
15th-23rd June



CUCKFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Featuring:

Caroline Tyler

Cuckfield Cuckoo Choir

Dominic Ferris: Me and My Piano

Horsham Symphony Orchestra

Jane Haughton

Magnificat Choir

Mark Edwards Trio

Matt Wates

No Strings Attached

Plastikes Karekles

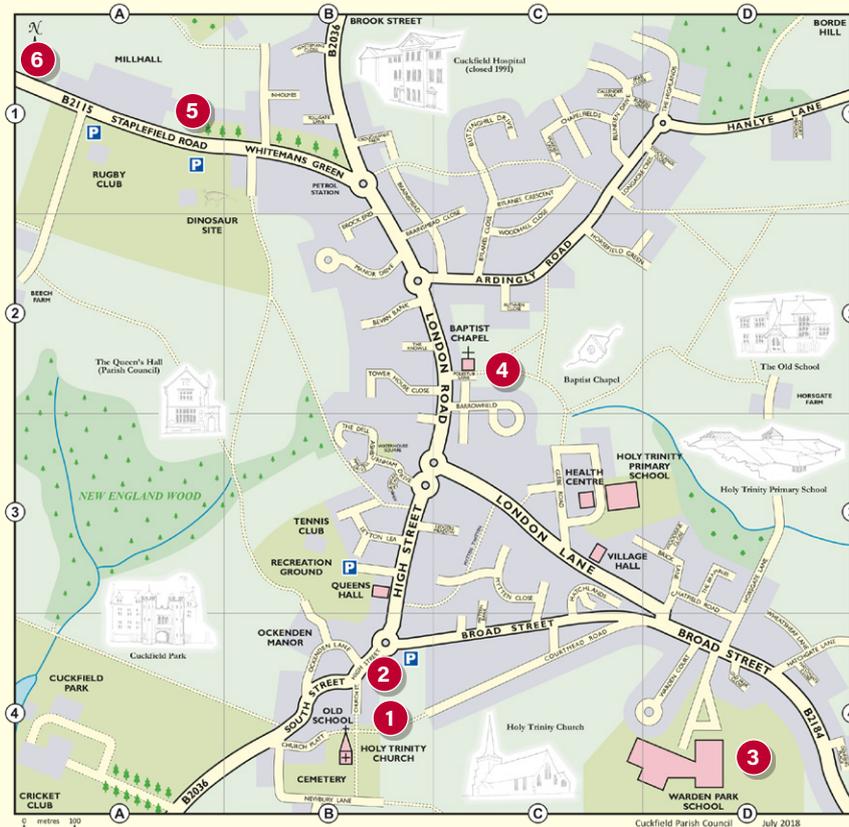
Ensemble Reza

Rising Stars!

Speakeasy Revival Orchestra

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CUCKFIELD VILLAGE MAP



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| 1. Holy Trinity Church | 4. The Baptist Church |
| 2. The Talbot | 5. Mill Hall Farm Garden |
| 3. Warden Park School | 6. Cuckfield Golf Centre |

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 community events possible.



Welcome

Welcome to Cuckfield Music Festival 2019! Mid Sussex is a music-loving area, full of people who play or sing at a variety of levels but always with enthusiasm. There are even more who simply enjoy listening to the performances of others, whether professional or amateur.

A great many musical events, big and small, take place around the county on an almost non-stop basis, but too often it seems that many of them are under-promoted. If word of mouth fails to make its mark, they miss out on an audience of the size they might have had and probably deserved.

So the Cuckfield Music Festival is an attempt to create a nine-day concentration of music that attracts attention through its diversity of local and international talent and flavour. In this brochure you'll find everything from the classical orchestra to the big jazz showband, from chamber music to jazz trio, from Greek folk music to the youngsters of Rising Stars! from a capella to choral singing, from individual piano recital to a talk on Music in Painting. Something for nearly everyone in fact! Do join in and support all there is to enjoy between the 15th and 23rd June.



Hannah Carter



David Mortimer



"I'm a huge fan of music in all its forms, and love the way festivals bring all sorts of different music-makers together."

Our Patron Katie Derham

We are greatly indebted to Katie Derham for agreeing to be the Patron of the Cuckfield Music Festival. As a Cambridge economics graduate, the earlier part of her career with the BBC and ITV covered the presentation of economics and news on radio and TV, but in 2010 she returned to the BBC to take up an arts brief, including fronting the coverage of *The Proms* for BBC Two, BBC Four and BBC Radio. From 2001-2004 she presented the *Classical BRIT Awards*; and in 2008 appeared in the BBC Two talent programme *Maestro*, where she conducted orchestral, choral and operatic music.

In *First Love*, in 2010, she had a chance to return to her own first love, playing the violin; and by way of something completely different partnered Anton du Beke in reaching the final of the thirteenth series of *Strictly Come Dancing* in 2015. The following year saw something different again when Katie presented *The Girl from Ipanema* for BBC Four and, only last February, she presented an hour-long programme on Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*. But luckily for us all *The Proms* continue to exert their pull.....

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE

Launch supper in the Hayloft of the Talbot

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £28 per person

To whet the appetite the week before the Festival starts in earnest, there will be a two-course supper at the Talbot, with a choice of two mains. We are delighted that Jonathan Summers OAM has agreed to be our guest of honour. Jonathan was a member of the Royal Opera House (1976-86), and has had a long and distinguished international career in most of Europe's leading opera houses, the New York Met, the Far East and Opera Australia. He recently sang in the award-winning *Billy Budd* production at the Bolshoi in Moscow, and he will sing Balstrode in *Peter Grimes* in London in 2020. In 2009 he received the Order of Australia Medal for services to music.

Between courses he will entertain us with stories from his career and, if we're very lucky, might be persuaded to give us an aria from his repertoire over coffee.

Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 27th April and are not available online (see inside back cover for details of how to order).



SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

Horsham Symphony Orchestra with Ensemble Reza

Holy Trinity Church, 7.30pm

Tickets £15 per person

Horsham Symphony Orchestra, now in its 48th year, is an outstanding amateur orchestra trained by its professional Music Director, Steve Dummer. The HSO gives three to six concerts a year and has an adventurous repertoire, from standard classics to new music, collaborating with a diverse range of musicians and soloists of international standing.

Ensemble Reza is creating a stir throughout the country with its virtuoso and passionate performances. Founded in 2013 by close friends based in Sussex, the group aims to take chamber music of the highest quality to audiences throughout the South-East. Individually, group members have performed orchestral and chamber music worldwide with, for example, the London Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic, the Philharmonia and the Brodsky Quartet.

Tonight's programme will include Grainger's *Lincolnshire Posy* for wind instruments, composed in 1937, based on six Lincolnshire folksongs; Vaughan Williams' sublime *Fantasia on a Theme by*





Thomas Tallis, first performed in Gloucester Cathedral in 1910; and Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence* written in 1890 during the composer's visit to that city and dedicated to the St Petersburg Chamber Music Society.

Ensemble Reza and the HSO are delighted to be joining forces again following their sell-out collaborative concert in Spring 2018.



SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

Hymns and Pimms

Holy Trinity Church, 6.00pm

Free Entry

An invitation from Fr Michael Maine: Join us to sing some favourite hymns and songs at Holy Trinity, including some interesting stories about the way in which they came to be written. The singing will be led by our wonderful church choir, who will also perform several items under the lead of our Director of Music, Richard Jenkinson. Afterwards enjoy each other's company with a lovely summer drink.



MONDAY 17TH JUNE

No Strings Attached

Hayloft of the Talbot, 7.30pm

Tickets £5 per person

In the eight or so years since they got together as a group, Alex Sandford, Russ Brathwaite, Phil Purdie, Bonnie Flitney and David Spear have performed all over Sussex, into Kent and Surrey and even in the big smoke, where a capella groups don't always venture, taking part, for example, in the South Bank Festival. They sing popular songs with real tunes from the last 60 years. They revel in performing their own arrangements of some timeless classics, and if the audience joins in, so much the better. The upstairs bar in The Hayloft will be open to loosen the vocal chords of performers and audience alike, so hope to see you there on 17th June!



TUESDAY 18TH JUNE

The Speakeasy Revival Orchestra

The Baptist Church, Polestub Lane, 7.30pm

Tickets £14 per person

Come and join this magnificent Sussex-based seven-piece jazz ensemble performing music from the 20's to the present day, drawing on influences as diverse as Spike Jones, Fletcher Henderson, Duke Ellington, Mnozil Brass and the Postmodern Jukebox. CAUTION! Performances may include hats, barbershop singing, puppets and loud bangs, along with spectacular musicianship, some cracking arrangements, original tunes and a unique comedy twist. What can go wrong!

Some comments from a recent performance in Chichester suggests not too much...

"They have amazing outfits and I loved the solos! My hands were sore from clapping so much."

"I've seen Woody Allen and his group play and they're not nearly so good as you."

"First time I've ever listened to jazz. Would sit and listen to you every day. Thank you."

We can't promise they'll be playing every day of the Festival, but on Tuesday 18th June they will be.



WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

Plastikes Karekles: Once upon a time in Greece
Mill Hall Farm Garden, Whitemans Green, 6.00pm
Tickets £10 per person

Come and enjoy some foot-tapping, finger-clicking, spine-tingling, lung-busting Greek soulful melodies and funky rhythms on a journey through different eras of Greek music. This will be a fun and moving evening for all the family to enjoy together. It will be an open-air, bring your own picnic occasion in a beautiful garden (pray for a fine June evening – we've avoided Wimbledon fortnight so we should be OK). Plastikes Karekles are one of the foremost bands in the performance of Greek music in the UK and abroad, and have performed all over the country, including the Proms. *"These musicians wowed a captivated audience.....they had people dancing in the aisles"* (Nottingham Post)

We are extremely grateful to Mr and Mrs Berry for allowing us to enjoy the evening in the splendid garden they have created during the last decade. For those who may not know it, Mill Hall Farm is almost opposite the main Whitemans Green car park. Unless the ground is waterlogged, parking available at the farm.

THURSDAY 20TH JUNE

Dr Matt Wates:
Music in Painting
The Baptist Church,
Upper Hall
12.30pm for 1.00pm
Lunchtime talk
Tickets £5 per person



Now for something rather different – for people who enjoy a good talk on a subject that makes them think. On the one hand Matt Wates is a saxophonist, whom the great John Dankworth, no less, called “an incredibly talented musician and composer”. The Matt Wates Sextet won the Best Small Group award in 2001 and he has appeared with some of the great names of jazz, from Humphrey Lyttleton to Duncan Lamont. Recently they were performing at the Steyning Jazz Club. But he's not only a musician. Dr Wates has a long-standing interest in art and its history, holding an MA with distinction; and a PhD awarded by Birkbeck College for his work in the field of the interconnection between the arts, particularly music and painting. This is the subject of his lunchtime talk on 20th June – for which he will probably be accompanied by his alto sax (maybe to invert a theme from J.S.Bach to illustrate an abstract theme in a Klee painting or something of the kind!)

Coffee and biscuits will be available before Matt starts his talk.



THURSDAY 20TH JUNE

Mark Edwards Trio

Holy Trinity Church, 7.30pm

Tickets £13 per person

Stand by for an evening you just can't miss – the wonderful Mark Edwards Trio, starring Mark himself, Steve Thompson and Piers Clark. As pianist, composer, arranger and producer, Mark has performed and recorded with numerous leading musicians including Art Themen, Johnny Dankworth, Don Weller, Scott Hamilton, Kern Peplowski and Liane Carroll, and he's recently completed a 38-city tour of Europe with Katie Melua.

On double bass Steve, too, has performed with a wide and diverse range of musical talents, from Kenny Davern to Joe Locke and Tina May to Martin Drew. Much of his performing time is spent at Brighton's Smalls Jazz Club where he has shared a stage with many of the world's best mainstream musicians. Piers, specialising in the acoustic rhythm guitar style epitomised by Freddie Green and Steve Jordan, turned professional in 1987 and has worked in New York, the Middle East, France, Spain, Belgium and Sweden. When he's in this country he runs weekly jazz workshop sessions on all instruments. It's going to be quite an evening. If you've booked a holiday that week, change the dates and be sure to come and hear them!

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

**Lunchtime Piano Recital
Caroline Tyler**

**Holy Trinity Church,
1.00pm – 1.45pm**

**Free entry with
donation box**

We are extraordinarily lucky to have persuaded Caroline to return to Cuckfield to illuminate the Music Festival.

She is a virtuoso concert pianist more often to be found in UK and international venues as, for example, Barbican Hall in London, Enka Auditorium in Istanbul and both the Martinu Hall and the British Embassy in Prague. Caroline graduated with first class honours and a Masters Degree with Distinction from both the Guildhall School of Music and of Drama. She is an artist with Piha International and the Concordia Foundation of London which has led to full-house concerts at St Martin-in-the-Fields, and at Painters' Hall for an audience with the Lord Mayor of London

Caroline is the winner of various competitions including the Anglo-Czech Trust Competition, the Christopher Duke Piano Recital and the Norah Sande Award. She enjoys music education as well as performance, and gives annual masterclasses in Istanbul, as well as being on the adjudication panel for the British & International Federation of Festivals and an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. If Music be the food of love do come along for a lunchtime treat.



FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

Rising Stars!

Warden Park School,
6.00pm

Free entry with donation box

True but alarming – it was announced in January this year that musical education, more than any other subject, has been abandoned in many UK schools. However in Mid Sussex we are very fortunate to have some fantastic music departments amongst our secondary and sixth form colleges.

We are also very lucky to have some exceptionally gifted young musicians, many now studying in London and performing with our National Youth Orchestras. All the musicians and stars of the future need the encouragement of learning to perform in public in whatever direction their future takes them, whether folk, jazz, pop, classical, etc. This concert promises to be a heart-warming evening as well as an enjoyable one, so please come along to support both these rising talents, and their teachers.



FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

Cuckfield Golf Centre,
7.30pm for 8.00pm

Live Band: Soul Avenue (& barbecue)

£30 to 4th May; £35 thereafter

Cuckfield Golf Centre welcomes LIVE Band 'Soul Avenue' a local five-piece band with female vocals, giving you that fuller sound to really get the party started. As the Music Festival nears its end, it's the perfect chance to let your hair down and get ready to dance all night!

Soul Avenue is an established function band, bringing the Soul/Funk sound to today's chart hits through to the 60's. The band members are full time professionals (who have played with the likes of Amy Winehouse, Joss Stone, Scouting for Girls, Seal, Eternal and Jamie Callum). Locally the band has headlined the SoulTrain Festival for the last three years.

The night kicks off at 7:30pm, when you can enjoy a glass of Pimms in the garden. The aromas of the BBQ will be stimulating your appetite as you enjoy the longest day of the year, maybe some evening sun and, of course, our fantastic views.

The bar, stocking wines, beers, spirits, soft drinks and more, will be open until midnight, so sit back, relax and enjoy the atmosphere. We will ensure you have a fantastic evening of live music with a delicious BBQ provided by a local butcher.

Tickets are available early bird for £30.00 until Saturday 4th May; and £35.00 afterwards, from info@cuckfieldgolf.co.uk or call (01444 459999)



SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

**Dominic Ferris - Me and My Piano
with guest appearance by
Jane Haughton**

Holy Trinity Church, 7.30pm

Tickets £15 per person

Cuckfield Music Festival is delighted – as you are sure to be – that the brilliant and versatile pianist Dominic Ferris has agreed to pay a return visit to Cuckfield. Dominic's range covers everything from classical to popular – from Chopin and Gershwin to Elton John and Billy Joel – as well as performances of some of his own compositions. His trademark Me and My Piano performances in London are regular sell-outs.

Dominic is endorsed by Steinway Pianos. He regularly tours Asia with Indonesian pianist Elwin Hendrijanto, together known as The Piano Brothers. Dominic and Elwin met in 2009 at the Royal College of Music and have quickly become recognised as one of the world's most adventurous duos. Steinway said of them 'The Piano Brothers performances are so creative and exciting, we didn't want them to end!'

Dominic also joined the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra as Assistant Musical Director and pianist to record and tour with *Elvis Presley: If I can Dream* for the Elvis 40th Anniversary celebrations. He toured the UK with the RPO, continental Europe with the Czech Symphony Orchestra and the USA with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, culminating in a performance at Gracelands with Priscilla Presley. The album sold over a million copies worldwide.

Jane Haughton trained as a music teacher and professional opera singer and lived and worked in Southern Italy in her twenties, performing regularly with Italian musicians. She returned to the UK and enjoyed a solo career before joining the Royal Opera House Company, Covent Garden.

She now lives and works in Sussex, teaching and running workshops for Glyndebourne Education and leading local community choirs. Jane still loves performing and giving concerts when she can!



SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

**The Magnificat Choir, Fot Cathedral, Hungary
and The Cuckoo Choir from Cuckfield**

Holy Trinity Church, 4.00 pm

Free entry

The Magnificat Choir is an accomplished small choir that has won cultural awards in Hungary and has performed abroad in France, Austria, Slovakia and Romania, and at the International Arts Festival in Maidstone. We are delighted to welcome them to Cuckfield as the guests of the Cuckoo Choir. The Cuckoos joined Magnificat in recital in Fot Cathedral in December 2017 and were left in admiration for their choral and musical skills under their conductor Kúnné Koksís Erzsébet. Magnificat has a wide classical repertoire which will undoubtedly include one or two pieces by Hungarian composers – and the Cuckoos might very well learn some Hungarian in order to join them in one!

The Cuckoo Choir will get things going, under its conductor Jane Houghton, with a selection of English songs from Elizabethan madrigals via Vaughan Williams to a Beatles medley and Sting's *Fields of Gold*. They will then probably join forces with Magnificat to sing Kodály's *Esti Dal*, Hungary's unofficial national anthem, and a piece by Bartók. Magnificat's programme will contain both English and Hungarian choral music and folk song. Included will be *Kodály's Adventi ének* and *Ének Szent István királyhoz*; and *Daróczi-Bárdos's* (in translation) *Big bell of Mikóházi*.

Kúnné Koksís Erzsébet



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- Independent State of Cuckfield
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- The Talbot
- David Underwood for wrestling with the accounts



And...

... to the many willing and cheerful volunteers who will be acting as marshals, supervisors, bartenders, get-readiers, tidy-uppers, and many other tasks, big and small – not to mention those things that crop up out of the blue. We are really grateful.

Below are the names of those involved at the time of going to press, but one can be certain there will be more by the day itself -

Chris Bunning; Judi and Mike Burney; Jill Butler; Sarah and Peter Cheesmur; Janet Cumner; Lindy and Tony Elphick; Miranda Grainger; Sheila and Christian Grelé; Jane and Andrew Harrison; Candy and Kenneth Hood; Mike Littlejohns; Sheila Mortimer; Sue Ponsford; Annie Rees; Ang Smith; Andrew Symonds and Keith White.

HOW TO BOOK

You can buy tickets online with
NO EXTRA CHARGES OR BOOKING FEE

(print your tickets at home to avoid mailing costs) at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cuckfieldmusicfest or via the link on the website www.cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk

10% discount if tickets for all seven events are booked at the same time.

On the door

Whilst we recommend advance booking, if cancellations are available these can be bought at the door of the venue on the day. (N.B. this may not apply to the event at Cuckfield Golf Centre which is not organised by the Festival).

In person

You can also buy tickets in person at Marcus Grimes, South Street, Cuckfield during normal opening hours.

5th June – Supper in The Hayloft of the Talbot

Tickets for the supper are only available from Miranda Grainger: mirandagrainger@yahoo.co.uk from 20th April until 30th May. Please indicate choice of mains and dessert – chicken fillet in parma ham or 6-hour braised 10oz blade of beef; Raspberry cheesecake or sticky toffee pudding. Vegetarian option of butternut squash with parsnip & celeriac gratin, etc.

Payment by cheque made out to Cuckfield Music Festival.

Refreshments

Wine, beer & soft drinks will be available for purchase at the events on June 15th, 17th, 18th, 20th (evening), 22nd & 23rd.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Wednesday 5th June	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Launch Supper	The Talbot, Cuckfield
Saturday 15th June	7.30pm	Horsham Symphony/Ensemble Reza	Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield
Sunday 16th June <i>(event organised by the church)</i>	6.00pm	Hymns and Pimms	Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield
Monday 17th June	7.30pm	No Strings Attached	The Talbot, Cuckfield
Tuesday 18th June	7.30pm	The Speakeasy Revival Orchestra	Baptist Church, Polestub Lane, Cuckfield
Wednesday 19th June	6.00pm	Once upon a time in Greece	Mill Hall Farm, Staplefield Rd, Cuckfield
Thursday 20th June	12.30pm for 1.00pm	Music in Painting (talk)	Baptist Church, Polestub Lane, Cuckfield
	7.30pm	Mark Edwards Trio	Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield
Friday 21st June <i>(event organised by Cuckfield Golf Centre)</i>	1.00pm	Caroline Tyler, Piano	Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield
	6.00pm	Rising Stars!	Warden Park School, Cuckfield
	7.30pm for 8.00pm	Soul Avenue & Barbecue	Cuckfield Golf Centre, Staplefield Road
Saturday 22nd June	7.30pm	Dominic Ferris with Jane Haughton	Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield
Sunday 23rd June	4.00pm	Magnificat Choir, Fot, Hungary	Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield

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