

The diary

Linda Seward's diary of the best of what's on in theatre, music, exhibitions, arts and the countryside.

Theatre

New Victoria Theatre

Woking

Tickets: atgtickets.com/woking

Sunday 28 July

Rhod Gilbert: The Book of John

Leading comic talent on tour.

Tuesday 6 to Saturday 10 August

Saturday Night Fever

A new music and dance show which pays homage to the 1977 Travolta classic.

Tuesday 27 to Saturday 31 August

Amélie

Heart-warming musical starring Audrey Brisson and Danny Mac.

Monday 2 to Saturday 7 September

The Mousetrap

Classic country house thriller.

New Wimbledon Theatre

Wimbledon

Tickets: atgtickets.com/wimbledon

Friday 12 to Sunday 14 July

Dance Overture 19

Display of jazz, ballet and contemporary dance.

Saturday 10 August

Totally Tina

We're told this is probably the closest thing to a live TT concert.

Chapterhouse Theatre

Company

Haslemere Museum

Tickets: chapterhouse.org

Thursday 25 July

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Open-air theatre in this most picturesque location.

Cranleigh Arts Centre

The Rectory Garden, High Street

Tickets: cranleighartscentre.org

Friday 2 August

The Winter's Tale

Bring a picnic and deckchairs for this special open-air performance.

G Live

Guildford

Tickets: glive.co.uk

Wednesday 17 July and

Monday 9 September

James Acaster: Cold Lasagne

Hate Myself 1999

New show from this very talented comedian.

Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 August

Tabby McTat

Tale of friendship from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Guildford Shakespeare

Company

Stoke Park Railway

Tickets:

guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk

Saturday 13 to Saturday 27 July

The Merry Wives of Windsor

The GSC's 14th annual open-air season continues with Shakespeare's popular comedy set in the late 1970s at the unique venue of Stoke Park Railway.

Polesden Lacey Shakespeare

Company

Polesden Lacey Open-Air

Theatre, Great Bookham

Tickets: dorkinghalls.co.uk

Saturday 6 to Sunday 7 July

Love's Labour's Lost

Romance, fun, wit and humour.



The Merry Wives of Windsor, Guildford Shakespeare Company PHOTO COPYRIGHT: STEVE PORTER



Dance Overture 19, New Wimbledon Theatre



Rose Theatre Kingston

Kingston-upon-Thames

Tickets: rosetheatrekingston.org

Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 August

Tabby McTat

See listing under G Live.

Monday 9 to Saturday 14 September

Friendsical

Musical parody.

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre

Guildford

Tickets: yvonne-arnaud.co.uk

Monday 8 to Saturday 13 July

The Girl on the Train

Adapted from Paula Hawkins' popular novel.

Saturday 20 July

La Bohème

OperaUpClose return with their acclaimed version of Puccini's opera.

Music

Boilerroom

Guildford

Tickets: theboilerroom.net

Throughout the year

A community hub showcasing music, events and the arts.

See website for gig details.

Sandown Park Racecourse

Esher

Tickets: thejockeyclub.co.uk

Wednesday 24 July

Madness

Racing followed by an open-air concert from one of Britain's best-loved bands.

Thursday 8 August

Jess Glynne

An evening at the races followed by a concert from singer Jess.

Vivace Chorus

Holy Trinity Church, Guildford

Tickets: vivacechorus.org

Saturday 6 July

In the mood for summer

Easy listening favourites.

Festivals

Festival on the Farm

Godstone Farm

Tickets: godstonefarm.co.uk

Saturday 27 July to

Sunday 1 September

Celebrate 40 years of Godstone farmyard fun with lots to do including crafting, messy play, music zone plus lots more.

Good Vibes Festival of Wellness

Chessington School, Chessington

Tickets: purpleskyevents.co.uk

Saturday 24 to Sunday 25 August

Reflexology, massage, osteopathy, talks, craft, foodie marketplace and more on offer.

Guildford Summer Festival

Various locations

Information:

guildfordsummerfestival.co.uk

To Saturday 10 August

The Festival continues with events to enjoy including Guildford Fringe Festival (to 28 July), Guildford Lions Charity Raft Race (6 July), Cheese and Chilli Festival (20 to 21 July), theatre, music and more.

International Youth Arts Festival

Kingston-upon-Thames

Information: iyafestival.org.uk

Friday 5 to Sunday 14 July

Lots of theatre, children's shows, music, dance and comedy.

Jazz, Gin and Blues Festival

The Enchanted Woodland, Loxwood Meadow

Tickets: jazzginblues.co.uk

Sunday 18 August

Intimate crowd of just 500 can enjoy a stellar line-up of jazz and blues artists, alongside local gin and real ale producers and food stalls.



Madness, Sandown Park Racecourse

WIN

a family ticket to see



Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches is now accepting new students. So, make sure you know the Witches' Code, get yourself a familiar and let Mildred Hubble show you the ropes!

Mildred Hubble is just an ordinary girl who found herself in an extraordinary place: a school for witches. But not everyone is thrilled by Mildred's unexpected arrival and her less than predictable ways. Can she overcome the objections of stern Miss Hardbroom and the conniving tricks of jealous Ethel Hallow?

Now in her final year, accident-prone Mildred and her fellow pupils are about to embark on their most important mission yet, when an old enemy returns with a plan for revenge that threatens not just the Academy, but the whole world...

Featuring all of Jill Murphy's beloved characters, this action-packed new stage adaptation by Emma Reeves (*Hetty Feather*) is directed by Theresa Heskins (2017 UK Theatre Award for Best Show for Children and Young People) and includes original songs, music, magic and a dose of Mildred's unique brand of utter pandemonium!

For a chance to win a family ticket to see *The Worst Witch*, simply visit www.essence-magazine.co.uk and answer the following question:

What kind of academy is Miss Cackle's? Is it:

- a) for goblins
- b) for warlocks
- c) for witches

Closing date Friday 26 July 2019.

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For more information and to book tickets, please visit www.nimaxtheatres.com

Terms and conditions: One reader will win a family ticket (four tickets, minimum one adult) to see *The Worst Witch* at the Vaudeville Theatre valid for all Monday to Friday performances until 30 August 2019. Subject to availability. No cash alternative. Travel and accommodation not included.



Sleeper, Neverworld



Summer adventure at National Trust PHOTO COPYRIGHT: NT/JOHN MILLAR



Warrior, Christine Charlesworth, Surrey Sculpture Society, RHS Wisley



Spotlight on...

The Loxwood Joust

The Loxwood Meadow, Loxwood, West Sussex

Saturday 3 & 10 and Sunday 4 & 11 August

Now in its eighth year, The Loxwood Joust is described as "two weekends of mediaeval mayhem" and is a unique, fun and educational day out for all the family. From 10am to 6pm, visitors can see an all-action jousting tournament, stage performances from singing group the Mediaeval Baebes on 3 and 4 August, with Trobar de Morte from Spain performing on 10 and 11, wandering minstrels, a battle camp and marketplace. In addition, companies of actors, a court jester and dance troupes all compete for attention. Activities include have-a-go archery, face and wound painting, pelt the peasant and a sword school. Gilbert Savage, the executioner, returns with his rack, a replica of one used in the Tower of London. New for 2019 are the Faerie Realm and pagan wedding site. With plenty to eat, drink and be merry about, an experience not to be missed.

Tickets: loxwoodjoust.co.uk

Neverworld

John Darlings Farm, Hever,
Edenbridge, Kent

Tickets: neverworld.co.uk

Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 August

Featuring Craig David, The Vaccines,
Sleeper and many more.

RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2019

Hampton Court, East Molesey

Tickets: rhs.org.uk/hamptoncourt

Monday 1 to Sunday 7 July

A plethora of beautiful gardens and
plants on display.

Weyfest

The Rural Life Centre, Tilford

Tickets: weyfest.co.uk

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 August

Four stages set in ten acres of
stunning woodland this year
featuring The Brand New Heavies,
Reef, Lightning Seeds,
The Selecter, Gabrielle, Scouting
for Girls and so much more.

Woking Food and Drink Festival

Woking town centre

Information:

wokingfoodanddrinkfestival.co.uk

Friday 30 August to

Sunday 1 September

Feasting, entertainment and activities.

Exhibitions

Haslemere Museum

Haslemere

Information: haslemeremuseum.co.uk

To Saturday 31 August

Summer exhibition:

awesome African animals

Find out more about the animals
that live in the second largest
continent in the world.

New Ashgate Gallery

Farnham

Information: newashgate.org.uk

To Saturday 27 July

Diaspora

Twenty artists and makers of
African/Caribbean heritage
showcase their diverse work.

Surrey Sculpture Society

Various locations

Information: surreysculpture.org.uk

To Sunday 14 July

National Trust Hatchlands Park

The Society's 25th anniversary
celebrations continue.

Saturday 17 August to

Sunday 22 September

RHS Wisley

Follow a trail of sculpture featuring
more than 100 works from some of
the south east's finest artists.

National Trust

National Trust properties offer
perfect venues to explore. We list a
few, but visit nationaltrust.org.uk for
more and for details of the outdoor
theatre programme.

Claremont Landscape Garden

near Esher

Information: 01372 467806

Saturday 20 July to

Wednesday 4 September

Six weeks of summer adventures

Activities throughout the holidays
and outdoor theatre during July.

Polesden Lacey

near Dorking

Information: 01372 452048

Saturday 20 July to

Sunday 1 September

Summer crafts and games

Enjoy giant games and craft activities.

Winkworth Arboretum

Godalming

Information: 01483 208477

Sunday 1 September

Live Local, Love Winkworth 10

Annual community day.

Out and about

Bocketts Farm Park

Fetcham

Tickets: bockettsfarm.co.uk

Saturday 20 July to

Sunday 1 September

A magical adventure

Enjoy crafts, music, pony and
tractor rides and lots more.

Brooklands Museum

Weybridge

Tickets: brooklandsmuseum.com

Sunday 14 July

Supercar day

All-marques event with Ferraris,
Aston Martins, Bugattis and more.

Thursday 1 to Friday 30 August,
weekdays only

Brooklands summer fête

Games of Swingball, hopscotch
and quoits, or people watch from a
deckchair whilst sipping a drink.

Claygate Flower & Village Show

Claygate Recreation Ground

Information: claygateflowershow.co.uk

Saturday 13 July, 1.30pm

Marquee, dancing, fun fair, classic
cars, dog show and so much more.

WIN a pair of tickets to see



at the London Coliseum

Her voice. His vision. Their story.

Gloria and Emilio Estefan's smash-hit musical comes to London direct from Broadway for a strictly limited season. *On Your Feet!* is the inspiring true love story of Emilio and Gloria and charts their journey from its origins in Cuba, onto the streets of Miami and finally to international superstardom.

Starring Christie Prades (*In the Heights*, *West Side Story*), reprising her role as Gloria Estefan, George Ioannides (*Annie*, *Mamma Mia!*, *An Officer and a Gentleman*) as Emilio Estefan, Philippa Stefani (*Rent*, *In the Heights*, *Wicked*) as the Alternate Gloria Estefan, Madalena Alberto (*Evita*, *Cats*, *Les Misérables*) as Gloria Fajardo and Karen Mann (*Sister Act*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Sweeney Todd*) as Consuelo. This exhilarating musical features some of the most iconic pops songs of the era, including *Rhythm Is Gonna Get You*, *Conga*, *Get On Your Feet*, *Don't Want To Lose You Now* and *1-2-3*. Directed by two-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Mitchell (*Kinky Boots*, *Legally Blonde*), with choreography by Olivier Award-winner Sergio Trujillo (*Jersey Boys*) and book by Academy Award® winner Alexander Dinelaris (*Birdman*).

Winner of 26 Grammy awards, Gloria Estefan has sold over 100 million records worldwide. Emilio Estefan is a founding member of the pioneering Miami Sound Machine.

"Music was the biggest thing that got us through our life, and hopefully our music can also inspire other people as well." Gloria Estefan

For a chance to win a pair of tickets to see *On Your Feet!*, simply visit www.essence-magazine.co.uk and answer the following question:

Which city in Florida is associated with the Estefans? Is it:

- a) Cape Canaveral
- b) Miami
- c) Boca Raton

Closing date Monday 22 July 2019.

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For more information and to book tickets, please visit londoncoliseum.org/whats-on/on-your-feet and onyourfeetmusical.co.uk

Terms and conditions: One reader will win two tickets to see *On Your Feet!* at the London Coliseum valid for all Monday to Thursday performances until 29 August 2019. Subject to availability. No cash alternative. Travel and accommodation not included.



Prudential RideLondon Surrey Classic PHOTO COPYRIGHT: PRUDENTIAL RIDELONDON

Farnham Maltings

Farnham

Tickets: farnhammaltings.com

Saturday 31 August to

Sunday 1 September

Outdoor cinema

Screenings of *Saturday Night Fever* and *E.T.* in the courtyard.

Gatton Park

Reigate

Tickets: gattonpark.com

Sunday 7 July, 12 noon–5pm

Gatton Country Fair

Animal displays, live music, children's fairground and more.

Ladyland Farm

Horley

Information: ladylandfarm.com

August weekdays only, 11am–3pm

Conducted fun educational visits

during school holidays: see and interact with the animals.

Painshill Park

Cobham

Tickets: painshill.co.uk

Saturday 20 to Sunday 21 July

Painshill summer weekend

Georgian-themed activities.

Friday 16 to Saturday 17 August

Open-air cinema

Screenings of *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *A Star Is Born*.

Prudential RideLondon

London and Surrey

Information: prudentialridelondon.co.uk

Sunday 4 August

Surrey Classic

See 150 of the world's top cyclists battle on a televised 183km route through London and Surrey as part of this great festival of cycling.

RHS Garden Wisley

Woking

Tickets: rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley

Saturday 20 July to

Sunday 1 September

Family fun garden adventures

with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

Marking the 50th anniversary of Eric Carle's classic book.

Saturday 17 August to

Sunday 22 September

Surrey Sculpture Society Trail

See separate listing in Exhibitions.

Surrey Wildlife Trust

Various locations

Information: surreywildlifetrust.org

Monday 5 to Thursday 22 August

Wild Explorers Holiday Club

Suitable for children aged five to 11.

Tuesday 6 to Thursday 15 August

Wild Rangers Conservation Club

Developing an enthusiasm for nature for children aged 11 to 17.