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Spring Film Programme

Wed 19 & Thu 20 January, 7.30pm

No Time To Die (12A)

The latest James Bond film, starring Daniel Craig and Rami Malek.

**FILM
TICKETS
£5**

Thu 3 February, 7.30pm

The Courier (12A)

Benedict Cumberbatch stars in the gripping Cold War spy drama.

Wed 9 February, 7.30pm

The Broken Hearts Gallery (12A)

A self-confessed romantic hoarder learns to let go of past relationships.

Mon 14 February, 2pm

23 Walks (12A)

A couple get to know each other over the course of 23 dog walks.

Wed 16 February, 7.30pm

The Last Letter From Your Lover (12A)

A journalist investigates the story of a set of love letters from 1965.

Sun 20 February, 7.30pm

Four Weddings and a Funeral (15)

A long-time bachelor wonders if he has fallen in love, over the course of 5 social events.

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Thu 24 February, 2pm

PAW Patrol: The Movie (U)

Enjoy half-term high jinks on the big screen with Chase, Marshall & co!

Thu 24 February, 7.30pm

The Shape of Water (15)

Guillermo del Toro's Oscar-winning tale of forbidden love, starring Sally Hawkins.

Tue 8 March, 7.30pm

The Father (15)

Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman star as a bickering father and daughter.

Wed 16 March, 7.30pm

Nomadland (12A)

Frances McDormand stars as Fern, a van-dwelling modern-day nomad.

Wed 23 March, 7.30pm

Judas and the Black Messiah (15)

Based on the true betrayal of activist Fred Hampton by William O'Neal.

Fri 25 March, 7.30pm

Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)

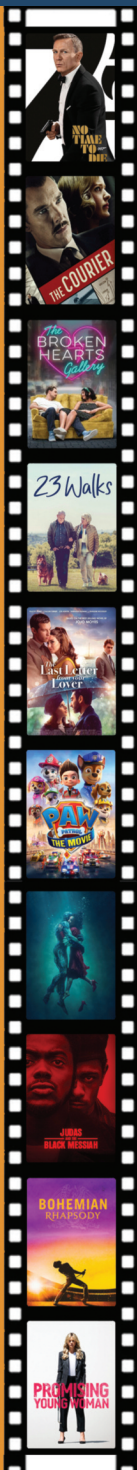
Rami Malek stars as Freddie Mercury in this popular Queen bio-pic.

Thu 31 March, 7.30pm

Promising Young Woman (15)

A young woman seeks revenge on those involved in a defining tragedy in her life.

View out full film programme at www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk



PRESENTING THE CORE THEATRE SPRING PROGRAMME.

It is with great pleasure that we present the Core Theatre programme for Spring 2022. Take a look at our varied comedy nights, film, music and drama and if you decide to buy online, you can familiarise yourself with our great new booking facilities following our upgraded ticketing system. Feedback from the public has been fabulous - it's really easy to use.

Alongside many familiar shows and old favourites at the Core we also have great new ideas and works appearing around The Core. You will also see an evening of newly commissioned work by local artists in January (see page 5), a fun day celebrating Holi - Festival of Colour with Art at the Heart in March (see page 13), as well as Solihull Bookfest making a welcome return with authors, artists and storytellers taking over the whole of the Core in what has previously been a hugely popular event (see page 14).

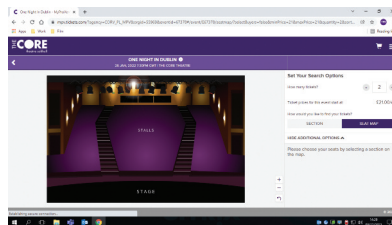
2022 is also important as it is the year of the Commonwealth Games and a number of sports are being hosted locally at the NEC. We'll see a wealth of cultural activities taking place throughout Solihull including a project called Music on the Move celebrating music in your local area, plenty of visual arts projects, a community based tap dancing project and Solihull will host its own Festival sites whilst the games are on... it's a really exciting time coming up!

As the plans develop information about all the events will be featured on Visitsolihull.co.uk with links from the Core Theatre's own website. 2022 promises to be an exciting year of sport and culture and we look forward to you sharing in the celebrations with us.

Lawrence Smith

Lawrence Smith, Theatre Manager

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PERRY THE PLATYPUS - COMMONWEALTH GAMES MASCOT

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THEATRE



FRI 21 JAN, 7.30PM

THE BILLY FURY YEARS

Billy Fury enjoyed a string of hit singles in the 60s and is celebrated by Michael King, hailed as "the best Fury since Fury".

This 2 hour show filled with great hits in true Fury style further enhanced by fantastic audio and video effects plus various costume changes to suit the era of the songs.

"King captured fully the sound, the gestures, the mannerisms, even the physical appearance of arguably Britain's greatest Rock and Roll singer" **The Beat Magazine**

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £22

STUDIO



FRI 21 JAN, 7.15PM

HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE THE NITECRAWLERS

Henry's Blueshouse is a series of regular Blues music nights in the relaxed atmosphere of our ground-floor Studio at The Core and each show starts with a Q&A at 7.15pm with music from around 8pm.

The Nitecrawlers deliver a tough, no-holds-barred performance of hot and greasy Chicago-style blues. They are regulars at festivals, having played with Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Buddy Guy, Screamin' Jay Hawkins and Champion Jack Dupree. Their new album featured on The Blues Show with Cerys Matthews on BBC Radio 2.

RUNNING TIME: VARIES **TICKETS:** £5

THEATRE

mama



the next domino?

reproducing 'The Last Domino' tour

SAT 22 JAN, 7.30PM

MAMA PRESENTS AN EVENING OF GENESIS MUSIC

Mama faithfully reproduce the sights and sounds of a high octane, contemporary Genesis rock concert with fantastic musicianship from acclaimed musicians.

From Genesis' early Peter Gabriel years, through the Phil Collins' era of the 70s and 80s and right up to their final studio album, *The Last Domino*.

Featuring lead singer, John Wilkinson, keyboard wizardry from John Cornish, guitars by Jan Vatikiotis, with Dave Jones on bass and 12 string plus solid technical playing of Tim Rothwell on drums.

RUNNING TIME: 3HRS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £18

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THEATRE

**TUE 25 & WED 26 JAN, 7.30PM****ONE NIGHT IN DUBLIN**

Celebrating the music and song of Ireland! Middi and his legendary 'Wild Murphys' are bringing Murphys Pub to Solihull!

This award winning seven piece Irish band covers songs by the Pogues, The Dubliners, The Saw Doctors, Flogging Molly, Dropkick Murphys, Van Morrison and many more, in their own unique and upbeat style.

Enjoy *Galway Girl*, *Tell Me Ma*, *Dirty Old Town*, *The Irish Rover*, *Brown Eyed Girl*, *Seven Drunken Nights*, *Whiskey in the Jar*, *Wild Rover* and *Molly Malone*, to name just a few.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £21

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

**THU 27 JAN, VARIOUS****SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL: CELEBRATING NEW WORK IN SOLIHULL**

Culture@Solihull has funded 20 small commissions from artists from across the borough and the wider West Midlands.

We've invited film makers, poets, theatre makers, musicians, painters, photographers, dancers, crafters - to bring us a new piece of work that they'd develop further and we're sharing these with our audiences and visitors to The Core for one day only.

Join us for a cultural day of events and exhibitions and tell us what you think.

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

THEATRE

BRING THE LAUGHTER**WITH NOREEN KHAN****FRI 28 JAN, 7.30PM****BRING THE LAUGHTER NOREEN KHAN & FRIENDS**

Bring The Laughter comes to Solihull with some of the UK's powerhouses of comedy.

Join Noreen Khan & friends for what is guaranteed to be a night of raucous laughter & no holds barred comedy.

Noreen is hugely popular around the region and has recently been filming for TV. You don't want to miss this...

Book your tickets NOW!

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £18

THEATRE LEGEND OF A BAND PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

GO NOW!

THE MUSIC OF THE MOODY BLUES
THE TRIBUTE



David Julien
Finalist "The Voice"

SAT 29 JAN, 7.30PM

GO NOW! THE MUSIC OF THE MOODY BLUES

GO NOW! The Music of The Moody Blues celebrates one of the greatest classic rock bands and includes Gordy Marshall who toured and recorded with The Moody Blues for 25 years. Together with Mick Wilson (lead singer of 10CC for 20 years) they meticulously recreate the elegance of a Moody Blues Concert.

Includes classic hits like *Nights in White Satin*, *Go Now*, *Isn't Life Strange* plus *Forever Autumn* and a show-stealing rendition of *Eve of the War* from Jeff Wayne's *The War of the Worlds*.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £24

THEATRE Harlequinade presents

Hi-de-Hi!

Written by
Paul Carpenter
& Ian Gower

Directed by
Jackie Staite

MON 31 JAN - WED 2 FEB, 7.30PM

HI DE HI

Presented by local amateur group Harlequinade this fun show is based on the TV show of the same name, all of the characters are there including Jeremy, Gladys, Ted, Spike, Barry, Yvonne and Peggy.

Peggy longs to be a yellow coat and when a new camp is opening in the Bahamas, one of the present yellow coats must be voted to go so Peggy has a chance to take their place.

Join Harlequinade members in this fast-moving and cheerful comedic romp.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 50MINS INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £14 (£12)

THEATRE



FRI 4 FEB, 7.30PM

QUILL

Classic Midlands folk rock band Quill return with a great new show featuring an eclectic mix of stylish covers of well-known songs, original numbers and Quill standards.

Prepare for a fabulous night of music, quirky interpretations of *Blackberry Way*, *Telephone Line*, *Flowers in the Rain*, *Heaven and Hell* and *Don't Bring Me Down*, new songs and long time favourites.

Seven piece Quill consist of Joy Strachan-Brain, Kate McWilliam, John Jowitt, Lee T Evans, Abby Brant, Andy Edwards and Bev Bevan.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS INCL. SUPPORT ACT & INTERVAL TICKETS: £20

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SAT 5 FEB, 7.30PM

NORTH SOLIHULL SINGERS 15TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

North Solihull Singers return to the Core Theatre to celebrate a wonderful 15 years of community, friendship and music making.

Bringing a varied programme of pop, musical theatre, a little more 'serious' choral singing and some wonderful soloists, the choir will be accompanied by a live band of professional musicians and will feature special guest Dilyana Rossiter - winner of Solihull Rising Star 2021.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £12



MON 7 FEB, 7.30PM

THE LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY SHOW

The Legends of American Country Show returns for another fantastic night of toe tapping Country classics. Tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline and Kenny Rogers and new tributes to icons Hank Williams, Charley Pride, Glen Campbell, Tammy Wynette and Jim Reeves with countless other great songs.

Four fantastic singers accompanied by a superb live band of musicians will transport you to Nashville and back in one night.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £22.50



TUE 8 FEB, 7.30PM

FAIRPORT CONVENTION

Fairport Convention enjoy critical acclaim and the band have won a coveted BBC Lifetime Achievement Award; Radio 2 listeners voted Fairport's groundbreaking album Liege & Lief 'The Most Influential Folk Album of All Time'; and their story has been celebrated with a major documentary on BBC Four television.

Featuring Simon Nicol, Dave Pegg, Chris Leslie, Ric Sanders and Gerry Conway. Whether a long-time fan or a newcomer to their music, an evening with Fairport Convention will surprise and delight.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £24

THEATRE

The Class of '55 presents **'GREAT BALLS OF FIRE'****THU 10 FEB, 7.30PM****GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!**

The producers of The Roy Orbison Story are proud to present a brand-new production starring Darren Green and his smoking hot piano performing the hits of rock and roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis.

With a special guests and a fabulous five-piece band, he'll be 'Ripping' through the great rock and roll songbook. From the raw sound of the young man to his later sophistication this is a show for lovers of Rock and Roll and the show also features big screen projection and narration.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 10MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £21

THEATRE

BACK TO THE SIXTIES 2

THE BROTHERS IN SONG

SAT 12 FEB, 7.30PM**BACK TO THE SIXTIES 2 BROTHERS IN SONG**

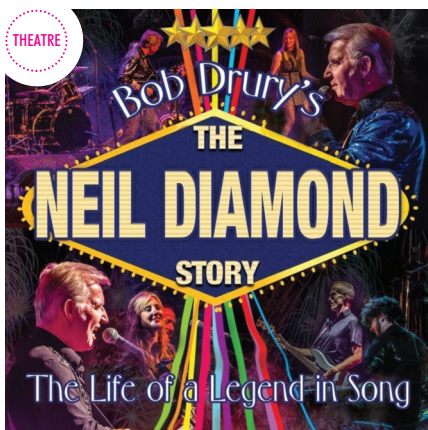
Monster hits from the 1960s are recreated with songs from various Brothers that captured our hearts. Songs from The Walker Brothers, with hits such as *'The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore'*, *'Make It Easy On Yourself'* and more.

Enjoy songs from The Righteous Brothers with worldwide hits *'Unchained Melody'*, *'You've Lost That Loving Feeling'*, and many more.

Lastly the hit machine called The Everly Brothers, with like *'Cathy's Clown'*, *'Crying In The Rain'*, *'Walk Right Back'* to name just a few.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £23.50

THEATRE

**FRI 18 FEB, 7.30PM****THE NEIL DIAMOND STORY**

Bob Drury's vocal tribute has been astounding audiences for ten years during which time he has performed throughout the UK, Europe and in the United States for the American Neil Diamond Fan Club in both Nashville and Las Vegas. Bob tracks Neil's journey from struggling New York songwriter to international mega-star covering a career spanning five decades.

Enjoy *Cracklin' Rosie*, *America*, *Love on the Rocks*, *Play Me*, *Hello Again*, *Forever in Blue Jeans*, *Beautiful Noise*, *I'm a Believer*, *Red Red Wine* and of course *Sweet Caroline*.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £23

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VARIOUS
LOCATIONS

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FRI 18 - MON 21 FEB**WH AUDEN FESTIVAL**

In Solihull, to celebrate WH Auden's connection to the town a new annual festival will explore his links to the borough and his artistic output through interpretations of his work and contemporaries. This first festival will focus more on his youth in the 1930s.

With an 'Art For All' ethos the festival will include immersive street theatre, live poetry readings, film, talks, music and a museum style interactive Auden installation.

See Core Theatre website or VisitSolihull.co.uk for full details.

VARIOUS EVENTS AND FILM AROUND SOLIHULL

THEATRE

**TUE 22 FEB, 2.30PM****I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE**

An adorable family musical celebrates everything great about being a kid – and everything great about having one, presented by People's Theatre Co.

Molly and Bingo the Puppy invite you and your family to join them for Molly's sixth birthday party! There'll be a terrific treasure hunt, sing-along songs and games including the game Molly loves best, "I Spy With My Little Eye!"

A sweet surprise and photos with the birthday girl will be available at the end of the party so bring cameras if you wish!

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £11 (£9 CHILD)

THEATRE

**WED 23 FEB, 8PM****ED BYRNE - IF I'M HONEST...**

Join Ed as he takes a long hard look at himself and tries to decide if he has ANY traits that are worth passing on to his children.

Ed Byrne presents his brand-new masterclass in observational comedy after his previous highly successful nationwide tour 'Spoiler Alert'.

A TV household name, in the past year Ed has appeared on *Live At The Apollo* (Host, BBC), *Mock The Week* (BBC), *The Pilgrimage* (BBC), *Top Gear* (BBC) and *QI* (BBC). He remains constantly in demand and looking forward to performing live again.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



FRI 25 FEB, 8PM

BOTOWN: THE SOUL OF BOLLYWOOD

Botown are multicultural musicians that perform Bollywood grooves reborn with an unique soul funk twist. Add the glamour of Bollywood to the charisma of soul and expect hit songs by RD Burman, Asha Bhosle, AR Rahman, Lata, Kishore Humar, Shankar Ehsaam Loy, Alisha and more, as you've never heard them before! Botowns unique mash-up features Drums, Percussion, Dhol, Horn sections, Guitar, Bass, Keyboards plus vocals to take you from Memphis to Mumbai. "...Bollywood's best-loved anthems are given the 'Shaft' treatment... frontman Ajay's Hini singing burst with feeling..." **The Daily Express**

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



SAT 26 FEB, 7.30PM

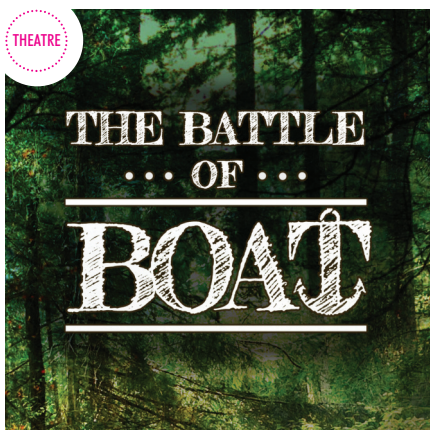
ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW & THE LOW RIDERS 2022

Andy Fairweather Lows pedigree is the stuff rock dreams are made of. He came to prominence as the lead singer in Amen Corner, who clocked up hit after pop hit. Songs such as 'Bend Me Shape Me', 'Hello Suzy', '(If Paradise is) Half As Nice' are still played to this day.

Andy has since worked with; Eric Clapton, George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, David Crosby, The Band, Elton John, Roger Waters, The Who, BB King, Joe Cocker, Steve Winwood, The Bee Gees, Van Morrison... and hundreds more!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



THU 3 - SAT 5 MAR, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

THE BATTLE OF BOAT

Presented by the talented youth actors from SOSage Factory. The Battle of Boat is a courageous tale of young people trying to find their place in the world during a world war in 1916. Determined to help the war effort they soon have to tackle their own conflict in the form of a local gang of bullies who will stop at nothing to see every plan they form fail.

Heart-warming, funny, emotional and exciting, this original new musical celebrates the steadfast British spirit that shone through during WW1.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £13 (£11 CONC.)

OPENING NIGHT SPECIAL OFFER: £10 (£8 CONC., THURSDAY ONLY)

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STUDIO



FRI 4 MAR, 7.15PM

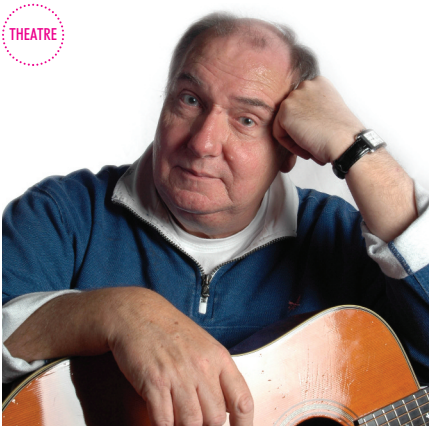
HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE CHICK WREN'S ROLLIN' RIVER BAND

Join this laid back relaxed Blues Night in the ground floor Studio. A Q&A sessions starts at 7.15pm with music from around 8pm.

When the 58s Blues Band were derailed as Covid first hit, bandleader, singer, guitarist Chick Wren decided to take the opportunity to change the personnel and update the sound under a new name, Chick Wren's Rollin' River Band. Actually he'd recorded his successful album Hoodoo River with this line up. They made their debut at Henry's Blueshouse and were re-booked before they left the building.

RUNNING TIME: VARIES **TICKETS:** £5

THEATRE



TUE 8 MAR, 2PM

MALCOLM STENT IN THE AFTERNOON

Malcolm Stent remains one of the regions bestloved performers after a career spent on Midlands stages, TV and Radio WM. He received a British Empire Medal for his services to entertainment.

His guests vary each show, sometimes singers sometimes guitarists etc. His stories will take you back and hopefully make you smile too. Malcolm's warmth and local interest ensures his popularity never wanes and his audiences remain as loyal now as they were 30 years ago!

Spend an afternoon with Malc and be home by teatime!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £12

THEATRE



WED 9 MAR, 8PM

THE KING ELVIS PRESLEY LIVES ON 2022

Gordon Davies is also known as one of the best Elvis tribute artists in the world after winning 'Images of the King' in Memphis Tennessee in 2012.

Gordon brings the majesty of the voice and the electrifying power of Elvis's performance back to life. Accompanied throughout by his world class band and backing singers that breath the life into the music of a legend.

Featuring; *Blue Suede Shoes, Are You Lonesome Tonight, If I Can Dream, The Wonder Of You, Suspicious Minds*, and many, many more.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £19



FRI 11 & SAT 12 MAR, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

KNOWLE MUSICAL SOCIETY 60TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Knowle Operatic Society as it was then was founded in 1962 and this concert is a celebration of 60 years of presenting shows.

Included will be those great songs and chorus numbers from Knowle's first show *The Mikado* through to their last *Annie*.

The present company will be joined by past members and principals and performed using the latest 3D digital backdrops. This promises to be a grand and exciting night, showcasing the best songs from the very best of the musicals.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £12 (£10 CHILD)



TUE 15 MAR, 8PM

PEPPER AND HONEY

There are two types of people. The ones who move away... and the ones who stay and wait.

This new work written by Kristina Gavran tackles your senses and imagination as two women question the meaning of home. The play is timed to perfection in order to deliver a perfect Croatian pepper biscuit, baked live in front of and with the help of the audience.

The live baking process is intertwined with a story of what it's like to settle in a different country, leaving and returning and making and breaking family traditions.

"A warm and gentle show... evocative..." **The Stage**

RUNNING TIME: 80MINS **TICKETS:** £12 (£10 CONC.)



THU 17 MAR, 7.30PM

LOST VOICE GUY: CEREBRAL LOL-SY

Following the success of his huge sell out 2019 UK tour, Lost Voice Guy is back on the road.

The Britain's Got Talent winner will poke fun at his life living as a disabled person in a post-apocalyptic world, as he tries to cope with the fame and fortune since his memorable victory. From the highs of meeting 50% of The Chuckle Brothers to the lows of being called 'him off The X Factor', and everything in between.

He might still sound like a posh version of Robocop, but his comedy is sure to leave you speechless!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX., INC. 30MIN SUPPORT ACT **TICKETS:** £16 (£14)

THEATRE

**FRI 18 MAR, 7.30PM****THE MANFREDS 2022**

Original Manfred Mann members Paul Jones, Mike D'abo, Mike Hugg and Tom McGuinness, are joined by Rob Townsend, Marcus Cliffe and Simon Currie as the exciting new line-up of The Manfreds.

These pioneers of the British Rhythm & Blues scene perform a show that features The Manfreds on stage throughout the night introducing all their classic hits and those of their era.

The band inject all of the enthusiasm back into classics such as *Do Wah Diddy Diddy*, *5-4-3-2-1* and *Mighty Quinn*.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £25

FOYER & GALLERY

**SAT 19 MAR, 10 AM - 4PM****HOLI - FESTIVAL OF COLOUR**

Holi is a festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life through vibrant colour.

Art at the Heart CIC is holding a family fun day of creative and cultural activities to celebrate Holi, the festival of colour between, 10am - 4pm all around The Core.

Take part in artistic creations including Kaleidoscope Corner, Crazy Paisley Pattern-making, Splat Art and The Big Community Colour Weave. Get involved in scientific experiments and be amazed by the power of colour!

See website for full details.

MANY SESSIONS ARE FREE - SOME WORKSHOPS MAY BE CHARGEABLE

THEATRE

**SAT 19 MAR, 7.30PM****CROONERS**

Crooners is the rip roaring comedy music show that has been wowing audiences with its witty and exhilarating show full of hilarious one liners, laugh out loud silliness and superb musical numbers with the outstanding 9-piece The Mini Big Band live on stage... they're back by popular demand!

Paying homage to some of the greatest crooners injected with British humour, tap dance, and some of the most quintessential songs from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr, Matt Monro, Nat King Cole, Bobby Darin and more.

A perfect gift idea for music lovers.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £23



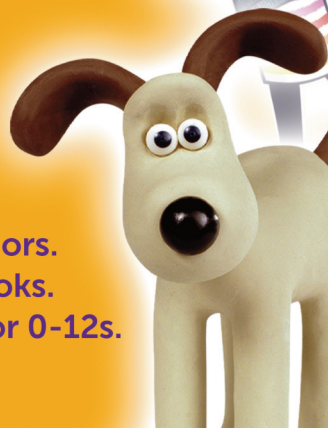
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**THU 24 MAR, 7.30PM****REVENGE**

Bill Crayshaw MP leads a charmed life, in the corridors of Parliament, lauded in business, and loved at home until a tragic accident to a staff member ruins everything... but was it an accident?

Mary Stewart asks awkward questions in an attempt to find the truth, but is her journalism based on reality... or simply blackmail or even worse revenge?

This game of cat and mouse turns into a deadly battle between truth and lies with the suspense building and questions needing answers, leaving the audience guessing until the final curtain!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 5MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £20**TUE 29 MAR, 7.30PM****JIMMY BUCKLEY**

Already a top entertainer in Ireland Jimmy aims to capture the hearts of UK Country music fans and is certainly a star on the rise.

After his massive hit song *Your Wedding Day*, written by Henry McMahon, Jimmy conquered the Irish music scene in 2007 and continues to release successful new songs and tours throughout Ireland.

Jimmy visited Nashville, Tennessee and The Country Music Hall of Fame and a visit the home of Jimmy's idol, Elvis inspired him and his work as he continues to release new music. He's joined by daughter Claudia.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £23.50**WED 30 MAR, 7.30PM****HERMAN'S HERMITS**

Herman's Hermits were a huge 60s band right around the world. From their early beginnings in Manchester they chalked up 23 hit singles, 10 hit albums, appeared in 3 major movies and to date they have sold in excess of 75 million records worldwide.

Hits include; *There's A Kind Of Hush*, *Silhouettes*, *Can't You Hear My Heart Beat*, *Wonderful World* and many more. Join Herman's Hermits on their Solo 55th Anniversary Tour. An evening of nostalgia, song and laughter, plus bringing all the hits to life.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £24

THEATRE



FRI 1 APR, 7.30PM

THE KILKENNYS

The Kilkennys, Ireland's newest balladeers come from a city steeped in music, history and folk culture. The band's following and reputation as traditional musical craftsmen blended with a splash of modern folk is growing internationally and their upward curve has been sure and steady picking up awards and nominations along the way.

With passion and pride, they perform Irish folk songs and new songs of their own and early booking is recommended as they have a huge following throughout the UK.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX., PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £21

STUDIO



TUE 5 APR, 8PM

JABS

We've all been on the receiving end. But what is life like at the other end of the syringe?

JABS is played largely for affectionate laughs... with moments of poignancy, a smattering of new songs and a touch of audience participation (because we all know what we have to do!). It's also a love letter to the NHS.

Sally Tongue plays herself, an actress and performer who having lost her income to Covid trained to become a vaccinator... and Christina Cubbin and Paul Wilkinson portray an assortment of 16 characters who need a job.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £10

THEATRE



THU 7 APR, 7.30PM

A BLACK COUNTRY NIGHT OUT

DANDY - OLLIE SPENCER - VIVO - JOE THOMAS - EMMA ROLLASON as 'Dolly Allen'.

Here's a variety show bursting at the seams with talent! Featuring Dandy - Black Country masters and popular with Peaky Blinder theme nights! Ollie Spencer returns as host with bag full of gags, Emma Rollason brings her wonderful tribute to the incomparable Dolly Allen' plus Joe Thomas always makes an impression with his Ukelele. The ever popular Vivo complete the set with great music.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 40MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £20

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STUDIO



FRI 8 APR, 7.15PM

HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE ROY FORBES' TEXAS RUMBLE

Henry's Blueshouse is a series of regular Blues music nights in the relaxed setting of the Studio with Q&A session from 7.15pm and music from around 8pm.

Roy Forbes brings his Texas Rumble to town. Always a classy and swinging singer he's long been established as the UK's finest Jazz Blues singer, much in the styles of Joe Williams or Charles Brown delivering the blues of T-Bone Walker, Gatmouth Brown, Bobby Bland, Albert Collins and Freddy King. Roy has assembled an entirely new band of hot players for this new venture and is raring to go.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £5

THEATRE



SAT 9 APR, 7.30PM

SOLIHULL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Solihull Symphony Orchestra is a lively and enthusiastic group of non-professional musicians who enjoy taking on the challenge of a diverse and varied repertoire.

Members span an age range from under 18 to over 80. Since September 2013, Jon Malaxetxebarria has been Music Director and Principal Conductor.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: TBC

THEATRE

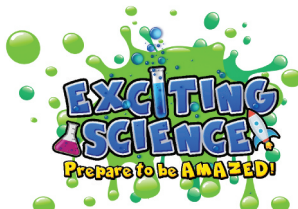


SAT 16 APR, 11.30AM & 2.30PM

EXCITING SCIENCE

This brand new, exciting and educational show will amaze and astound all ages from 4 years and up. Featuring silly, fun, factual Science experiments, it's the perfect way to engage the mind and imagination during a dull and boring half term holiday!

A show full of wiz, bang, pop... and splurt! Early booking is recommended for this fun family show.



RUNNING TIME: 1HR 40MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £10 AGE: 4+

THEATRE



FRI 22 APR, 11 AM & 2.30 PM
THE SOOTY SHOW

Izzy wizzy, let's get busy! Join Sooty for his brand new laugh out loud magic show!

Direct from their hit ITV TV series, Sooty, Sweep and Soo and TV's Richard Cadell perform impossible tricks and entertain with their uniquely silly jokes! Be astounded at Sooty's flying car, Soo's singing unicorn and Sweep's levitating sausage!

With special guests circus star Michael Jordan and the ultraviolet specialties of Fantasia de la Nuit. Plus the chance to meet Richard and Sooty after the show!

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 40MINS, PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £14

THEATRE



SAT 23 APR, 7.30 PM
**MAGICAL BONES:
 BLACK MAGIC 2022**

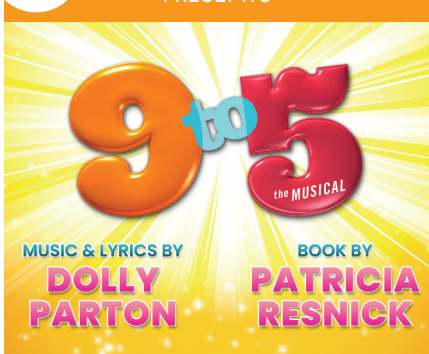
The Britain's Got Talent finalist is finally hitting the road again with his much-anticipated UK tour. Join one of the most explosive names in street magic today as he effortlessly combines intricate sleight of hand with his signature break-dance moves in one of the most awe-inspiring show's you'll see this year.

Bones has entertained international audiences with appearances on US television's Penn & Teller: Fool Us, plus a critically acclaimed sell out run at the Edinburgh Fringe festival.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 50MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £16

THEATRE

**SOLIHULL ON STAGE
 PRESENTS**



TUE 26 - SAT 30 APR, 2.30 PM & 7.30 PM
9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

Dolly Parton's smash-hit musical tells a tale of friendship and revenge as three workmates are pushed to boiling point by their sexist and egotistical boss.

He undoubtedly needs his comeuppance, but can they get away with teaching him a lesson? In turns both a thought-provoking and romantic tale can these friends and colleagues reform their office before an important CEO visit?

Find out in this fun musical based on the 80s film and is presented by talented members of Solihull on Stage, amateur dramatic group.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £17 - £19

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Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



WED 4 MAY, 7.30PM

THE FUREYS 2022

Legends of Irish music and song The Fureys have been touring successfully for decades and are renowned for their charm and musicianship.

Expect hit songs like 'I Will Love You', 'When You Were Sweet 16', 'The Green Fields of France', 'The Old Man', 'Red Rose Café', 'From Clare to Here', 'Her Father Didn't Like Me Anyway', 'Leaving Nancy', 'Steal Away' etc return for their 17th concert here and early booking is always recommended as their loyal fanbase ensure their shows sell out effortlessly.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £24

THEATRE



THU 5 MAY, 7.30PM

SING, SING, SWING WITH MATT FORD

Matt Ford (BBC Proms, John Wilson Orchestra, BBC Big Band, Syd Lawrence Orch.) and The Swing Legends Band will perform the hits of Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Sammy Davis Jnr, Tony Bennett, Matt Monro and many more.

Matt is known as the UK's finest Big Band singer, helped by his numerous appearances in the major concert halls as the lead singer with the John Wilson Orchestra.

This show presents Matt at his best, an engaging personality, singing some of the best songs around.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



FRI 6 MAY, 7.30PM

THE OPERA BOYS

Leading men from London's West End combine in a powerhouse of vocal harmony to deliver a blend of music ranging from Opera to Pop.

Operatic arias and classical favourites from 'Nessun Dorma' to 'Time to say Goodbye' are mixed with showstoppers from 'Les Miserables' and 'Phantom of the Opera' right through to 'Jersey Boys'. Classical arrangements of modern day pop hits are all performed in The Opera Boys inimitable style.

With beautiful vocal arrangements, close part harmonies and a great humour.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £20

THEATRE Bentley Heath Community Choir Presents

SPRING SING!

'a Decade of Songs'

Songs by
Elton John,
ABBA, Take That,
Carly Simon,
Billy Joel

A fun evening of
favourite songs from
our last 10 years!

SAT 7 MAY, 7.30PM

SPRING SING! 2022

Popular local community choir, Sing! Bentley Heath, celebrate their 10th anniversary with a special concert for one night only at The Core Theatre. With favourite hits from stars including Elton John, Abba, Billy Joel, The Three Degrees and Take That, the mixed-age singers will entertain all ages.

They'll sing their favourite songs plus a few surprises and plenty of fun. With members from across Solihull, Knowle, Dorridge and Warwickshire they'll be accompanied by a great live band.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 40MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £9.50 **AGE:** ANY



TUE 10 - SAT 14 MAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT

A premiere by Solihull Theatre Company, as Priscilla Queen of the Desert hits The Core Theatre this year.

Based on the cult film, the musical charts the journey of two drag queens, and a transgender woman, as they travel across Australia in their bus which they've named Priscilla, meeting colourful characters on their way.

Packed with pop anthems like; *It's Raining Men*, *What's Love Got To Do With It* and *I Will Survive*, this flamboyant, funny, disco-fuelled musical is a must-see. (Min. age 14+).

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £19 - £20



FRI 13 MAY, 7.15PM

HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE THE GREY GOOSE BLUES BAND

Henry Blueshouse is a series of regular Blues music nights in the relaxed setting of the Studio at The Core Theatre.

There's a Q&A at 7.15pm and the main band will join around 8pm.

The Grey Goose Blues Band have come a long way since Blues Matters mag described them as "one of the best newcomers to the blues scene" in 2011. Fronted by singer, guitarist and songwriter Frankie Williams they thrill with irresistible driving blues, drawing on the influences of T-Bone Walker, Albert King, and Muddy Waters.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £5

MAY

Box Office 0121 704 6962



MON 16 & TUE 17 MAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

One of the biggest shows of its kind in the UK, taking the audience on a breathtaking musical journey through the 50s, 60s and 70s. Including songs by Barry Manilow, Buddy Holly, Frank Sinatra, Petula Clark, The Drifters, Elvis Presley, Abba, Queen and more.

Over 160 amazing costumes and choreographed for each decade, performed by 'West End' and international vocalists, along with the stunning 'Timeless Showgirls'.

An ideal gift idea for anyone who enjoys the great songs of days gone by.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £17 - £18



FRI 20 MAY, 7.30PM

JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW

This year Johnny Cash Roadshow pays homage to Cash's Career as The Man in Black. Joined by his iconic wife 'June Carter', the Roadshow Horns and on selected shows The 'Carter Sisters'.

All the hits including; *Man in Black*, *Walk the Line*, *Ring of Fire*, *Boy Named Sue* with his more atmospheric songs from the American Recordings such as the *Man Comes Around* and *Hurt* making this year's show an emotional roller-coaster through Cash's career.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £24



SAT 21 MAY, 7.30PM

THE MUSLIMS ARE COMING!

The Muslims Are Coming with a halal-arious comedy show to celebrate Ramadan & Eid.

Join Tez Ilyas, Eshaan Akbar & friends for what is guaranteed to be a night of raucous laughter & no holds barred comedy provided by LUV Entertainment.

Providing the very best of established and new comedy talent - both homegrown and international with comedy appeal to all ages and backgrounds.

The tour line up will be fully confirmed nearer the time, but early booking is recommended.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £18

THEATRE



WED 25 MAY, 7.30PM

THE SIMON AND GARFUNKEL STORY

The Simon & Garfunkel Story is back! Charting the work of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel the performers showcase their extraordinarily enduring catalogues both as a duo and solo performers.

Using huge projection photos and original film footage, this concert also features a full live band performing an eclectic selection of their hits including songs like; *Mrs Robinson*, *Cecilia*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, *Homeward Bound*, *America*, *Baby Driver*, *Call Me Al*, *Bright Eyes* and many more.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 15MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £22.50

THEATRE



FRI 27 MAY, 7.30PM

JOHNNY MCEVOY

Johnny's first topped the charts in 1966 with ballad Mursheen Durkin followed by *The Boston Burglar*, before a 7 week tour of USA during that hippy summer of '67, playing the famous Carnegie Hall in New York.

Countless songs later and many more hits Johnny McEvoy continues to entertain with his unique brand of Irish music. Many of his songs have become standards and been recorded by many other singers. Fans of Irish music will enjoy Johnnys expertise and friendly banter - a night to cheer anyone up!

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £22

THEATRE



TUE 7 JUN, 7.30PM

BLOKES OF A FEATHER MARKS & GRAN

Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran gave up their day jobs to become full-time comedy writers going from Borehamwood to Pinewood via Hollywood creating hit TV shows, radio and musicals, including *Shine On Harvey Moon*, *The New Statesman*, *Love Hurts*, *Goodnight Sweetheart*, *Dreamboats* and *Petticoats* and *Birds of a Feather*.

Sharing anecdotes of the famous and infamous personalities they met and worked with plus video clips. Enjoy tales of; Frankie Howerd, Adam Faith, Rik Mayall, Warren Mitchell, Henry Winkler, Michael Caine, Roger Moore, Cilla Black and many more.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £23.50

MAY · JUN

Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



THU 9 JUN, 7.30PM

TALON THE ACOUSTIC COLLECTION

Featuring many Eagles classics 'In The Raw' features breathtakingly beautiful acoustic arrangements of their own personal favourites from artistes like James Taylor, Simon & Garfunkel, 10cc, Michael Jackson, Billy Joel, The Eagles, Pink Floyd, Toto, Bee Gee's and many more in a brand new show.

"Great musicianship, major label production standards and the tightest harmonies you will hear this side of Crosby, Stills & Nash" **Maverick Magazine** (UK's biggest Country Music title).

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £22

THEATRE

made in Dagenham THE MUSICAL

TUE 14 - SAT 18 JUN, 2PM & 7.30PM

MADE IN DAGENHAM

Rita's life is about to change forever when it's announced that the girls in the stitching room of Ford's Dagenham car plant will have their pay grade dropped to 'unskilled'. Rita leads her friends in a battle against the might of Ford and the corruption of the Union supposed to protect them.

Funny, touching and timeless, showing ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they stand together. Presented by Queensbridge Musical Theatre Society.

Ages 12+ due to frequent use of strong language.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: TUE - THU £18
(£16 CONC), FRI - SAT £20 (£19 CONC) AGE: 12+

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS 2022

2 SEP	LIONEL - A TRIBUTE
17 SEP	STEP INSIDE THE 60S
21 SEP	SOME KINDA WONDERFUL - MUSIC OF STEVIE WONDER
23 SEP	STARS OF IRISH COUNTRY MUSIC
30 SEP & 1 OCT	THE ROY ORBISON STORY
8 OCT	DIRE STREETS
14 & 15 OCT	THE ELO EXPERIENCE
21 OCT	DOM JOLY'S HOLIDAY SNAPS
22 OCT	BUDDY HOLLY & THE CRICKETERS TRIBUTE
8 NOV	FOSTER & ALLEN

Not a full list, new shows and classes appear on the website regularly.

A WARM WELCOME TO SOLIHULL MUSIC SERVICE

The Core is delighted to welcome Solihull Music Service to our venue who'll continue to provide outstanding musical opportunities for the young people of Solihull.

The Music Service teach over 5000 pupils a week in school plus after school groups for young people to access. The following groups will launch from week beginning 10th January 2022.

MONDAY

Windstarters – For beginners windband for brass/woodwind pupils learning for a term, 5.10pm-6.20pm.

1st Frets – Brand new guitar group for pupils learning for a term, 5.10pm-6.20pm.

Allegro strings – For beginner string players learning for a term, to join an existing group, 5.05pm-6.15pm.



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Existing groups who meet at the Core are:

MONDAY	Core Wind band - for grade 2-4	5pm - 6.10pm
	Advanced wind ensemble - For grades 5-8	6.10pm - 7.50pm
	Soul Matters (audition only)	6.10pm - 7.50pm
TUESDAY	Guitarristas - for grade 2-4	6.10pm - 7.50pm
	Senior Brass (audition only)	6.10pm - 7pm
	Camerata (audition only)	6.10pm - 7.50pm
WEDNESDAY	Junior Strings for grade 2-4	5.10pm - 6.20pm
	Con Brio Strings for grade 4-6	6.20pm - 7.50pm
	Vivace Strings for grade 6-8	6.20pm - 7.50pm

For any information about the groups and how to join them please email solihullmusic@solihull.gov.uk or phone 0121 704 6500



SOLIHULL MUSIC SERVICE

Box Office 0121 704 6962

Classes and Courses at The Core

MONDAY

10.30am Hatha Yoga with Marie Kennedy
Friendly class focusing on stress reduction & flexibility.

12.15pm Pilates with Nicola Holmes
Strengthen your core and build muscle tone.

1.30pm Steppin' Out with Sohan Kailey
Dance class for over 50s, learning different styles of dance.

WEDNESDAY

10.15am Hatha Yoga with Marie Kennedy

11.30am Gentle Yoga with Marie Kennedy
Chair-based yoga class promoting flexibility and balance.

4.30pm After School Art Club with Art at the Heart CIC
Expert art tuition for ages 7-13 years, perfect for developing new skills.

5pm Creative Sounds with Solihull Music Service
A free inclusive music group for ages 7-18 of all abilities and needs.

6.15pm Youth Arts with Art at the Heart CIC
Expert art tuition for age 13+ - experiment and express yourself in art.

THURSDAY

9.45am Vicki Gorman Art Classes
7 week art course for adults. Improve your drawing and painting skills.

12.30pm Vicki Gorman Art Classes

1pm Sing Solihull with Anya Small
Friendly lunchtime choir group, suitable for all abilities.

2.15pm Light 52 Photography Intermediate with Richard Pearce
Explore different types of photography in the 10 week course.

5.15pm Hatha Yoga with Marie Kennedy
After work class focusing on stress reduction & flexibility.

7pm Light 52 Photography Intermediate with Richard Pearce

FRIDAY

9.15am Tai Chi with Jan Wilson
Gentle movement, balance & exercise for all ages/abilities.

10.30am Hatha Yoga with Marie Kennedy

11.45am Gentle Yoga with Marie Kennedy

SATURDAY

9.30am Saturday Art Club with Art at the Heart CIC
Expert art tuition for ages 7-9 years, perfect for developing new skills.

11.30am ArtLab with Art at the Heart CIC
Expert art tuition for ages 10-13 years. Improve art skills with themed projects.

(Monthly) 11am Inclusive Choir with Solihull Music Service & Soundabout
Monthly inclusive choir for under 25s of all abilities and needs, and their families.

Full details of classes and courses, including prices, are available to view on our website. Some classes are sold on a weekly basis and others are termly.



ENCORE**CAFÉ BAR
SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

We hope to welcome you back to Encore Café bar as soon as you feel it appropriate, where a warm welcome awaits.

In these difficult times it's hard to know whether to stay at home or venture out. At Encore we keep our tables clean, have sanitizer and masks freely available and our staff are behind plastic screens to keep you and them safe. Plus we keep our dining tables 'spaced out' to avoid the need to push past or touch other tables and chairs as you move around.

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Breakfasts are freshly made, using locally-sourced ingredients like Lashford's sausages and Fowlers Cheese from Earlswood. Great value breakfast roll and drink offers can set you up for the day.



A drink and a peaceful read - There's a new hard floor area on the ground floor of the Library that you can take your drink and sit down for a peaceful read in the Library. Why not catch up on the papers or browse a magazine.



Afternoon tea - An indulgent treat, offered when our Café is mostly peaceful. A selection of scrumptious mini-cakes, tarts and finger sandwiches served with unlimited tea or filter coffee.



£15 per head or go deluxe and enjoy a glass of Prosecco for only £5 extra. Children's Afternoon Tea is available at £12 each.

We hope to welcome you back to Encore Café bar as soon as you feel it appropriate, where a warm welcome awaits.



HOW TO REACH US

The venue adjoins Touchwood and the 'Orange zone' in Touchwood car park brings you up near the glass doors to Theatre Square. Taxi drop-off is not free - a minimum charge applies. High sided vehicles cannot enter Touchwood and should drop off and park elsewhere. The postcode for Sat-Nav for Touchwood Car park is B91 3GJ.

Solihull station is a 5-min walk away and bus and rail services run regularly to/from Birmingham and other areas.

Please follow us...



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BOX OFFICE & TICKETS

Opening hours are currently *9.30am - 2.30pm Mon-Sat (*10am Weds) subject to change - see website. The counter reopens 90mins before curtain-up on show nights except film nights when tickets are sold at Encore Bar.

Call Box Office on **0121 704 6962** for tickets and reservations or buy online and select your own seats anytime at www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk £1.50 fee applies + postage where selected. Print at home tickets are free. Tickets will remain at Box Office for collection if no postage is paid.

The Core Theatre, Box Office, Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

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COURTYARD GALLERY DIARY

WEDS 26 JAN - MON 7 FEB

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL EXHIBITION

Please see page 5.

WED 9 - MON 21 FEB

STITCH TOGETHER

A group of Diploma and City and Guild Students who work with professional textile artists to create colourful pieces of mixed media textile art.

WED 23 FEB - MON 7 MAR

THE SOLIHULL SALON OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Three Fellows of The Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain will select prints produced by photographers from the UK.

WED 4 - MON 16 MAY

5 CUBED - INNERSCAPES 2

Paintings by 5 Cubed, both abstract and representational, reflecting their responses to the natural world and their Innerscapes.

This is not a full listing, please see www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk for details of exhibitions and how to hire the Courtyard Gallery.

CRUNCH COMMUNITY CRAFT GROUP



FREE!
NEW
MEMBERS
WELCOME

Join the fun free lunchtime craft club on Wednesdays in the Courtyard Gallery. Simply bring along your own craft items, from drawing to cross-stitch embroidery, knitting and join the friendly group who enjoy crafting and chatting with others. There is no instruction provided, just a friendly space to meet and craft!