

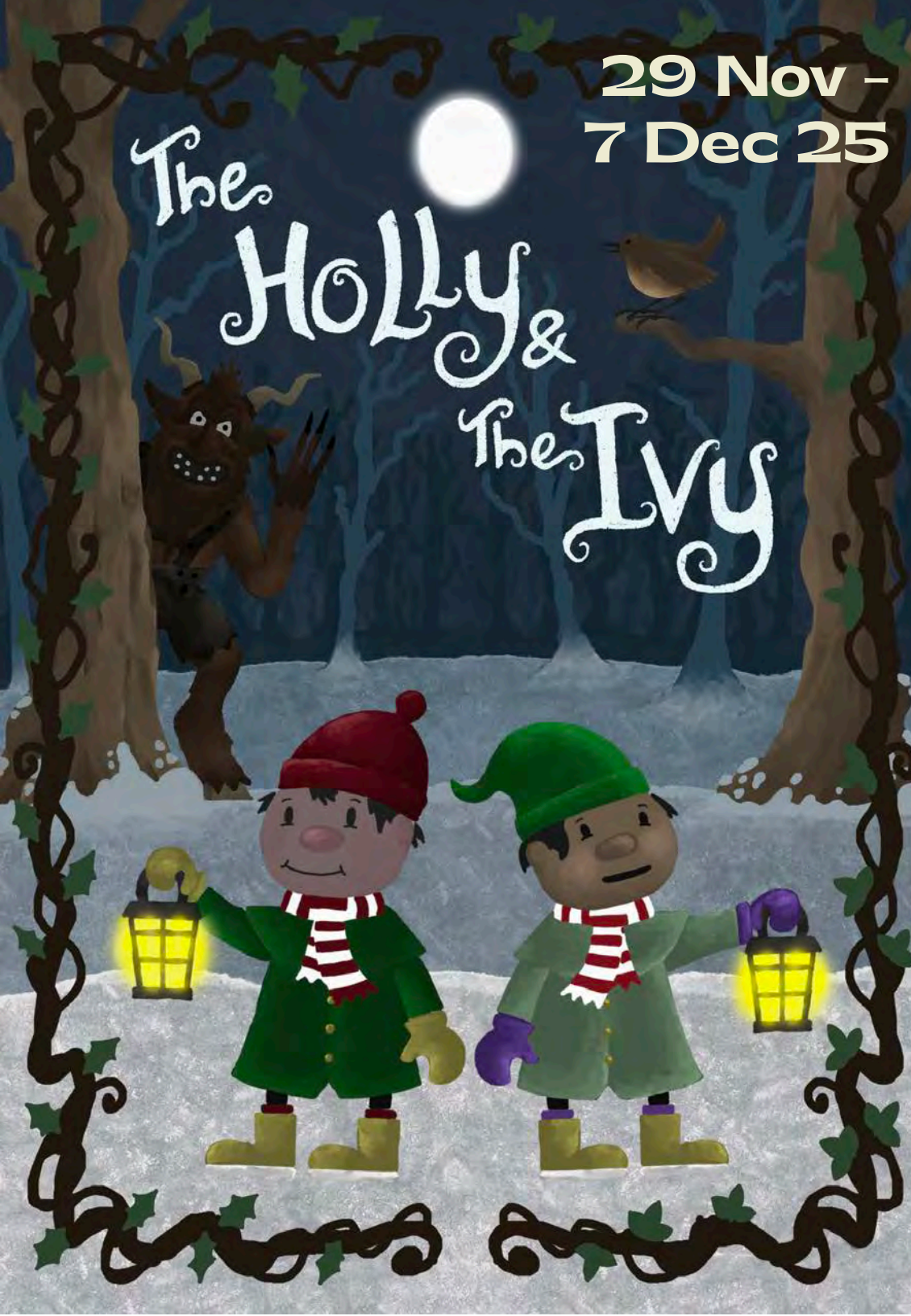


Autumn

Winter

25/26 Sept
-Feb

**HORSE +
BAMBOO**



29 Nov -
7 Dec 25

The Holly & The Ivy

Front cover : Wizard & the Mechanic
Production at Edgeside Park, Waterfoot | 1st Nov

HORSE + BAMBOO BOO

Become a member of Horse + Bamboo

This September, we are delighted to launch our new membership scheme for Horse + Bamboo and host our first member exclusive, season launch event.

Every membership helps us to continue to create unforgettable experiences, nurture artists, and open the doors to our community.

Tiered options for membership start from just £5 per month and have a range of perks from private hire discounts to free brews every time you visit!

For more information about our membership scheme, email :

lew@horseandbamboo.org

Or head to the dedicated membership page on our website.

Venue Information



Our venue is wheelchair + pushchair friendly.



Free road parking is available in front + behind the venue.

Key



Craft activity - We open an hour before family shows for craft activities



Deaf-friendly performance



The production is supported by the Big Imaginations Network



HorseandBamboo

horseandbamboo.org

Life & Limb return to Horse + Bamboo this September with their show, 'At Sea' (you might remember the sell-out, 'Dragon' from Waterfoot Wakes 2023!) Be amongst some of the first audiences to see their new hand-crafted puppetry and projection piece, created above our own theatre in Horse + Bamboo's workshop - not one to be missed!

As always, our family theatre is coupled with a related craft activity one hour before the start, so come down early for a whole afternoon at Horse + Bamboo.



At Sea

LIFE AND LIMB PUPPET

Sun 14 Sept

SHOW 11AM | CRAFT 10AM
SHOW 3PM | CRAFT 2PM | £8.50/£6.50*

Our Sailor is lost without their Heart Compass. Their quest takes them through Coral Reef, a Siren's Lair, right to the bottom of the ocean. Will they ever make it out of the belly of the beast and find the way home?

Created by Life and Limb Puppets (previous show 'Dragon') in association with Alphabetti Theatre. Supported by the National Theatre and Horse + Bamboo, with public funding from Arts Council England.

At Sea is an uplifting tale of a sailor's triumph over darkness. Non-verbal, with stunning projections and music. A life-affirming family show.

Duration: 60 minutes | Ages 6+



Wizard & the Mechanic

ADVENTURE ARTS

Sat 1 Nov

SHOW 5PM - 6PM

Once upon a crossroads, a mysterious tree stands and two travellers have come to tell a story. Where have they come from? Which way are they going? This tree seems friendly enough, maybe they can stay here... forever?

The Wizard needs your help to face his biggest fears, despite not admitting having any. The Mechanic needs your help dealing with the Wizard.

Jump up and become part of the action yourself! Using masks, puppets and ridiculous physicality, the Wizard and the Mechanic will guide you on a magical and very silly quest to finish their story. No one knows how it will all go, but it's certain to be a lot of fun getting there. Duration: 60 minutes | Ages 5+



Pumpkin Trail

EDGESIDE PARK

Sat 1 Nov

4:30PM - 6:30PM

Join us for our annual Pumpkin Trail at Edgeside Park, the day after Halloween!

Explore a torchlit display which presents an interactive challenge to complete, then stick around for craft activities with the chance to explore shadow puppets and imagery.

This year, Pumpkin Trail also features an outdoor show, Wizard & the Mechanic by Adventure Arts.

Why not also bring your own pumpkins along and help make a community-led trail in the park? Leave them at the end and Horse + Bamboo will compost them for you!

Ages: All ages



The Holly & The Ivy

HORSE + BAMBOO

Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov &
Sat 6 - Sun 7 Dec

SHOW 11AM | CRAFT 10AM
SHOW 3PM | CRAFT 2PM | £8.50/£6.50*

Two friends play in the woods when somehow they become parted. How will they find each other and who will they meet along the way?

With lots of songs and help from the comedy Krampus and a cheeky Wren, the two end up on all kinds of adventures as they try to reunite.

This immersive journey through the forest is brought to life with animation, puppetry and live folk wintery music.

Duration: 45 minutes Ages: 3 - 7years



The Tale of Nobody Nose

GOOFUS THEATRE

Sat 21 Feb

SHOW 3PM | CRAFT 2PM | £8.50/£6.50*

Come with us on a fantastical, wintery journey, led by three clowns (Boz, Yolo and Flo) who travel wherever their magical map-of-dreams leads them! Join them on their epic adventure across land, sea and skies to help a lone puppet find the most important thing - ever... their own red nose!

Duration: 45 minutes | Ages 4+





Baby Boo

Fortnightly Thurs from 4 Sept
10AM - 11.30AM | 1PM - 2.30PM | £3.50

Baby Boo is a relaxed, open sensory play session that runs every fortnight on Thursdays at Horse + Bamboo. Go on a sensory journey exploring light, sound and a range of different themes.

Ages : 0 - 4 years are welcome at both morning & afternoon sessions. Pre booking is recommended.

What is Sensory Play?

The aim of a sensory play session is to introduce a wide variety of objects and sensations for your baby to explore. There are endless possibilities - sights, smells, sounds, textures and colours are all around us all the time. Come along to Baby Boo and discover creative play settings designed by Early Years practitioners Zoe Harty and Sue Auty.

Will my baby like it?

Yes! Babies love discovering new sensations and older children have endless fun playing with the open ended materials and objects.

Baby Boo Specials

Every 2 months we invite a musician to join the session, this is a fabulous opportunity to encounter live music at close quarters.

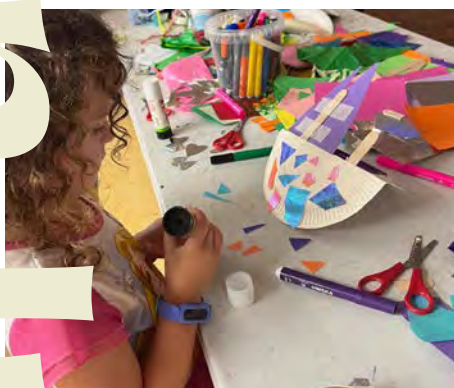
“Matilda and I would like to thank you for the fantastic Baby Boo sessions over the last 6 months. Matilda has very much enjoyed all her sessions with you. She has developed so much with her fine and gross motor skills, plus her sensory and imaginative play too. We would like to let you know what a fantastic job you are all doing. Keep it up!” Claire and Matilda



**Sensory Play for Babies
and Children
0-4yrs**

Every half term, Horse + Bamboo hosts a range of free activities for children alongside our family film & theatre programme.

Come down and join in with a themed craft or spend the day trying out a new board game. No booking required - if you are a community group and want to reserve a long table on one of these days, get in touch.



Crafternoon

HORSE + BAMBOO

Tues 28 Oct & 17 Feb
DROP IN SESSION 11AM - 3PM | FREE

Looking for a way to entertain the children over the school holidays? Our crafternoons are the perfect way to pass the time. Come down any time and join in the fun. Suitable for a wide range of ages and completely free. Every half term has a different theme with crafts to match, of course!

Crafternoons are part of Horse + Bamboo's school half term holidays' programme - full details of our half term activities can be found on our website.

For all the family



Family Board Games

CARDS OR DIE

Thurs 30 Oct & 19 Feb
DROP IN SESSION 11AM - 3PM | FREE

Family favourite, Board Game Day is returning! Following on from successful days last year and high demand - board gaming fun with 'Cards or Die' is back! Come and check out the enormous array of board games in our cafe. There's sooo many to choose from and they'll even help teach you how to play games you may not know.

No need to book - just turn up.

For all the family



Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (U)

Wed 29 Oct
CRAFT 11AM - 2PM | FILM 2PM | £3.50

Join us for our family craft session from 11am, where we'll be making a monster Halloween craft! Then bring your monster along to a screening of 'Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit'.

When a huge vegetable-ravaging beast destroys the plots right before the Giant Vegetable Competition, Lady Tottington asks Wallace and his dog, Gromit, to track the beast and rescue the village.

Director : Nick Park, Steve Box | 2003 | 1hr 26min



Arthur Christmas (U)

Sun 21 Dec
CRAFT 11AM - 2PM | FILM 2PM | £3.50

The perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit - come along to our screening of Arthur Christmas and festive craft session.

Santa's tech-savvy son tries to deliver the wrong present to the right kid, proving that even Christmas can be fixed with enough glitter and reindeer snacks.

Director : Sarah Smith, Barry Cook | 2011 | 1hr 37min

School of Rock (PG)

Wed 18 Feb
CRAFT 11AM - 2PM | FILM 2PM | £3.50

For February half term, we're creating our own musical instruments during our drop in craft session, then taking them into Horse + Bamboo's cinema to blow people's minds with some high voltage rock!

Come down for this classic, feel-good family film this February and pledge allegiance to the band of Mr Schneebly.

Director : Richard Linklater | 2003 | 1hr 49min

EVENT CALENDAR

Sept

Fri 12	Open Mic Night	7pm	Free	16+
Sat 13	Year of Cooperatives - Celebration Event	6pm	Free	All Ages
Sun 14	Family Theatre : At Sea	11am & 3pm	£8.50 £6.50	6+ yrs
Thur 18	NT Live : Inter Alia (15)	7pm	£15 /£13*	(15)
Fri 19	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages
Fri 26	Season Launch Event (See pg 3 for details)	7pm	Free	All Ages
Sun 27	Live Music : later@ presents Tom Hingley (ex Inspirial Carpets) & The Kar - Pets	8pm	£24.25	16+

Oct

Fri 3	Tekina Events presents Subsect DJ Night	7pm	£6	18+
Tues 7	Film Club : Sisters with Transistors (PG) + Mini Oramics Workshop	6:30pm	£10	(PG)
Fri 10	Open Decks	7pm	Free	16+
Thur 16 & Fri 17	Theatre: The Other Neville	7:30pm	£15/£13*	14+
Sat 18	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages
Thur 23	NT Live : Mrs. Warren's Profession (12A)	7pm	£15/£13*	(12A)
Fri 24	Live Music : Cacophany Arkestra	8pm	£8/£6*	All Ages
Sat 26 - Sun 27	Rossendale Art Trail	10am - 4pm	Free	All Ages
Sat 26	Live Music : Waterfoot Electronic Transmissions	12pm - 6pm	Free	All Ages
Sun 26	Zine Making Workshop with Maddie Morris	2pm	£5	All Ages
Sun 27	Live Music : Maddie Morris	6pm	£12/£10*	16+
Tue 28	Crafternoon	11am-3pm	Free	All Ages
Wed 29	Family Film : Wallace & Gromit : The Curse of the Were Rabbit (U)	Film@2 Craft@11	£3.50	(U)
Thur 30	Baby Boo Special	10am & 1pm	£3.50	0-4yrs
Thur 30	Family Board Games Day	11am - 3pm	Free	All Ages
Fri 31	Dusking Event at Edgeside Park	4.30pm - 6.30pm	Free	All Ages

[Theatre](#) | [Music](#) | [Cinema](#) | [Join In](#)

Autumn - Winter 25/26

Nov

Sat 1	Edgeside Pumpkin Trail at Edgeside Park	4.30pm - 6.30pm	Free	All Ages
Sat 1	Family Theatre : Wizard & the Mechanic at Edgeside Park	5pm	Free	All Ages
Fri 7	Theatre : Webber! the Musical	8pm	£15/£13*	18+
Fri 14	Open Mic Night	7pm	Free	16+
Fri 21	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages
Sat 22	Live Music : Suntou Susso	8pm	£12/£10*	16+
Sat 29 Sun 30	Family Theatre : The Holly & The Ivy	11am & 3pm	£8.50 £6.50	3 - 7yrs

Dec

Wed 3	Baby Boo Special - Sensory Play on the set of 'The Holly & The Ivy'	10am & 1pm	£3.50	0-4yrs
Fri 5	Open Decks	7pm	Free	16+
Sat 6 & Sun 7	Family Theatre : The Holly & The Ivy	11am & 3pm	£8.50 £6.50	3-7yrs
Thur 11	NT Live : The Fifth Step (15)	7pm	£15/£13*	15
Fri 19	Live Music: Baked A La Ska	8pm	£18 /£16*	16+
Sat 20	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages
Sun 21	Family Film : Arthur Christmas (U)	Film@2 Craft@11	£3.50	(U)

Jan

Fri 16	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages
Thur 22	NT Live : Hamlet (15)	7pm	£15/£13*	(15)
Fri 23	Open Mic Night	7pm	Free	16+

Feb

Fri 6	Live Music : Mora & the Fabulous Wonderfals	8pm	£10/£8*	16+
Fri 13	Open Decks	7pm	Free	16+
Tues 17	Crafternoon	11am - 3pm	Free	All Ages
Wed 18	Family Film : School of Rock (PG)	Film@2 Craft@11	£3.50	(PG)
Thur 19	Baby Boo Special	10am & 1pm	£3.50	0-4yrs
Fri 20	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages
Sat 21	Family Theatre : The Tale of Nobody Nose	3pm	£8.50 £6.50	4+ yrs
Sat 28	Live Music : Teri & the Electric Sunrise	8pm	£8/£6*	All Ages



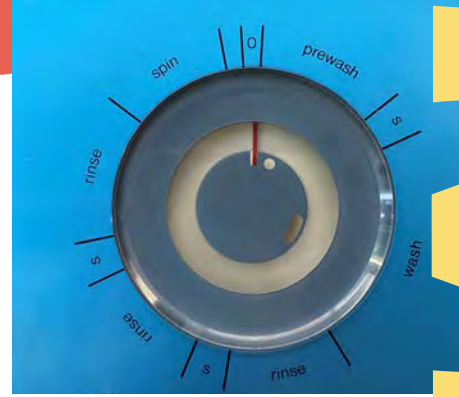
Cacophany Arkestra WAKES CARNIVAL BAND

Fri 24 Oct

BAR 7PM, MUSIC 8PM | £8 / £6*

Waterfoot Wakes' parade band, Cacophany Arkestra, kick off three evenings of music, running alongside this October's Rossendale Art Trail 2025 (24 - 26 October).

Expect an unforgettable evening of rhythm, colour and carnival vibes! Cacophany will be kicking off the Art Trail with their Caribbean Carnival-inspired sounds - a joyful mix of calypso, soca and jazz.



Waterfoot Electronic Transmissions ROSSENDALE ART TRAIL

Sat 25 Oct

12PM - 6PM | FREE

W.E.T. present part gig- part art installation. Images of Rossendale set to a live electronic soundtrack from Artists & DJs.

Setting - Warm

Slow 12-2pm

Medium 2-4pm

Fast 4-6pm

Maddie Morris FOLK & ZINE MAKING

Sun 26 Oct

WORKSHOP 2PM - 3PM

BAR 5PM, MUSIC 6PM | £12/£10*

Maddie Morris is a bold and socially conscious folk artist who uses traditional music to explore contemporary issues. Winner of the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award, they have been described by Jim Moray as "leading the next generation of socially conscious songwriters." Their work explores personal narratives and political storytelling, blending English folk traditions with their lived experience as a trans, autistic person.

Join Maddie for zine making from 2pm - workshop booked separately.

"A folk fusion of personal tales, queer & feminist insights, and activism. A musical journey of voice and virtue." - Tradfolk



Suntou Susso AFRO JAZZ AND SOUL

Sat 22 Nov

BAR 7PM, EVENT 8PM | £12 / £10*

Suntou Susso's music brings nothing but good vibes, combining the rich, traditional sound of West-African Mandinka culture with Afro jazz and soul.

Celebrated across Africa and Europe, Suntou is a multi-instrumentalist: kora player, percussionist, singer and composer from The Gambia. The kora is a 22 stringed harp-lute, a rare and enchanting instrument. Born into the 700-year-old Griot tradition, Suntou performs his role as a historian, storyteller and unifier of people through song, everywhere he goes and every time he gets on stage.

"Immediate and absorbing... richly textured... warm and uplifting voice..." - Somer Valley FM

Baked a la Ska GOOD TIME BIG BAND

Fri 19 Dec

BAR 7PM, EVENT 8PM | £18 / £16*

Back for a third year running this December, Baked a la Ska are fast becoming a Christmas staple for Waterfoot.

Join us to get the festive season started off right with this Manchester band's madcap dancehall skanking and ska Christmas covers.

"Upbeat anthems and dancehall skanking... wouldn't you just love to see this lot live?" - The Sunday Times

"Utterly bonkers but irresistible." - Manchester Evening News



horseandbamboo.org

Autumn - Winter 25/26



Mora & The Fabulous Wonderfuls

SUPPORT : SARAH TUTIN

Fri 6 Feb

BAR 7PM, EVENT 8PM | £10 / £8*

“a unique blend of righteous anger and soul-lifting songs to rouse your spirit and move your feet.”

Born backstage, and raised by a VOX AC30, MORA was always destined to be a performer who makes the ground shake.

MORA & the Fabulous Wonderfuls are an ensemble formed around the father-daughter duo of renowned ‘Guitar George’ Borowski and his daughter, Mora, who performs alongside her hand-picked musicians, The Fabulous Wonderfuls.

“Combining marvellous musicianship with a voice demanding to be heard far and wide, this record is fabulous, wonderful, and any other superlative you care to choose.” – Louder Than War

Teri & the Electric Sunrise

SUPPORT : ROSE GREENWOOD

Sat 28 Feb

BAR 7PM, EVENT 8PM | £8 / £6*

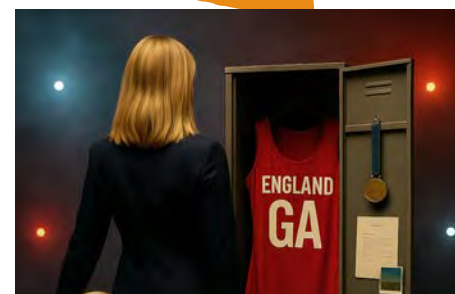
From the depths of Northern England, raised in the mill towns and coastal regions of the red rose county, ‘Teri & The Electric Sunrise’ provide an escape from the harsh realities of working-class life.

The live show is a journey of ups and downs with enchanted vocals and dreamlike soundscapes.

Featuring stage projections and the band’s impressive laser show which promises a magical audio/visual experience!



New writing & theatre productions straight from Edinburgh Fringe to Waterfoot.



The Other Neville

IMOGEN GREENWOOD

Thurs 16 & Fri 17 Oct

DOORS 7PM | SHOW 8PM

£15 / £13*

The Other Neville is a powerful one-woman play, imaginatively inspired by England netball legend Tracey Neville.

Born into an elite sporting family, Tracey made her mark in a sport no one was watching – netball – leaving a legacy that can’t be ignored. Set in the ‘locker room of her memories’, we meet Tracey in March 2019, months after leading the Roses to Commonwealth gold and moments before making one of the hardest decisions of her life.

Written and performed by Rochdale-born actor Imogen Greenwood, in collaboration with Shared Experience.

Duration: 60 minutes | Ages 14+



Webber! the Musical

GRANT SHARKEY

Fri 7 Nov

DOORS 7PM | SHOW 8PM

£15 / £13*

Straight from Edinburgh Fringe, Webber! is the latest production from hyper-prolific, double bass-playing songwriter, Grant Sharkey.

Obsessed with becoming a Lord, Webber makes a Faustian pact with the eternal spirit of Ruining Everything, who looks suspiciously like Margaret Thatcher. Hilarious ear worms, laser-focused wit and no holds barred.

“An absolute hoot!” – British Theatre Guide

“Riotous! It should run longer than Cats!” – Speak the Speech

Duration: 60 minutes | Ages 18+



Year of Cooperatives - Celebration Event

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Sat 13 Sept

DOORS 5PM | EVENT 6PM | FREE

Talks from local groups, music from Peter & Barbara Snape, alongside photography on display from Bacup Museum.

Music during the evening from Peter & Barbara

Peter and Barbara Snape are a very popular duo from the North West of England with a repertoire that is distinctly 'northern' in nature.

The North West of England has a rich, and often undervalued song tradition and it has no finer or more knowledgeable champions than The Snapes. Sheena Wellington (The Wighton Heritage Centre, Dundee).

Dusking

EDGESIDE PARK

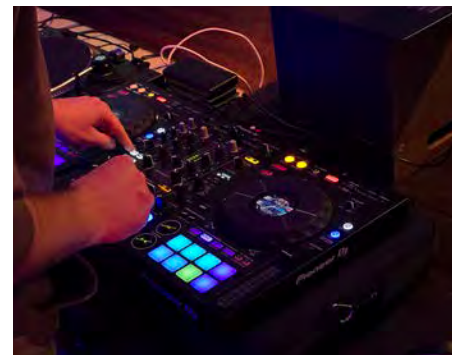
Fri 31 Oct

4.30PM - 6.30PM | FREE

Our annual Dusking Event is back at Edgeside Park. You are invited to join us to dance the sun down on 31st October as part of our Dusking event.

Meet by the Skate Park in Edgeside Park at 4.30pm. This is a creative, informal ritual to express our thanks for the past summer, mark the beginning of winter and welcome the darker months. You are encouraged to create your own costumes and bring hankies, bells or anything else you would like to dance with.

For all the family



Open Decks

BIMONTHLY EVENT

Fri 10 Oct, 5 Dec & 13 Feb

BAR + MUSIC 7PM | FREE

Bring your vinyl and come down to sign up for half an hour to an hour set, playing YOUR music.

Open to experienced DJs and beginners. If this is your first time using decks, don't worry, we'll be on hand to help you out!

No need to sign up in advance, just come down and add your name to the chalkboard.

Ages 16+ | Children under 16 are still welcome at this event, but they must be supervised.



Open Mic

BIMONTHLY EVENT

Fri 12 Sept, 14 Nov & 23 Jan

BAR 7PM | EVENT 7:30PM | FREE

Bring an instrument, a poem - whatever your creative passion, this is the stage.

This event isn't just for performers! Come down to enjoy an extra special night of local music and creativity.

If you want a performance slot, be sure to get here from 7pm to get your name on the chalkboard. There are always plenty of available tables for those coming down to listen to the brilliant local musicians & poets we have performing at this event!

Ages 16+ | Children under 16 are still welcome at this event, but they must be supervised.



Rossendale Board Games Night

MONTHLY EVENT

Fri 19 Sept, Sat 18 Oct, Fri 21 Nov, Sat 21 Dec & Fri 16 Jan

6PM - 11PM | FREE

Join Rossendale Board Games for their monthly Board Games Night at Horse + Bamboo! Always a busy event, come by yourself or in a group, bring your favourite game or come and learn something completely new!

This group is welcoming to all ages, newbies or experts of all things board games.

National
Theatre
Live

INTER ALIA

a new play by Suzie Miller

National
Theatre

Horse + Bamboo's film club runs on the first Tuesday of every month, alongside regular NT Live screenings - check out the full listings on our website.

If you're a community group in Rossendale with a film that particularly resonates with you - whether it's a documentary that brings awareness on a particular issue or a cult classic you'd like to run a fundraiser alongside - get in touch with us!



No Other Land (15)

Tues 2 Sept

BAR 6PM | FILM 7PM | £5.50

Basel Adra, a young Palestinian activist from Masafer Yatta, has been fighting his community's mass expulsion by the Israeli occupation since childhood. Basel documents the gradual erasure of Masafer Yatta, as soldiers destroy the homes of families - the largest single act of forced transfer ever carried out in the occupied West Bank.

This film, by a Palestinian-Israeli collective of four young activists, was co-created during the darkest, most terrifying times in the region, as an act of creative resistance to Apartheid and a search for a path towards equality and justice.

This film is screened in collaboration with Pals of Palestine - from 6pm there will be a variety of fundraising stalls & food available.

Director: : Yuval Abraham, Basel Adra, Hamdan Ballal | 2024 | 1hr 35min



Sisters with Transistors (PG) + Mini Oramics talk

Tues 7 Oct

BAR 6PM | TALK 6.30PM | FILM 8.30PM | £10

The original Oramics machine was created by composer Daphne Oram in the mid 1960s, a synthesiser designed to read graphic scores. Oram also began work on a smaller offshoot she later dubbed 'Mini Oramics', a more portable device that might have had genuine commercial potential as a product for electronic musicians. Sadly, she had to abandon the project, but as part of his PhD at Goldsmiths University Tom Richards decided to explore the potential for resurrecting Mini Oramics.

Tom joins us at Horse + Bamboo for a talk / demo as part of this October film club special! Followed by Sisters with Transistors.

"a long overdue tribute to the women that broke barriers in music, technology and society as a whole. This is not a retrospective, it's a new beginning." - Owen Richards, The Art Des

Director: : Lisa Rovner | 2021 | 1hr 26min

HORSE + Bam BOO

Events & Party Hire

Looking for a location for your Party? We have exclusive use packages for the downstairs of our venue!

We are set up to host bands or DJs, can work with a variety of local caterers and have flexible bar options, so you really can host the party you've always dreamed of!

Suitable for up to 100 guests.

For more information please email:
info@horseandbamboo.org

Book your tickets online at:

horseandbamboo.org

679 Bacup Rd, Waterfoot, Rossendale BB4 7HB



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**



Funded by
UK Government



HorseandBamboo

Design by sourcecreative.co.uk

Volunteering at H+B

We are always looking for lively, enthusiastic individuals to join our team of volunteers here at Horse + Bamboo. Our volunteers can help with a variety of activities including craft workshops, cafe or on the Box Office.

For more information please email:
info@horseandbamboo.org

Book your tickets

Our shows and events are very popular. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment as we cannot guarantee there will be 'walk up' tickets available for every event.