTIC ARTS**

**27 NOV - 11 DEC**

**Art Mornings/Evenings**

Both sessions offer an introductory studio space in which you can try out for yourself, to experience what it's like being in a shared and open art studio. You can join at any time, if there is a space, and beginners are most welcome. Tuesday mornings 10-11:30am/ Monday Evenings 7-8:30pm £15/session (taster) £10/taster session (price for morning and evening sessions)

**27 NOV - 14 DEC**

**Studio Practice Sessions**

A weekly open studio space for you to pursue your own artistic process. The group is facilitated by one or two therapeutic art practitioners, who are available to support participants artistically, technically and - if needs be - emotionally. You can join any time, booking required. Monday 2-5pm: Painting and Drawing/ Tuesday 2-5pm: Painting, Drawing and Clay/ Wednesday 7-9pm: Painting, Drawing and Mixed Media/ Thursday 10am-1pm: Painting, Drawing and Mixed Media. 2-5pm and 10am-1pm - £9/ hour, or £25 for a 3-hour session and 7-9pm - £18.00

**29 NOV - 6 DEC**

**Ageing With Soul**

Two weekly facilitated group sessions: one in the studio and one online (via Zoom). Join us and share what it is like to be growing old in the current time (and we are all growing older!) All materials are prepared and provided. No experience needed. Booking required. 10am - 12.30pm - in-studio and online groups (zoom). £30 (£25) each session (10 sessions). £270 (£230) if paid at the start of the term.

**3 DEC**

**Advent Gathering**

Working with clay by candlelight at the darkest time of year: feel the clay and let your hands form the shape. We will make tea-light holders which will be bisque-fired if you wish, ready for Christmas. There will be festive refreshments to celebrate our creations together. 3-5pm £15 (incl. clay) + £5 for firing.

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

**KINGSHILL HOUSE CREATIVE CENTRE**

**SAT 2**

**Christmas Glass Bauble Blowing**

Come and have a go at blowing your own hot glass bauble! A wonderful family activity

that is as much fun to watch as it is to do. Our resident glass blower, Ben Gough will be here throughout the Christmas market showing us how it's done and helping you to make your own special festive decoration. There are no age restrictions on this activity but children must be accompanied by an adult and we advise that this is most suitable for children age 10+. One 10 minute slot will allow you to blow one bauble. £25

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

**LANSDOWN GALLERY**

**WEDS 29 NOV - SUN 3 DEC**

**Jola Malin: SPLASHh... A drop in the ocean**

Mixed artworks dive into the hidden meanings. Jola has invited others to join her in producing works about water. How we perceive it, not always literally. Enjoy colourful, thoughtful, bountiful links to flow, dive, sea, swim and splash. Weds - Sun 11am-4pm/Sat 10am-4pm. Late viewing: Fri 6-8pm Meet the artist Gallery Talk: Sunday 5.30-6.30pm

**WED 6 - SUN 10**

**Fiona Harrison and Sarah: At the Sky's Edge, Bound to Earth**

An exhibition of drawings and paintings in response to time spent immersed in the beautiful Welsh mountains. A weaving of stories and experiences, exploring the connection to self, environment and landscape. 10am-5pm/Fri 9 late opening 6-8pm

**THURS 14 - SAT 23**

**The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**

Come and journey through the funky and surreal with mushroom obsessed works by DJ Sect, delve into Crazy Horse's subconscious multi media mishmash of collage experimentation and experience abstraction in reality with depiction of societal degradation by The Fox. Launch Party with music by Monobrow. After Party with music by Sean from Klang Tone Records. + Licenced Bar til 10pm. Spaghetti not included. Thurs 14-Sat 23 10am-7pm/ Launch Party Fri 15 7-10pm/Closing Party Sat 23 7-10pm

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

**THE MUSEUM IN THE PARK**

**SAT 11 NOV - SUN DEC 3**

**Christine Felce: Activist Alphabet**

The Activist Alphabet is a series of 26 print-based works and poems by local artist Christine Felce. The project started during the 2020 Lockdown and arose out of her concern about the impact of climate change and injustice. The series looks at the climate crisis and invites us to ask questions, talk, share ideas and search for new ways of doing things.

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

**NUTGROVE HOUSE PAINSWICK**

**SUN 3**

**Karen Green Sip and Paint**

Create a Seasonal piece of Art or create your own Christmas Cards. Wine from Woodchester Valley, nibbles by Felt Cafe. 2-5pm £65pp email nutgrovehouse@protonmail.com to book

**SUN 10**

**Weaving with Julie Hicks**

Try Weaving with textile artist Julie Hicks. 10am-4pm £90pp please contact Julie to book [juliehickstextiles@gmail.com](mailto:juliehickstextiles@gmail.com)

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

**PEGASUS**

**SAT 9**

**Botanical watercolour Painting: Winter Flowers With Karen Green**

Spend the day closely observing and painting winter flowers - cyclamen, hellebores, holly - and learning a little botany along the way. Bring a friend and enjoy a mince pie for a pre-Christmas treat. 10am-4pm £85

**WEDS 29 NOV - WEDS 20 DEC**

**Extreme Poses: Life Drawing With Paul Fowler**

Nude models are suspended from the ceiling using a network of slings, which opens up new ways to explore the world of life drawing. The dramatic weight and body shifts that occur create unique and exciting challenges, foreshortening and perspective changes bring a new edge to drawing. Four week course starting 29 November £130

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

**PREMA**

**WEDS 8 NOV - SAT 16 DEC**

**Lampshade Rebellion**

Artist Emily Johnson is the creative force behind Lampshade Rebellion, where she transforms old frames into flamboyant, maximal lampshades through the art of upcycling. Although her full-time job as a driving instructor pays the bills, it's in her spare time that she unleashes her artistic talents on exquisite and highly desirable lampshades.

**WEDS 8 NOV - SAT 16 DEC**

**Rachel McDonnell**

Rachel McDonnell studied for her Fine Art Foundation at City and Guilds Art School, before a minor diversion to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at St Anne's College, Oxford, sparking various interests which still permeate her work (not so much with economics). After graduating she returned to her first love: painting. She is a member of the Walking the Land group of artists, and the RWA's artist network. Rachel lives near Stroud with her partner and their two children, two dogs, two gerbils, three hens, 5 goldfish and 34 stick insects!

**WEDS 8 NOV - SAT 16 DEC**

**Chris Dye**

Originally from Yorkshire, Chris Dye moved to Bristol in 1985 and having completed a Foundation Art Course in the city went on to study Graphic Design at Salisbury College of Art. He began painting watercolours in 2016 and has developed a strong recognisable style. He likes to use watercolours in a bold, powerful, dynamic way to create impressionistic scenes with a distinctive focus on capturing the light and atmosphere of the subjects. The primary focus of his work is everyday urban and rural landscapes from the Bristol area with a few from travels over the years thrown in.

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

**RAW UMBER STUDIOS**

**TUES 5/12**

**Drop In Life Drawing**

Tutored long pose work with a wide variety of experienced models, suitable for beginners and experienced artists. 7-9pm £12

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

## RUSKIN MILL

### FRI 1 - FRI 22

#### Sarah Brooker: Fabricate

"An exhibition of hand rolled felt textiles and stitched appliques from my Sill Lives series (from my window sills, started in lockdown!) I studied Fine Art followed by an MA in textiles at Goldsmiths where I became entranced by painting with wool. Wet felting is a physical method of shrinking wool fibres together, which enables permanent bonding, often causing the image to shift and appear animated. This alchemy has facilitated, fascinated and challenged me ever since, and I have continued to develop processes and imagery for felt wall hangings, with exhibitions and commissions here and abroad."

rmt.org

## SHOW OF HANDS

### FRI 24 NOV - SAT 16 DEC

#### Show Of Hands Winter Exhibition

See Christmas Arts Markets + Exhibitions!

instagram.com/showofhands\_collective

## STROUD BREWERY

### WEDS 6/13/20/27

#### Women's Wednesday Art Group

This established group has been running for nearly 2 years now in its new location of Stroud Brewery it is welcoming new members. The emphasis is on expressing yourself through your creativity - and the multiple benefits that this can bring, such as improving emotional well-being, reflection, relief, own insights and understanding, plus the additional support from a regular, creative group. 10:30am-12pm

### FRI 1/8/15/22/29

#### Sketchbook Builder

Each week is a new challenge! Learn techniques for getting the most from creativity, building up your sketchbook, expressing yourself effectively and growing in confidence through having fun with art. 11:30am-1pm

stroudbrewery.co.uk

## SGS COLLEGE

### WEDS 13

#### Stroud School of Art Christmas Party

Stroud School of Art (SSOA), at South Gloucestershire and Stroud College, is excited to announce a festive evening celebrating creativity and the arts. Designed to offer something for everyone, the art school's 'Creative Christmas Party' will include music performances, workshops and festive treats as we open our doors and invite our communities to join us in celebrating the uplifting and transformative power of the arts. Expect to immerse yourself in an exciting programme of craft workshops in the art studios where you will be able to try your hand at something new in a fun environment and go home, after a bit of escapism, saying "I made that!" You'll also find a range of unique crafted items at our pop-up shop selling cards, jewellery, ceramics, decorations, print and artworks from our talented students. Our students are at the heart of this event and relish the opportunity to share their work and ideas with family, friends and the wider community. The event is open to all visitors. There's no need to book, just pop in! 5-7pm

sgscol.ac.uk

## STOKESCROFT

### THURS 7 - SUN 10

#### Katherine Bryan-Merrett: Open Studio and Arts Sale

Open studio and arts sale at the studio of Katherine Bryan-Merrett at Stokes Croft, Cossack Square in Nailsworth also showing works by fellow local artists and artisans

Paul Grelier, Jules Degroot and many more... plus a chance to see some live painting from Kat and Owen Murals. Open 10am-4pm Fri-Sun/Preview evening Thursday 7th 6:30-9:30pm.

instagram.com/kbmartist

## STROUD POTTERY

### SAT 9

#### Porcelain Lantern workshop Emily Joy

Join this 12 week Porcelain Lantern workshop with artist Emily Joy. 10am-4pm £75 (incl materials)

stroudpottery.co.uk

## THE SUB ROOMS

### FRI 1- SAT 2

#### The Little Art Exhibition

Come along to our final openings of the Little Art Exhibition to fundraise for the Subs whilst supporting local artists, with a late-night opening on Goodwill Evening. Enjoy perusing incredible art donated by generous local artists and maybe bid on an extra special gift for someone's Christmas....

thesubrooms.co.uk

## SVA JOHN STREET GALLERY

### WEDS 22 NOV - SAT 2 DEC

#### SVA Textile Studio: Open For Christmas

The Textile Studio is open for Christmas and full of festive cheer! Offering a host of unique handcrafted and printed gift ideas, decorations, and cards to help get your Christmas shopping started. Whether you're looking for a gift for someone special, or maybe a treat for yourself, pop in for a browse. Contributing Artists: Alanna Gray: Mixed media art and textile design. April Shackleton: Handcrafted hats and headpieces. Corinne Hockley: Mixed media textiles with narrative thread. Kathryn Clarke: Screen printed textiles, garments and accessories. Liz Lippiatt: Fine crafted cloth designed, screen printed, dyed and devore. Melanie de Gray Birch: Gathered lampshades and soft furnishings. Weds 22nd 12-5:30pm/Thurs 23rd 11am-7pm/Fri 24th 11am-5:30pm/Sat 25th 10am-5pm/Mon 27th-Thurs 30th 11am-5:30pm/Fri 1st Dec 11am-9pm/Sat 2nd Dec 10am-5:30pm

### FRI 8 - SAT 23

#### Adventus

See Christmas Arts Markets + Exhibitions!

sva.org.uk

## THREE STOREYS

### TUES 28 NOV - SUN 3 DEC

#### Alice Rolfe -Line: Path: Stitch

Alice Rolfe explores the relationship between intuition, nature and emotion, as she brings colour, texture and geometric shapes in flat planes together, to create a clean and minimal composition.

### TUES 5 - SAT 23

#### Christmas at Three Storeys

See Christmas Arts and Crafts Markets + Exhibitions listings!

threestoreys.co.uk

## TWO BEDFORD STREET

### FRI 1 - SAT 23

#### Barbara Joan Leidl: A Table Among Angels

Portraits inspired by the grand painting traditions of the Renaissance with images that reference angelic human manifestations. Opening Fri 1 Dec (Goodwill Evening) with music of the season by Dominic Skingle and Molly Grace Cochrane. After 5pm. (Free)

cococaravan.co.uk/cacao-circle

## UNDER THE EDGE ARTS

### THURS 7

#### Why Not Try...Fish Sculpture Workshop

# GOOD ON PAPER CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST VOL.3

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A BRAND NEW GOOD ON PAPER CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST. SO HERE WE GO. VOL.3. NO CHRISSESS (DE BURGH/REA) AMONGST THESE ALTERNATIVE YULETIDE TRACKS. WE'VE ALSO PUT TWO VERSIONS OF THE SAME SONG RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER. WE KNOW. PRETTY CRAZY. OUR PLAYLISTS SEEM TO GO AGAINST PLAYLIST RULES. ANYWAYS PLAY IT TO YOUR FRIENDS WHEN THEY COME OVER FOR FESTIVE CHEER/EGGNOG. THEY'LL THINK YOU ARE WELL COOL.

SEARCH ON SPOTIFY FOR 'GOOD ON PAPER -CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST VOL.3' OR SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COLUMN.

- John Williams:**  
Holiday Flight (Home Alone Soundtrack)
- XTC:**  
Snowman
- Cocteau Twins:**  
Frosty The Snowman
- Book of Love:**  
We Three Kings
- Sparks:**  
Christmas Without A Prayer
- Ryuichi Sakamoto:**  
Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence
- Jimmy Buffet:**  
Christmas In The Caribbean
- The Ethiopians:**  
Ding Dong Bell
- Shirley Temple:**  
I'm Gettin Nuttin For Christmas
- Run-D.M.C.:**  
Christmas Is
- Disco Four:**  
He's Santa Claus
- Bart Graft:**  
Yuletide 88
- The Soul Santas:**  
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
- Booker T and the M.G.'s:**  
Silver Bells
- Solomon Burke:**  
Presents For Christmas
- Lead Belly:**  
On A Christmas Day
- John Prine:**  
Christmas In Prison
- Lindisfarne:**  
Winter Song
- The Band:**  
Christmas Must Be Tonight
- Bahamas:**  
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- Courtney Barnett:**  
Boxing Day Blues (Revisited)
- Sufjan Stevens:**  
Lonely Man Of Winter
- Shane MacGowan and the Popes:**  
Christmas Lullaby
- Half Man Half Biscuit:**  
It's Cliched To Be Cynical At Christmas
- Miles Davis, Gil Evans:**  
Blue Xmas (To Whom It May Concern)
- Vince Guaraldi Trio:**  
Christmas Time Is Here
- Pretenders:**  
Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
- Slow Club:**  
Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)
- The Shins:**  
Wonderful Christmas Time
- Porridge Radio:**  
The Last Time I Saw You (O Christmas)
- Marika Hackman:**  
O Come O Come Emmanuel
- Alison Moyet:**  
The Coventry Carol
- Sinead O'Connor:**  
Silent Night
- John Williams:**  
The House (Home Alone Soundtrack)

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA TO ACCESS THE PLAYLIST!



# LIVE PUNK ROCK

CROWN & SCEPTRE STROUD

## CHINESE BURN

MIDNIGHT  
LICENCE

FREE  
ENTRY

FRIDAY  
29TH  
DECEMBER

2 LIVE  
BANDS

# BILLY WHIZZ

BRISTOL PUNK-POP



## GOOD ON PAPER - CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST VOL.2

Search on Spotify for 'Good On Paper -Christmas Playlist vol.2'' or scan the QR code on the left.

### With Imogen Harvey-Lewis

SHOAL – willow and paper mâché sculpture. Come and make yourself a beautiful giant fish hanging. Single, stylised willow and paper mâché 2D sculptures to impress which can be hung in windows, stairwells and from ceilings as, once dry, they are very light. Step-by-step easy willow frame construction; gluey paper mâché in thin fine layers; add pattern with water soluble graphite and a final touch Tunnocks teacake slivery eye. Viola! 7-9pm £5

### SUN 17

#### Why Not Try...Christmas Themed Lino Printing

Why not have a go at lino printing and decorate your own Christmas wrapping paper, gift tags, crackers, place settings etc. 10am-12pm £5

utea.org.uk

### VICTORIA WORKS STUDIOS

### SUN 10

#### Christmas Crochet

This is a workshop for anyone who has always wanted to try crochet or improve their crochet skills - but with a festive twist! Join textile artist and craft writer Katy Bevan for a fun and festive day making a variety of seasonal decorations such as Crochet snowflakes, Christmas Trees and garlands, perfect for decorating your tree of giving as a uniquely personal gift. 10am-4pm £65

### SAT 16

#### Christmas Wreath Workshop

Join Emma of Thistle by Nature to alchemise your own wild and unruly Christmas wreath made using sustainable techniques and ethical materials to take pride of place on your front door this festive season. Learn to ordain your wreath with a unique Thistle by Nature approach to form, texture and colour, using an abundance of fresh winter foliage sourced from all corners of the UK, dried flowers, grasses, seed pods and berries along with the classic Christmas goodies. £48

victoriaworksstudios.co.uk

### WEVEN

### SUN 3

#### Christmas Wreaths with Thistle By Nature

Local Botanical Artist 'Thistle By Nature' shares her tips and techniques for making an original and sculptural winter wreath for you to take away with you. Using a variety of sustainably sourced and grown fresh materials, you will learn everything you need to go on to make your own wreaths and arrangements at home. 2-4:30pm £50 Tickets include all materials and mulled cider/light refreshments. Suitable for all ages and abilities

weven.co.uk

### NEW BREWERY ARTS CIRENCESTER

#### SAT 28 OCT - SUN 24 DEC

#### Joy!: A Seasonal Celebration Of Craft

See Christmas Arts Markets + Exhibitions!

newbreweryarts.org.uk

## CIRCUS

### SCHOOL OF LARKS

Come join the Larks! Weekly 'circus' classes for all ages and abilities, brought to you by School of Larks. Join us for a variety of exciting weekly classes, available for curious participants to explore circus skills. Open your imagination as you stretch both your body and mind. Immerse yourself in these astonishing arts as you turn them into practical skills.

schooloflarks.com

## COMEDY

### STROUD BREWERY

### FRI 17

#### CrazyBird Comedy Club: Paul F Taylor, Tania Edwards, Ben Clover, MC Jon Pearson

Paul F Taylor is one of the UK's most exciting and distinctive stand-up performers. His unique brand of humour fuses quirky offbeat one liners with surreal observational flights of fancy to fantastical effect. Supporting Paul will be Tania Edwards. Tania appears at major comedy clubs across the country and her jokes have featured on a number of topical comedy shows including Mock the Week (BBC Two), Stand Up For The Week (Channel 4), Twit of the Year (Channel 4) and The Unbelievable Truth (BBC Radio 4). Ben Clover completes the bill. Ben has a unique and clever perception of the world he uses to great effect on stage. His well disguised jokes and observations catch audiences unaware, and the writing is original enough to keep them engaged. CrazyBird's favourite MC Jon Pearson returns to MC and will surely warm the audience up in his own inimitable style. 8-10:30pm £13

stroudbrewery.co.uk

### SVA

### FRI 8

#### Tonight with Elvis

Join Elvis and guests for a night of games and laughs galore. 8pm £6-£10 (John Street)

### SAT 9

#### Mr and Mrs Fluffypunk's Penny Gaff: Chris White, Jackie Juno, Edward Tripp, Worldwide Welsham

An eclectic alternative cabaret with a comedic heart, a weird soul and a spoken word spine. This time it's a West-of-Britain extravaganza featuring a strictly non-combative Wales vs Devon line-up: Chris White, Jackie Juno, Edward Tripp and Worldwide Welshman. All hosted by Stroud Library pin-up and 'spoken word elder' (it said so in an academic book) Jonny Fluffypunk. 7pm £10-£15 (Goods Shed)

sva.org.uk

## DANCE

### STROUD BREWERY

### SUN 3

### Stroud Skate Crew: Roller Skating Session

Stroud Skate Crew is a group of local skaters who love to skate. The practice sessions offer an inclusive space where all skaters (quad or inline) of any ability can experiment, share, drill new techniques and build a supportive skate community in the Stroud area. This group is for 18+

### WEDS 6/13/20/27

#### Forró Dancing

Do you like to dance?!!! Would you like to learn Brazilian partner dance? Bring your energy and a comfy pair of shoes.. beginners are welcome! 7-7:45pm beginners class/7:45-8:30pm intermediate class/8:30-9:30pm social dance.

stroudbrewery.co.uk

### TRINITY ROOMS

### SAT 9

#### Ceilidh/Country Dance/Barn Dance

Featuring live music from The Molecatchers and caller Vicky Cooper guiding you through the moves. Bring friends or come on your own. 7:30-10:30pm £12 via [tinyurl.com/mc912](http://tinyurl.com/mc912)

stroudtrinityrooms.org

## FILM

### CHRIST CHURCH NAILSWORTH

### SAT 2

#### Nailsworth Dementia Action Alliance Presents: Understanding Dementia Through Film

Nailsworth Dementia Action Alliance presents a programme of understanding dementia through film. 1pm - Dementia Friends Dementia Awareness/1:45pm - Q&A/2pm - Poems and Irish music with Poet Laureate Mark Corcoran/3pm - entertainment from Richard Cross/3:15pm - local film director Pip Heywood presents 3 short films about dementia/4pm - Sir Richard Eyre introduces his film Allelujah starring Jennifer Saunders and Derek Jacobi. 1-6pm Free

nailsworthchristchurch.org.uk

### ELECTRIC PICTUREHOUSE

### SAT 2 - SUN 3

#### Andre Rieu's White Christmas

Join André Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra for their brand-new Christmas concert. From the first jingled bell, you will be immersed in the incomparable Christmas atmosphere of André's winter wonderland. Savour the spirit of the season while singing and dancing in the aisles to timeless Christmas carols, romantic waltzes and beautiful songs from all over the world - Jingle Bells, Ave Maria, Oh Holy Night, Hallelujah, Sleigh Ride and many more! 2pm

### SAT 2

#### The Noir World of Powell and Pressburger

Part of the BFI's Cinema Unbound: The Creative Worlds of Powell & Pressburger season, the Electric Picture House and Film Noir UK present a special double bill looking at the darker side of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's output, with an introduction from Powell and Pressburger specialist Mark Fuller (Film Noir UK). The Spy in Black (1939): Captain Hardt (Conrad Veidt), a World War I German submarine commander, is ordered to lead a mission to attack the British Fleet at Scapa Flow. He puts ashore on the Orkney Islands to meet his contact but finds more than he bargained for in the local schoolmistress (Valerie Hobson). The Small Back Room (1949): Based on the acclaimed novel by Nigel Balchin, The Small Back Room details the professional and personal travails of troubled, alcoholic research scientist and military bomb-disposal expert Sammy Rice (David Farrar), who, while struggling with a complex relationship with secretary

girlfriend Susan (Kathleen Byron), is hired by the government to advise on a dangerous new German weapon. 7pm

### SUN 10/MON 18

#### Black Narcissus

Continuing the BFI season, Cinema Unbound: The Creative Worlds of Powell & Pressburger. A group of nuns open a makeshift convent in the foothills of the Himalayas, but soon find their vows challenged in this exotic environment. Deborah Kerr's Sister Clodagh has a spiritual crisis, while a fellow nun becomes erotically obsessed with a British agent, leading to an unforgettable ending. Sun 7:30pm/Mon 2pm

### FRI 22 DEC - THURS 4 JAN

#### Wonka

Based on the character at the centre of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl's iconic children's book, Wonka tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today. Starring Timothée Chalamet in the title role, with Hugh Grant as his Oompa-Loompa chum.

wottoncinema.com

### LANSDOWN HALL

### SUN 3

#### Lansdown Film Club Presents: All That Breathes

Amidst the darkening backdrop of Delhi's apocalyptic air and escalating violence, two brothers devote their lives to protect one casualty of the turbulent times: the bird known as the Black Kite. 7:30pm

lansdownfilmclub.org

### THE SUB ROOMS

#### Stroud Film Society Presents: Lunana – A Yak in the Classroom

A young teacher is sent to the most remote school in the world, 8 days hike from civilization. The villagers extend a friendly welcome, as he starts the daunting task of teaching without any supplies. A beautifully shot film in the most amazing landscape. Join us for Paella before the film! 8pm £8

thesubrooms.co.uk

## MUSIC

### THE ALE HOUSE

### FRI 1

#### Jamie Thyer and The Worried Men

Goodwill explosive rock and blues extravaganza! 8:30pm Free

### FRI 8

#### Lewis Clarke

Refined and highly talented folk, blues, songwriter with soulful Jazz elements and a varied palette of influences. 8:30pm Free

### SAT 16

#### Blueshounds

Classic blues, R&B and all the good stuff in between. 8:30pm Free

### THURS 21

#### Dave Ayre's Ale House Jazz

Another wonderful evening of Jazz in a great pub, featuring some of the finest local and international jazz musicians. 8:30pm Free

### FRI 22

#### Slimline Shufflers

Bristol's New Orleans R&B legends, comprised of some of the finest players in the region. 8:30pm Free

### SUN 31

#### The Achievers

Following their sell-out UK tour to celebrate where it all started 10 years ago for an end of year party! 8:30pm Free

thealehousestroud.com

# CROWN & SCEPTRE

MON 3-10PM TUE-THU 3-11PM FRI & SAT 12-11PM SUN 12-9PM

## EVENTS THIS DECEMBER

 FRI 1ST HARMONICA NICK LIVE 8:30PM   
SUN 3RD DAY ROAST LAMB FROM 1-2:30PM

WED 6TH CURRY LOUNGE 6-7PM

THU 7TH RODDA'S HAIRY CRAIC LIVE 8PM

FRI 8TH TEXAS TICK FEVER LIVE 8:30PM

MON 11TH POETRY NIGHT WITH ADAM HOROVITZ FROM 7:30PM

FRI 15TH DAVE PILLA LIVE 8:30PM

MON 18TH RUBYS BIG CHRISTMAS QUIZ FROM 7:30PM

WED 20TH UP THE WORKERS CHRISTMAS DINNER 6-7PM

THU 21ST KIDS CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MINCE PIES 6:30PM

FRI 23RD ROG N' BODGE REGGAE FUNK XMAS PARTY LIVE 8PM

SUN 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN TILL MIDNIGHT - TICKETED

MON 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY OPEN 12-2PM

TUE 26TH BOXING DAY OPEN FROM 3PM

 WED 27TH CURRY LOUNGE 6-7PM 

THU 30TH OPEN MIC NIGHT FROM 7:30PM

FRI 29TH CHINESE BURN + THE LOAN SHARKS LIVE 8:30PM

SUN 31ST DAY BLOODY MARY BEEF FROM 1-2:30PM

SUN 31ST NIGHT NEW YEAR'S EVE OPEN TILL LATE - TICKETED

KNIT & KNATTER/A CRAFT PINT EVERY TUESDAY 7:30PM

UP THE WORKER MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS 6PM - 7PM

CORNISH PASTY ALL DAY ON SATURDAYS

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY LUNCH ON 10TH & 17TH FROM 1-2:30PM

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# FRI 22<sup>ND</sup> DEC

7-11<sup>PM</sup>

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*This December/Christmas/New Year at the Prince Albert:*

*Sheelanagig + The Bonfire Radicals / Mad Dog Mcrea  
/ A Fistful of Spookies / Earl Temple Foundation / New  
Year's Eve All Dayer / The Prince Albert Carol Consort  
and lots more!*

*Coming up in 2024:*

*Jaz Delorian / Michele Stodart (The Magic Numbers)  
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Tarren / Joe Martin / Dead Belgian / Lady Nade  
Sings Nina Simone...*

*Head to [theprincealbertstroud.co.uk](http://theprincealbertstroud.co.uk) for tickets and further info*

## CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ART

### SUN 17

#### African Drumming With Simon McCarthy

A welcoming class, for people to enjoy their first experience of African drumming or to refine your skills. Taught by Simon McCarthy, an experienced performer and inspiring teacher. 2.30-3.30 £7 and 4-6pm, £12 or both classes £16

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

## CHRIST CHURCH NAILSWORTH

### SUN 3

#### Bristol Ensemble: Tea-Time Concert

Bristol Ensemble performs Brahms' four-movement extraordinary masterwork, the Piano Quintet in F minor. Please note that this recital was originally scheduled for 10th December. 3pm £15/£13concs available on the door. Tea and home made cakes served at 4pm.

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

## THE CROWN AND SCEPTRE

### FRI 1

#### Harmonica Nick

A versatile and seasoned musician dedicated to improvisation in the blues/latin/funk modes. 8.30pm Free

### THURS 7

#### Rodda's Hairy Craic

Irish acoustic Session. 8pm Free

### FRI 8

#### Texas Tick Fever

Moonshine-Fuelled Americana from Texas Tick Fever. Tales of hobos, grifters, bootleggers and drifters from the backwoods of America. 8.30pm Free

### FRI 15

#### Dave Pilla

Dave Pilla performs understated acoustic music that tugs at the heartstrings and drawing comparisons with Nick Drake & Damien Rice. 8.30pm Free

### FRI 23

#### Rodg and Bodg Reggae Funk Xmas Party

Celebrate Christmas with Rodg and Bodg's Reggae Funk Xmas Party! 8pm Free

### FRI 29

#### Chinese Burn, The Loan Sharks

DIY underground local punk legends Chinese Burn return to the Hat and Stick with support from the Loan Sharks. 8pm Free

### THURS 30

#### Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night curated by the Reverend Stretch - all welcome! 7.30pm Free

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

## DUFFLE VINTAGE

### SAT 9

#### DJ Cosmic Meow

Come chill and lose yourself at Duffle Vintage with DJ Cosmic Meow's beautiful live set (and maybe personal style advice!)

1-4pm Free

[duffle-vintage.business.site](http://duffle-vintage.business.site)

## HANDS ON HARPS

### SAT 16

#### Harp Workshops

Try learning the harp! No experience needed, enthusiasm essential. 2pm. Beginners workshop £10/Half day workshop £30

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

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MINCHINHAMPTON

### FRI 8 - SAT 9

#### The Stuart Singers

This mixed choir of fifty voices continues its tradition of celebrating Yuletide with festive songs, carols and songs from the musicals. Over the past 30 years the Stuart Singers have raised over £250,000 for local and national charities, and this year have made donations to the Stroud Foodbank, Stroud Valleys Project and Kids Stuff. Some of the proceeds from this year's concerts will be going to the Nelson Trust. The Bells are Ringing, the choir are singing and there'll be lots more festive fun. Come and join in! 7.30pm £12 from M&B Stores (Minchinhampton) or online at [stUARTsingers.com](http://stUARTsingers.com) / Under 16s Free on Sat

### THURS 14

#### The Cappella Singers: A Christmas Fantasia

The Cappella Singers present 'A Christmas Fantasia', including Vaughan Williams' atmospheric Fantasia on Christmas Carols and festive music by Byrd, Guerrero, Pearsall and Walton. Musical Director Philip Colls with Julian Elloway (piano and organ), Philip Brotheridge (baritone) and Mark Coldrick (percussion). 7pm £16adv from [ticketsource/£18.50otd](http://ticketsource/£18.50otd) - free for carers and school students.

### SAT 23

#### The Thames Head Singers: Under A Christmas Star

A sparkling selection of music from this popular Stroud choir to rekindle even the most reluctant of Christmas spirits! Rutter's Gloria, Rachmaninov, Darke and Todd - plus traditional carols for all. In support of NoSH (Network of Stroud Hubs) who will talk about their work providing food and warm spaces for those in need. 7pm £12/under 16's free

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

## JOLLY NICE

### SAT 2

#### Dubbu: All Vinyl DJ Set

Local DJ super selector and co-founder of 'Stroud Block Party', Dubbu continues his monthly residency at the Jolly Nice bar for an evening of feel good funk, soul, hip hop & beyond. Now with a roaring fire and fully enclosed stretch tent, the Jolly Nice bar is now fully set up for year round eating, drinking, music and merriment. 7-9pm Free. Jolly Nice Burgers until 9pm, drinks until 10pm.

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

## GOOD ON PAPER - CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST VOL.1

Search on Spotify for 'Good On Paper -Christmas Playlist vol.1.' or scan the QR code on the left.



PLAYLIST

## KINGSHILL HOUSE CREATIVE CENTRE

### FRI 22

#### A Christmas Carol: In Concert

This unique retelling of Dickens' heart-warming tale uses an array of traditional and modern instruments and authentic musical arrangements. It brims with warmth, wit and wonder. Modern-day balladeers Green Matthews take the well-loved festive adventure back to its Victorian fireside roots, painting a vivid and evocative picture of Dickens' world. Chris Green (voice, guitar, mandocello, piano), Sophie Matthews (voice, flute, English border bagpipes) and special guest Jude Rees (voice, oboe, melodeon) use a magical blend of new lyrics, traditional midwinter English folk tunes and carol melodies to illustrate the transformation of flinty-hearted Ebenezer Scrooge into the epitome of the Christmas spirit - warm-hearted, generous and loving. Uplifting and melodic, Green Matthews' A Christmas Carol perfectly recaptures the simple Yuletide delights of fellowship, laughter and good cheer. 7.30pm £13

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

## LANSDOWN HALL

### FRI 8

#### Some Voices Presents: Disco Decadence Stroud

Join us for a party night of pure hedonistic joy, soundtracked by our mighty Stroud choir singing disco tunes from past and present in jaw-dropping harmony. Enjoy festive twists and irresistible dance beats. Let's deck the halls with disco! 7.30pm £8.50 via [dice.fom](http://dice.fom)

### SUN 19

#### African Drumming With Simon McCarthy

A welcoming class, for people to enjoy their first experience of African drumming or to refine your skills. Taught by Simon McCarthy, an experienced performer and inspiring teacher. 3-5pm £12

### FRI 22

#### Dahl and Dance

An evening of amazing world music, dancing and lovingly prepared, healthy vegan food by community Chef Sam Angelo - Fun for all the family. Come along and dance, eat, make new friends or get together with old ones. 6-9pm

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

## THE MUSEUM IN THE PARK

### SAT 2

#### Carol Singing at the Museum in The Park

Come and join us on our last open weekend of 2023 and sing traditional carols to mark Advent time and the start of the festive season. All ages welcome, song sheets and warming drinks provided, this informal community event is all about coming together to sing and add some brightness to the dark time of year. This year we'll be in the Garden Pavilion with the door open for fresh air, so please bring warm layers. This is an informal standing event, but there will be some chairs for those who need to sit down. With Eleanor Holliday and Rob Kempner. 4-5pm

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

## NAILSWORTH SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS

### FRI 8

#### Peacebird Presents: Philippe Nash, Smasher the Frogs and Special Guests

Local artist Philippe (@philippenashmusic) will be returning after some time to share new music at Nailsworth's Subscription Rooms Community Workshop. His music has been described as drifting beautifully between personal conflicts and the natural world; a piercing rumination on his own emotive state is met by a crackle of grungy noise, a wash of ambience approaching.

Philippe will be accompanied by new experimental project Smasher the Frogs and other friends to bring these soon to be released songs to life for a very special cosy evening. Everyone Very Welcome! 7pm £8 via [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk)

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

## THE LONG TABLE

### SAT 2

#### The Many Coated

They're back! It's impossible not to be drawn into the catchy melodies and toe-tapping rhythms of The Many Coated. The sound, which has been likened to the harmonies of Simon & Garfunkel and swagger of folk legend Manu Chao, takes inspiration from the greats of the 60's and 70's, Join us for a delicious pay-as-you-can meal and some great tunes from 6pm. Everyone is welcome, no tickets required. 6pm Free

### SUN 10

#### Christmas Carol Concert

Join The Cotswold Singers x Whiteshill and Ruscombe Community Choir in concert for a Christmas production at Church of The Immaculate Conception, Beeches Green. Tickets are available at the cost of paying a meal forward, for someone in our community or take a paid forward ticket, thanks to the community choirs. 3pm Free or £7.90 (Pay A Meal Forward Ticket)

### SAT 16

#### Tropical Winter Party

DJ Will Mendoza is back for an evening of tropical vibes! Beat the winter blues with an evening of delicious food, cocktails and dancing. Pay-as-you-can meal from 6pm.

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

## PREMA

### SAT 2

#### Moscow Drug Club

A curious musical phenomenon where elements of Berlin Cabaret, Hot Club de France, French Musette and Storytelling combine... Imagine having a few to drink and staggering arm in arm into the darkness of an eastern European cobbled street and stumbling into a bar where Django Reinhardt & Tom Waits are having an after-hours jam with the local Tziganes. 7.30pm £11-£16

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

## THE PRINCE ALBERT

### SUN 3/10/17

#### Unusual Carols

The PACC has no official members - it is whoever turns up on the day and is truly for everyone. Song sheets are available on the day and music scores are available online [albertcarols.uk](http://albertcarols.uk). Growing in attendance and popularity over the past three decades, no singing experience is necessary and all are welcome, from those who are keen to sing at the top of their lungs, to those who might just fancy grabbing a mulled wine and joining in for the odd chorus or two. 12pm Free

### SUN 3

#### Sheelanagig, the Bonfire Radicals

Sheelanagig for over a decade have brought their array of foot-stomping folk tunes to audiences across the globe. A quintet with a well-stocked armoury of stringed instruments - guitar, fiddle, double bass - added with the rhythmic energy of flute and drums and a bagful of joint-jumping tunes, they create a real dynamic which is inherent in both their furious dance medleys as well as their interestingly arranged original pieces. With support from Birmingham's fiery, (un)traditional folk band Bonfire Radicals. 7pm £15

### WEDS 6

#### Folk Session

All welcome to enjoy the space to play to other musicians and listeners. 7.30pm Free



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**DEC 7** Crossing the Andes. Travels into the self & through the mountains with Alicia Carreiro Kon (& maté-cacao ritual) £7 **6PM-7:30PM**

**DEC 8** Book talk Trish Tucker author: 'Nourish your gut for a positive menopause' (Free) **6PM - 7PM**

**DEC 10** Wintersweet: mythos, poetry, tarot archetypes and cello. JLM Morton, Emma Kernahan, Georgja Cabrera-Gutierrez & Simon McCorry. [www.cococaravan.co.uk](http://www.cococaravan.co.uk) £15/£10 **5PM-7PM**

**DEC 21** Solstice Spell: selected Peruvian myths & cacao. Artist Ingrid Pumayalla recounts Peruvian folk stories. £20/£16 **6PM-8PM**

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## TUES 12

### Mad Dog Mcrea

Mad Dog Mcrea blends a unique mixture of folk rock, pop, gypsy jazz, bluegrass and 'shake your ass' music. From self-penned songs of adventure, drinking, love and life, to traditional songs of gypsies, fairies, legless pirates and black flies – Mad Dog never fails to capture their audience with their infectious songs. In constant demand and having played just about every festival and two-bit, jibe-arsed dive in Christendom, Mad Dog Mcrea are, in every sense of the word, a live, band. With support tba! 6:30pm £20

## THURS 7/14/21/28

### Hands On Harp Presents: Drink and Plink

Bookings essential - learn to play with Morwenna from Hands on Harps. Suitable for complete beginners and the experienced. Beginners 7pm/Intermediates 8pm. £2 if you have (rent or own) one of our harps/£5 if you have your own harp/£7 if you need us to bring a harp

## SAT 16

### A Fistful Of Spookies

Guaranteed to woo, charm, cheer and delight, A Fistful of Spookies are made up of professional singers and choir-leaders from across the UK who have all toured with festival hits The Spooky Men's Choral (Australia) and have enough voices to recreate the complete Spooky canon of achingly beautiful and wonderfully daft songs. Magnificent fun! For newcomers to the Spooky phenomenon, they have redefined the whole notion of male singing, from anthems extolling the virtues of power tools and the joys of doing nothing (at all) to ancient Icelandic hymns and Georgian work songs, as well as award-winning covers of Abba and Bowie, sensational stylings of Tom Waits, Leonard Cohen and Queen and their defiant assertion that they are definitely not a men's group. 7:30pm Free (donations welcome!)

## TUES 19

### Earl Temple Foundation

We are delighted to invite the Earl Temple gang back, and it's a Tuesday yes, but it's Christmas and they are probably the best band in Stroud currently. There we go, we said it. With their new genre of jazzpunkprotojazzsquawkchunk - they do sound exactly what it says on the tin. 8pm Free

## SUN 24

### Christmas Eve Unusual Carols

The Christmas eve gathering - it'll be huge so get here early for all the favourites. Open from 11.30am and serving food, hot drinks and everything else from opening.11:30am Free

## WEDS 27

### Shanty Bants Christmas Meet Up

All welcome, sing, tell stories and gather in a friendly manner.7:30pm Free

## THURS 28

### Unusual Carols Post Christmas Party

For more than twenty years, the Prince Albert Carol Consort (PACC) have been meeting at the Albert on Sundays in December to sing our unusual carols. In doing so we are doing our bit to keep alive a folk tradition of village carol singing once popular in many corners of the country. This is the post Christmas gathering where singing other than, but definitely as well as, carols may take place. Anything could happen.7pm Free

## SUN 31

### New Year Disco

Open all day with the pub slowly becoming a disco by night. All welcome. Families, dogs, walkers. Serving food until 10pm. Serving booze and everything else until 12.30am. Check website for updates

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

## SOUND RECORDS

### FRI 1

#### Goodwill @ Sound Records

Sound Records blast into Goodwill with a selection of DJs to get your festive period started. 6-9pm Free

### FRI 8

#### Frostbiter

Frostbiter are a duo cum 3 piece Indie guitar folk pop band from Stroud. Echoes of the Go-betweens and Still Corners. Flavoured and melodic original songs. 5:30pm Free (donations welcome!)

### FRI 15

#### The Many Coated

It's impossible not to be drawn into the catchy melodies and foot tapping rhythms of the Many Coated. The sound, which has been likened to the harmonies of Simon and Garfunkel and swagger of Manu Chau takes much of its inspiration from the greats of the 60s and 70s such as Dylan, Don Henley and JJ Cale and is always served up with a healthy twist of their own artistic style. 5:30pm Free (donations welcome!)

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

## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

### FRI 15

#### Stroud Choral Society: A Christmas Celebration

Stroud Choral Society will be joined by their children's choir, The Minpins for their Christmas Celebrations. Conducted by Simon Bell and Zoë Hynes, the concert will feature a mix of Christmas music along with congregational carols and seasonal readings. 7:30pm £15 from Shiny Goodness (Nailsworth) or old

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

## ST LAURENCE CHURCH

### SAT 2

#### Alyn Shipton's New Orleans Friends

A wonderful evening of Jazz at Vespers - music from the rich tradition of New Orleans jazz with a band that have many decades of experience. This is a return visit from last year's sell out concert. Alyn Shipton is well known through Radio 3's Sunday Jazz Record Requests. 7:30pm £10-£15

### WED 6TH

#### Deepa Hattangady Karnad - Divine Sound: North Indian Sacred Songs

A first visit to Stroud for singer Deepa Hattangady Karnad with accompaniment from table player Sanjay Jhala. An evening of beautiful North Indian song with poems of love, yearning and rebirth.7:30pm £10-£15

### SUN 17

#### The Phoenix Choir Christmas Concert

The Phoenix Choir heads to St Laurence Church for a special Christmas concert.

### FRI 22

#### Le Page Ensemble with Simon McBurney: Winter Tales

An evening of words and music. Simon McBurney and the Le Page Ensemble open their book of winter tales. Piazzolla, Vivaldi, Bach, Dickens, Laurie Lee. 7:30pm £20/ under 18s free if reserved in advance

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

## STAR ANISE

### FRI 15

#### Hot Flush: Dryadic, Emma Clowsley

Settle in for a winter warmer double bill of music from Dryadic (band performance) and spoken word from writer and performance poet, Emma Clowsley. No strangers to sharing the stage together - these talents have worked together at numerous events including El Gee-Bee Tea Queue, Pride, Out & Wild, Queer City Voices and more. Clowsley is "unflinchingly

honest, laugh out loud funny, and at times profoundly relatable," ..... "charming and witty". Dryadic's audacious and charming, folk-infused rhythmical mix-up underpins heartfelt lyrics, heart-soaring hooks and intoxicating vocals. The night will open with floor spots from 7.30pm - get in touch ([zorasings@gmail.com](mailto:zorasings@gmail.com)) if you would like to perform. 7pm £7-£13 from [ticketsource.co.uk/hotflush](http://ticketsource.co.uk/hotflush)

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

## STROUD BREWERY

### FRI 1/15

#### Folk Music

Come and listen to a local folk group performing on the stage for the musical pleasure of all within earshot. Grab a pint, sit and enjoy. Great way to start the weekend. 3:30pm Free

### SUN 3

#### Sunday Stylin': Keep It Cosmic

Brand new weekly, free live music slot that showcases the cream of local talent. DJs Cosmic Meow and Mat Balearic play a mix of heady disco, cosmic jams and chilled house. 3-6pm Free

### TUES 5

#### Open Mic

Come along and entertain eager visitors with your talents or alternatively buy a beer, sit back and be wowed by the talent on offer from others. 8pm Free

### WEDS 6/13/20/27

#### Morning Music Group

Do you have a musical instrument? Do you have a willing voice? Come to Stroud Brewery on a Wednesday morning and join the enthusiastic attendees who all join together to make sweet sounds. 10:30am-12:30pm Free

### SUN 10

#### Sunday Stylin': Neon Pumps

Warm, loungey funky house, disco and electro with a laid back flow. 3-6pm Free

### SUN 10

#### Rock Choir

A local modern choir of up to 100 people who come together to sing a mix of pop and rock songs.

### SUN 17

#### Sunday Stylin': DJ Monobrow

Monobrow runs Sound Records and has been playing records to other people for many years at nights like Shop Local, Stroud Block Party, Beat Street, Loose Joints and many more. He also has a regular show on Noods Radio. Expect an eclectic mix of danceable rhythms from around the world which may include reggae, funk, latin, African, disco, house, techno, jazz and rock ...but always vinyl only. 3-6pm Free

### SAT 23

#### MerryLittle Christmas: The Stroud Brewery Christmas Party with Midlife Crisis DJ's

Come party with us this Christmas, when we invite infamous DJ outfit Midlife Crisis to takeover our Balcony Bar. M.L.C - a group of fun loving, like minded souls, who decided to create events for the more 'well aged' party lovers, who still want to go out (albeit not as often) and cut a few rugs to decent dance music, whilst surrounded by a similar 'lets say'...demographic. Like a well stocked wine cellar the MLC DJ's have all been aged to perfection and have over 100 years of DJ experience between them ...with all this in mind ...you know the musical selection is going to be varied yet refined on the pallet, whilst holding a delicious after taste with notes of House, Old Skool, Breaks, Tech and Disco creating a positively schizophrenic genre defying experience. Due to the fact the DJ's have been aged in oak barrels they're destined to give off an ego friendly inspiring atmosphere with a dancefloor

guarantee...8pm £7 + booking fee.

### FRI 29

#### Crooked Stylus Social

An alternative to the usual NYE celebrations, 5 hours of grooves to move ya, selected with care and played with love by resident DJ Darius and special guest TBA. 7pm £5 (suggested donation but pay what you can afford)

### SUN 31

#### The Big NYE Brewery Bash

Join us for The Big NYE Brewery Bash, for what is gearing up to be a party to remember! We're bringing you three of the best DJs in the county who each specialise in making dancefloors pop! DJ Fade (wax) - With over 2 decades experience Fade is an assassin on the turn tables. Expect 90's Hip-Hop and R&B as well as Dancehall favourites. DJ Juicy (aka Juice-masta): Juicy is easily Gloucestershire's biggest name when it comes to Reggae music, he's been in the game for years and has thousands of weekly followers of his Reggae Sundays live stream. Expect a lively mix of Reggae, Dancehall, Hip-Hop and more. Fiyahman: Stroud native, Fiyahman, has fast become one of the top names in bassline music and UKG. He's bringing us a special UK Garage classics set and has promised to throw in the odd Jungle banger! All hosted by Stroud's top MC, Bro: Listed by BBC Introducing for 2023, Bro's rep is growing fast. With fast paced, conscious lyrics and vocals that hit you in that sweet spot. This local lad done good is the perfect host for Stroud top NYE Bash. 8pm £12

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

## THE SUB ROOMS

### THURS 7

#### Mari Wilson Christmas Show

Acclaimed songstress Mari Wilson presents a Christmas cracker of a show featuring her 8-piece band, The New Wilsations. Mari is thrilled to announce her very special guests: The Mike Flowers Pops, the fabulous Meyer Dancers and the VP of Vinyl, DJ Martin Green. Dressing up is encouraged - it's Christmas after all! 8pm £27.50

### SUN 10

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

Johnny Coppin - one of England's finest singer/songwriters, presents his annual feast and rich mix of traditional carols, new songs and stories. Now in its 26th year, All On A Winter's Night has now become an integral part of December in Stroud - it just wouldn't be Christmas without it. 7:30pm £21

### TUES 12

#### Geno Washington

Returning to the Sub Rooms, Geno Washington is bringing his infectious up-tempo R&B and Soul classics back to Stroud. Initially stationed in England for the Air Force Geno Washington fronted a British group known as the Ram Jam Band and went onto release a series of hits in the 60s. 8pm £24-£27

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

## SVA

### FRI 1/8/15/22/29

#### John St Social

John Street Social is a series of weekly Friday night club socials hosted by different artists each week with visuals and audio to share. 7pm £5otd (John Street)

### FRI 1

#### New Regency Orchestra

Mighty twelve-piece horn section, lock-tight five-piece rhythm section and the NRO dancers bring a new energy and new arrangements to the golden age of mambo and latin jazz. 8pm £18-£22 (Goods Shed)

### THURS 7

#### Stroud Jazz Club



**Christ Church, Nailsworth  
Sunday 3 December at 3pm**

The professional musicians of Bristol Ensemble perform Brahms' four-movement extraordinary masterwork, the Piano Quintet in F minor Op.34.

**TICKETS** £15 (£13 for those on low incomes) available online or on the door.  
Tea and home made cakes served at 4pm.

[www.bristolensemble.com](http://www.bristolensemble.com)

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## SAT 16

### Jazz Stroud presents: Onipa Off The Grid Tour

Jazz Stroud presents explosive afro-futurist collective Onipa and their high-octane live show, fronted by irresistible singer and percussionist K.O.G, on the 16th Dec as the band tour new album 'Off The Grid'. 8pm £12-£18 (Goods Shed)

## FRI 22

### SVA Christmas Party

The infamous SVA Christmas Party returns, loaded with multi-genre music and festive cheer. Strictly 18+ 9pm £15-£20 (John Street)

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

## TOWN OWL TAPHOUSE

## FRI 22

### Monobrow

Town Owl Taphouse gets your weekend started in style with Monobrow (Sound Records) playing a selection of funky grooves while you sup the finest ales. 7pm Free

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

## UNDER THE EDGE ARTS

## FRI 1

### Vinyl Night/UTEA Social

Music based on a loose theme. This month? Drive Me Crazy...Bring your own tracks (CDs also welcome) or just enjoy the music and have a drink, boogie and get to know other UTEA friends and volunteers. 8pm Free

## SAT 2

### The Sounds Of Simon

The Sounds of Simon is a tribute to the wonderful music of Simon and Garfunkel. The Old Friends Duo tour is how the songs are meant to be: just two voices and one guitar. This is the music of Simon and Garfunkel up close and intimate. 8pm £10-£12

## SAT 9

### The Bob Porter Project

UK Mellow Alt Country and gritty Roots Rock & Blues on tap here! The Bob Porter Project offers up a programme of soulful original songs and sympathetic covers influenced by modern day singer songwriters, and latter day stalwarts such as Tom Rush, Tom Waits, JJ Cale and Dylan. 8pm £10

## SAT 23

### Edge Soundsystem Presents: The Saturday Before Christmas Party

Edge SoundSystem brings you a Xmas party to remember! Eclectic Avenue Selectas - on a mission to fill the Xmas dancefloor with a kicking, sparkling eclectic mix of Disco, House, Funk and Techno, warming us up for a massive headline set from DJ HUGEhands. Edge Dance Party Kids Rave 3:30-5pm £4/ Edge Dance Party Evening Party 6pm £6

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

## TALKS/ SPOKEN WORD/ LITERATURE

## CROWN AND SCEPTRE

## MON 11

### Poetry Night With Adam Horovitz

Poet and author Adam Horovitz regular poetry night at the Crown and Sceptre.

Lineup tba! 7:30pm Free

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

## DIALECT

## WEDS 6 ONLINE

### Writing Climate Hope

In this online workshop, meet with prize winning author Sarah Davy to explore climate change and how we can work through our fears and questions towards a place of hope and resilience. 7-9pm £25

## THROUGHOUT DEC

### Meadow, Moor and Mountain Membership

Join our year-round membership scheme as a founding member and get money off a whole network of writing support. Weekly writing sessions, creative provocations, workshops, mentoring and socials. From £15/Free to caregivers and anyone on benefits.

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

## THE MUSEUM IN THE PARK

## FRI 1

### A Fine Selection of Christmas Ghost Stories

Ever since the days of Queen Victoria, Christmas has traditionally been the time of year to gather around a blazing fire, turn the lights down low and tell tales of ghosts and hauntings. Award-winning Gothic entertainer Dr Nicolas Grimoire presents a varied selection of traditional festive frighteners to chill the blood. Snowbound spectres, ghastly ghouls and foul phantoms all make their appearance in an unforgettable evening of spooky storytelling. Arrive at 7pm for mulled wine and mince pies, then take your seats at 7.30pm in the oak-panelled Collectors' Room in the Mansion House. This event is for adults only. £12-£15

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

## THE PAINSWICK CENTRE

## THURS 7

### First Thursday Painswick Presents: Stephen Moss

First Thursday Painswick presents acclaimed naturalist Stephen Moss talking about his recent book, Ten Birds That Changed the World. 7pm £10

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

## RUSKIN MILL

## SUN 17

### Tales For The Turning Year

As Midwinter approaches, join Fiona Eadie and a host of storytellers for an afternoon of seasonal stories and ridiculous riddles around the fire. 2.30-4.30pm £5adult/£4child/£12family (cash otd!)

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

## ST LAURENCE CHURCH

## FRI 22

### Le Page Ensemble with Simon McBurney: Winter Tales

An evening of words and music. Simon McBurney and the Le Page Ensemble open their book of winter tales. Piazzolla, Vivaldi, Bach, Dickens, Laurie Lee. 7.30pm £20/ under 18s free if reserved in advance

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

## STAR ANISE

## WEDS 20

### The Wonder Night Cafe: Midwinter Storytelling Night

A monthly night of wild and wonderful traditional storytelling for the turning of the year, with storyteller Hannah Moore and musician Amy Cox. 7.30pm £11/£9 including hot drink

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

## ST BRIDE'S HALL

## SAT 2

### Music and Changing Consciousness

A talk exploring how music has evolved in the last 12,000 years including guided listening examples (recordings of world musics). Music of different epochs will be discussed in connection with the wider culture of their time, showing how music always reflects the zeitgeist of its own period. Based on the extensive research of Heiner Ruland, using the indications of Rudolf Steiner. Presented by Andrew Thompson. 4-6pm Retiring collection

[stroud.thechristiancommunity.co.uk](http://stroud.thechristiancommunity.co.uk)

## TWO BEDFORD STREET

## SUN 10

### Wintersweet: Mythos, Poetry, Tarot Archetypes and Cello in the Season of Light

An event which revels in local mythology, melodic poetry, tarot's shadow archetypes and deep winter cello with JLM Morton, Emma Kernahan, Georgina Cabrera-Gutierrez, and Simon McCorry. 5-7pm £10-£15 cococaravan.com

## UNDER THE EDGE ARTS

## SAT 16

### Andy Gilbert: Surviving Christmas With Poetry

Whether you love Christmas or hate it, Andy Gilbert - 'The UK's #1 Poetry Teacher' - has put together a masterclass of fun to get you through the festive period. Expect hilarity, vulgarity and all you need to write poetry through Christmas and into the New Year. Strong language & adult themes 16+. 8pm £5

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## THEATRE

## COTSWOLD PLAYHOUSE

## SAT 9

### Opera Anywhere Presents: Menotti's Amahl and The Night Visitors plus The Telephone

Don't miss this Christmas double bill with a difference...Enjoy two tales full of fun, music and frolics with these two magical operas. Sung in English and performed by Opera Anywhere they are perfect for all the family! 7.30pm £20-£22

## SAT 16

### Don't Go Into The Cellar! Presents: Ghost Stories For Christmas

Join resting actor Alfred St John Merrimoon once again, as he regales his audience with more unsettling tales of seasonal spooks, winter wraiths and Christmastime horrors. Huddle closer to the fireplace and keep away from the shadows, for who knows what might be lurking just out of sight? An amusingly chilling way to usher in this special time of year! Jonathan Goodwin plays Merrimoon in a show scripted by himself, and co-directed by Goodwin and Gary Archer. 7.30pm £14

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

## LANSDOWN HALL

## SAT 2

### Stroud Drag Collective Presents: Glitter and Garters

A night of burlesque and drag. Prepare to be amazed by a plethora of drag and burlesque performers from across Gloucestershire. Come along to an event like nothing you have seen before! 7.30-10.30pm £15-£15 via [trybooking.co.uk/CSDB](http://trybooking.co.uk/CSDB)

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

## MINCHINHAMPTON MARKET HOUSE

## THURS 30 NOV - SAT 2 DEC

### Minchinhampton Players Presents: Oliver!

Oliver Twist escapes from his orphanage and unites with a group of urchins trained to be purse-snatchers by a criminal. When

Mr Brownlow offers to shelter Oliver, the criminal plots to abduct Oliver. Music by Lionel Bart. Thurs-Fri 7:30pm/Sat 2:30pm + 7:30pm £12

## SAT 16

### A Christmas Carol

David Mynne performs Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Joy to all mankind? Bah! Spend an evening in the company of a mean, tight-fisted, squeezing, grasping, clutching old miser. Bah! Watch horrified as Ebenezer Scrooge is haunted by four creepy ghosts (wooo-oooh) each one more terrifying than the last. Celebrate the festive season with a mesmerising one-man performance of Charles Dickens' timeless, transformative story. 7.30pm £15

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

## NAILSWORTH TOWN HALL

## WEDS 29 NOV - SAT 2 DEC

### Nailsworth Dramatic Society presents: Dirty Dusting

A slightly raunchy comedy by Ed Waugh and Trevor Wood 3 older cleaning ladies faced with the sack for being too old, use their remaining days at large in the office they are 'cleaning up' in, to set up a sex chat line with hilarious results and an unexpected 'come-uppance' for their unpleasant boss. 7.30pm

[nailsworthdramaticsociety.wordpress.com](http://nailsworthdramaticsociety.wordpress.com)

## THE PRINCE ALBERT

## SUN 10

### Follow The Star: Christmas Nativity With Mister Robbie

Time for the annual Nativity Play with Mister Robbie (Humphries and Begg/The Many Coated) - It's Christmas eve 1BC, Mary and Joseph have travelled to Bethlehem to have their baby but it turns out to be a very special night for everyone. A fun interactive afternoon for all the family. 4pm Free

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

## THE SUB ROOMS

## WEDS 20 DEC - SAT 6 JAN

### Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

A fantastic festive treat for the whole family, produced by the same team that brought you last year's production of Cinderella. Will Snow White ever find her happy ever after? Join us this Christmas to find out. The must-see theatrical experience for every member of every family in and around Stroud. Various times, from £16

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

## BARN THEATRE CIRENCESTER

## MON 20 NOV - SAT 6 JAN

### Treasure Island

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## HAWKWOOD COLLEGE

## MON 18

### December Hawkwood Huddle With Penny Gundry and Joe Weatherall

If you're looking to join a networking group with fellow business people then we'd love to welcome you to join us for a monthly Hawkwood Huddle. Join us for this new, monthly networking group held at Hawkwood. Connect, share ideas and develop business and community links. Sessions will be held every third Monday of the month - this is the November event, please see below the remaining 2023 dates. 10-11:30am £8.25

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

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: WEDS 20TH**

Thanks to all of you who have answered the call for our Insert Art Here invitation as part of our 100th issue which came out in September!

If you want to but haven't yet? We've extended the deadline to Weds 20th December as we had a thought that it would be amazing to get to 100 submissions. We are pretty much there...



Well we had to do something a bit different for the cover of our 100th issue.

So we announced an open invitation to artists of any age across the Stroud District to take the first page of the 100th edition of Good On Paper, rip it off and create their own work over the top of it. Illustration, cartoon, painting, poem, story, calligraphy, photography, charcoal, collage, woodcut, screenprint, paper pulp - any medium you think you might like to bring into being on top of a 200gsm piece of paper in a 25cm by 19.5cm frame.

We will then display every single submitted cover as part of an exhibition at the Good On Paper Party in 2024 with an auction off evening raising money for local charities. And no doubt share a few of our favourites as we go along on the old socials. Once you've finished your cover, pop it carefully (together with your name and email address on a post it note) in a board back envelope marked FAO GOP - HERE'S MY COVER and take it into Sound Records at 23 High Street, Stroud by Weds 20th December. I guess you could call this an artistic experiment involving our readers and the community at large. Or you might just think we forgot about the cover art for a mighty milestone of an issue when it came to the deadline (it has been a busy summer). Either way. Go on. Insert Art Here.

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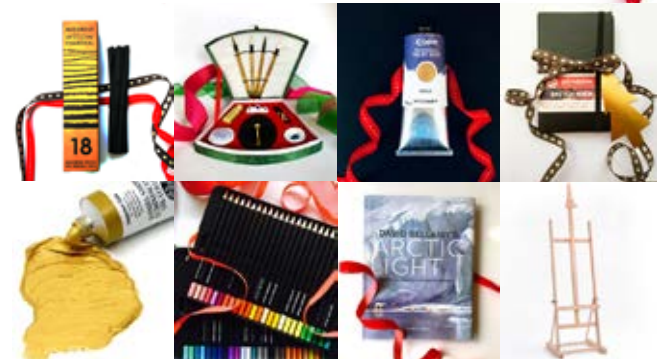


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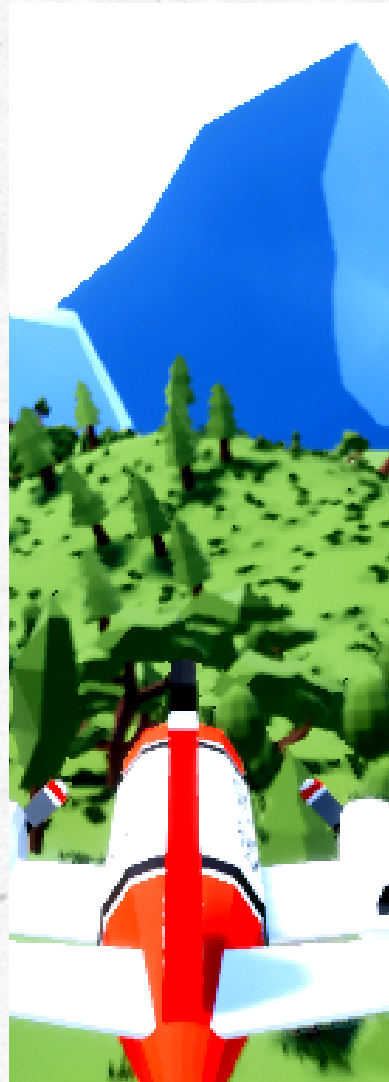
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