

The diary

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

Theatre

Richmond Theatre
Richmond

Tickets: atgtickets.com/richmond

Saturday 7 December to
Sunday 5 January

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
The sublime Jo Brand plays the
Wicked Queen.

Tuesday 14 to Saturday 18 January
Dial M for Murder
Thriller starring Tom Chambers.

Monday 20 to Saturday 25 January
Alan Ayckbourn's Ten Times Table
Popular Ayckbourn comedy.

Monday 27 to Thursday 30 January
Moscow City Ballet
Presents *The Nutcracker* and
Swan Lake.

Saturday 1 to Sunday 2 February
Peppa Pig's Best Day Ever
Popular family show.

New Victoria Theatre
Woking

Tickets: atgtickets.com/woking

Saturday 7 December to
Sunday 5 January
Aladdin

Starring Brendan Cole as the
Genie and Bobby Davro.

Wednesday 8 to Saturday 11 January
Shen Yun
Classic Chinese dance.

Tuesday 14 to Saturday 18 January
Peter Pan Goes Wrong
Riotous spin on a timeless classic.

Sunday 26 January
Milton Jones in Milton: Impossible
Popular comedian on tour.

Tuesday 28 January to
Saturday 1 February
Ghost Stories

An edge-of-your-seat theatrical
experience. Are you brave enough?

New Wimbledon Theatre
Wimbledon

Tickets: atgtickets.com/wimbledon

Saturday 7 December to
Sunday 5 January
Cinderella

Starring Samantha Womack
and Lesley Garrett.

Tuesday 14 to Saturday 18 January
Curtains
Musical starring Jason Manford.

Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 January
**Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolour Dreamcoat**
Popular Rice-Webber musical.

Cranleigh Arts Centre
Cranleigh

Tickets: cranleighartscentre.org

Sunday 8 December, 11am and 2pm
Aladdin

A fun-filled, traditional pantomime.

Dorking Halls
Dorking

Tickets: dorkinghalls.co.uk

Saturday 14 to Sunday 29 December
Aladdin

A magical carpet ride to the
Far East!

Thursday 23 January
Milton Jones in Milton: Impossible
Popular comedian on tour.

Friday 31 January
David Baddiel – Trolls: Not The Dolls
A brand new one-man show.



Jo Brand, *Snow White*, Richmond Theatre PHOTO COPYRIGHT: CRAIG SUGDEN



David Baddiel: *Trolls Not The Dolls*, Dorking Halls



The Wind In The Willows, The Electric Theatre

Epsom Playhouse

Epsom

Tickets: epsomplayhouse.co.uk

Saturday 7 to Tuesday 24 December

Santa's Christmas Countdown

A new show for the festive season.

Saturday 14 December to

Sunday 5 January

Peter Pan

A swashbuckling adventure.

Wednesday 22 January

Stephen K Amos

Entertaining comedian on tour.

Farnham Maltings

Farnham

Tickets: farnhammaltings.com

Saturday 14 December to

Monday 16 December

The Little Match Girl

Hans Christian Andersen's tale.

Thursday 19 December

Milton Jones: Milton Impossible

A warm-up appearance prior to tour.

Tuesday 28 January

Jo Brand: Work in Progress

Jo on the road with new material.

G Live

Guildford

Tickets: glive.co.uk

Wednesday 11 December

Rob Beckett: Wallop

A brand new stand-up show.

Wednesday 18 December

Adam Kay: Twas The Nightshift

Before Christmas

The NHS at Christmastime.

Guildford Spectrum

Guildford

Tickets: guildfordspectrum.co.uk

Friday 13 to Sunday 15 December

Peter Pan on Ice

Spectrum's annual ice pantomime.

Rose Theatre Kingston

Kingston-upon-Thames

Tickets: rosetheatrekington.org

Friday 6 December to

Sunday 5 January

The Snow Queen

Fabulous tale of love, magic and self-realisation.

Saturday 18 January

Ed Byrne: If I'm Honest

Master comedian on tour.

The Electric Theatre

Guildford

Tickets: electric.theatre

Thursday 19 to

Saturday 21 December

The Man In The Moon:

The Wind In The Willows

A new adaptation of Kenneth

Grahame's classic story.

The Woodfield Entertainers

Ashted Peace Memorial Hall

Information:

woodfieldentertainers.co.uk

Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 December

Sleeping Beauty

A traditional panto from this popular theatre group.

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre

Guildford

Tickets: yvonne-arnaud.co.uk

Friday 6 December to

Sunday 5 January

Sleeping Beauty

Starring Kit Hesketh-Harvey as the Bad Fairy Carabosse.

Music

Cranleigh Arts Centre

Cranleigh

Tickets: cranleighartscentre.org

Tuesday 10 December

Lunchtime concert, 1pm

Violinist Sarah McKenna and pianist Nao Maebayashi perform.

Epworth Choir

Trinity Methodist Church, Woking

Information: epworthchoir.org

Saturday 14 December

Family Christmas concerts

Carols old and new at two concerts: 3.30 and 7.30pm.

WIN £200

LUXURY TREATMENTS

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How many branches of Spa Experience are there in London?

a) Four b) Five c) Six

Closing date Friday 20 December.

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For more information visit: www.spaexperience.org.uk

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Cara Dillon, Farnham Maltings



Horses at Polesden Lacey, National Trust PHOTO COPYRIGHT: NATIONAL TRUST/JOHN MILLAR



Passing By by Luella Martin, In Print: Capturing Light, Watts Gallery



David Hockney, 'Portrait of Sir David Webster' 1971, Acrylic on canvas 57x72"
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Spotlight on...

David Hockney: Ways of Working

The Lightbox, Woking

Saturday 25 January to Sunday 19 April

An in-depth look at artist David Hockney's creative output spanning six decades. Covering a diverse range of media from painting techniques, draughtsmanship and printmaking skills, to photography, designs for the stage and the use of digital technologies such as the iPad, Photoshop and inkjet processes. Known for his Californian swimming pools, Polaroid photo-collages and figurative landscape and abstract works, *David Hockney: Ways of Working* is the first show of its kind outside the capital for more than twenty years. Throughout the exhibition run, there'll be hands-on learning activity and as part of 'Hockney Week' in February half term, children will be invited to contribute towards a large mosaic-style artwork, reflecting the artist's processes. In addition, don't miss the accompanying talks, tours and creative workshops.

Information: thelightbox.org.uk

Farnham Maltings

Farnham

Tickets: farnhammaltings.com

Friday 13 December

Cara Dillon: Upon a Winter's Night

Celebrated Irish folk voice.

G Live

Guildford

Tickets: glive.co.uk

Friday 20 December

Happy Mondays

Fronted by Shaun Ryder.

Mediaeval Baebes

St Mary's Church, Horsham

Tickets: mediaevalbaebes.com

Saturday 7 December

An evening of music and dance.

Surrey Mozart Players

The Electric Theatre, Guildford

Tickets: surreymozartplayers.com

Saturday 7 December

Music from Brahms and Schubert.

The Holly Lodge Centre

Christ Church, East Sheen

Information:

thehollylodgementre.org.uk

Wednesday 4 December

Christmas concert in aid of

The Holly Lodge Centre

Carols, candlelight and festive readings, with mince pies.

Exhibitions

Guildford Cathedral

Guildford

Information: guildford-cathedral.org

Wednesday 15 to

Saturday 18 January

An immersive light and sound show inside the Cathedral.

New Ashgate Gallery

Farnham

Information: newashgate.org.uk

To Saturday 4 January

Winter exhibition:

art and craft with local heart

A range of unique, local art and craft for sale.

To Saturday 4 January

Hygge: the art of intimacy

and simple acts

A festive Hygge exhibition.

To Saturday 4 January

Maker in Focus: Will Shakespeare:

Shakespeare Glass

Beautiful festive collection.

The Guildford Institute

Ward Street, Guildford

Information: guildford-institute.org.uk

To Friday 20 December

Solo exhibition: Secrets of Nature

Exhibition of works by international artist Claire Harrison.

The Lightbox

Woking

Information: thelightbox.org.uk

To Sunday 5 January

The Ingram Collection:

Young Contemporary Talent

The works of Tomas Harker, winner of The Ingram Collection Young Contemporary Talent Purchase Prize.

To Sunday 12 January

Burning Bright:

The Scottish Colourists

The works of four admired artists: S.J. Peplow, J.D. Fergusson, G.L. Hunter and F.C.B. Cadell.

Saturday 25 January to

Sunday 19 April

David Hockney: Ways of Working

See Spotlight above.

Watts Gallery

Compton, Guildford

Information: wattsgallery.org.uk

To Sunday 5 January

In Print: Capturing Light

Over 50 original prints by ten leading contemporary artists exploring the effects of light.

To Sunday 23 February

William Orpen: Method & Mastery

Works by the Irish-born painter Sir William Orpen, a leading portraitist of his age, known for an expressive painting style.

National Trust

National Trust properties offer perfect venues to explore any time of the year. We list a few, but visit nationaltrust.org.uk for more.

Leith Hill Place

Near Dorking

Information: **01306 711685**

Friday 13 December, 1pm

Crispian Steele-Perkins concert

Classical and festive music.

Polesden Lacey

Great Bookham, near Dorking

Information: **01372 452048**

To Sunday 5 January

Christmas at Polesden Lacey

See Polesden Lacey transformed and don't miss the festive children's trail, bejewelled Santa's grotto and horse-drawn carriage weekends in December.

Winkworth Arboretum

Godalming

Information: **01483 208477**

Saturday 7 to Monday 23 December

Shivering snowman trail

Follow the clues and explore the wintry woodland.



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Out and about

Birdworld
Farnham

Information: birdworld.co.uk

To Tuesday 24 December
Christmas wonderland

Meet Santa's reindeer, elves and
farm animals whilst walking
through wintry scenes.

Bocketts Farm
Fetcham

Information: bockettsfarm.co.uk

To Tuesday 24 December
Christmas at Bocketts Farm

Father Christmas returns with
elves, Santa express and workshop.

Gatton Park
Reigate

Tickets: gattonpark.co.uk

Monday 23 December
Christmas crafts

Craft-making sessions for children
aged three to seven years.

**Hampton Court Palace
Ice Rink**
East Molesey

Information:
hamptoncourtpalaceicerink.co.uk

To Sunday 5 January
Skate at the beautiful Palace.

**Mane Chance
Carol Concert**
St Peter and St Paul Church,
Godalming

Information: manechancesanctuary.org

Sunday 8 December
Join the Shetland ponies at the
start of the annual carol concert.

Painshill Park
Cobham

Tickets: painshill.co.uk

Saturday 7 and 14 December
Wreath-making workshop
Make a festive wreath.

RHS Garden Wisley
Woking

Tickets: rhs.org.uk/wisley

Saturday 7 December to
Sunday 5 January
Glow 2019

Giant botanical-inspired
illuminations and trail.

Rural Life Centre
Tilford, Farnham

Information: rural-life.org.uk

Saturday 7 & 14 and
Sunday 8 & 15 December
Santa Specials
Get on board the light railway.



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