

# Musical Shairs

Issue 14 since  
The Pandemic  
November 2024

For Performing Groups in Somerset

29th October - 3rd November 2024

**TAOS**  
MUSICAL THEATRE  
TAUNTON

*The*  
**Wizard**  
*of*  
**Oz**

**BY L. FRANK BAUM**  
**WITH MUSIC AND LYRICS BY HAROLD ARLEN AND E.Y. HARBURG**  
**BACKGROUND MUSIC BY HERBERT STOTHART**

DANCE AND VOCAL ARRANGEMENTS BY PETER HOWARD  
ORCHESTRATION BY LARRY WILCOX  
ADAPTED BY JOHN KANE FOR THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY  
BASED UPON THE CLASSIC MOTION PICTURE OWNED BY TURNER ENTERTAINMENT CO.  
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Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre [www.tacchi-morris.com/whats-on](http://www.tacchi-morris.com/whats-on) 01823 414141



Alan Bennett's

# The Lady in the Van

Directed by David Northey

24th Oct - @2K Theatre / Taunton

31st Oct - Stogumber

6th Nov - Tacchi Morris Arts Centre

25th Oct - Kingston St Mary

1st Nov - Bishops Lydeard

7th Nov - Tacchi Morris Arts Centre

26th Oct - Bicknoller

2nd Nov - Kingsbury Episcopi

9th Nov - Watchet

30th Oct - Spaxton

The ticket booking details for villages [www.ticketsource.co.uk/at2k-theatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/at2k-theatre)  
or Tacchi Morris [www.tacchi-morris.com](http://www.tacchi-morris.com)

# Stanislav Yovanovitch

Hon. Prof. University of Binzhou, China

St John's Church  
Park Street  
Taunton  
TA1 4DG

Sunday 3 November  
3.00pm

Retiring Collection

*Programme to include*

Chopin | Debussy | Liszt  
Rachmaninov | Ravel | Scriabin

[www.stjohnstaunton.org.uk](http://www.stjohnstaunton.org.uk)

Taunton Thespians present

# DRACULA

Adapted by JASMIN OTLEY

from the novel by BRAM STOKER

Directed by JO CASE

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> to Sat 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm

Saturday Matinée 2.30pm

at

TAUNTON BREWHOUSE 01823 283244

(Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470)

THIS PRODUCTION IS NOT FOR  
THE FAINT OF HEART

Not suitable for under 16s

Tickets now on sale



# MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

Friday 8 November

12.45pm (doors open 12 noon)

St. John's Church, Park Street  
Taunton TA1 4DG

## Advanced Musicians Showcase

Students from



Wellington  
SCHOOL

Collection will be  
shared between:

**Reminiscence  
Learning**

St John  
the Evangelist  
Parish Church  
Taunton



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Lunchtime Concerts

[www.stjohnstaunton.org.uk](http://www.stjohnstaunton.org.uk)



Church Square, Taunton TA1 1SA

## Afternoon Tea Concert

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 3.00 pm



### **Andrew Millington organ**

*former Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral*

### **Lecture-Recital on Herbert Howells**

*presented in association with the*

*Somerset Organists' & Choirs' Association*

*followed by tea and cake in our coffee shop area.*

*Admission Free, but we do ask for a £pay-what-you-can donation to cover the numerous expenses of providing this concert.*

# Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir Events

## NOVEMBER 2024

### Joint Concert with Barnstable MVC

November 9 @ 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
Barnstable

Joint Concert with Barnstable MVC at Barnstable

### Informal Evening at the Lord Nelson

November 23 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
The Lord Nelson Norton Sub Hamdon, United Kingdom

An Informal evening at the Lord Nelson Pub in Norton- sub-Hamdon

## DECEMBER 2024

### Carols Around the Bandstand

December 9 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Vivary Park Taunton, Upper High St  
Taunton, TA1 3SX United Kingdom

### AGE UK Christmas Concert at Wells

December 11 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Wells Cathedral, Cathedral Green,  
Wells, Somerset, BA5 2UE United Kingdom

Age UK Christmas Concert at Wells Cathedral

### Blakes Coaches Charity Fund-Raiser

December 12 @ 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
Dawlish

Our sponsors have asked us to sing at their charity fund-raising event...

### Christmas Concert in Wellington

December 14 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Wellington Methodist Church, 45 Waterloo Rd  
Wellington, Somerset TA21 8JQ United Kingdom FEBRUARY 2025

## FEBRUARY 2025

### Patrons Concert

February 8, 2025 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
St James Church, St James St  
Taunton, TA1 1JS United Kingdom.

# Somerset County Orchestra

*Conductor - David Hedges*

*Leader - Alex Ennis*

**Bax**  
Tintagel

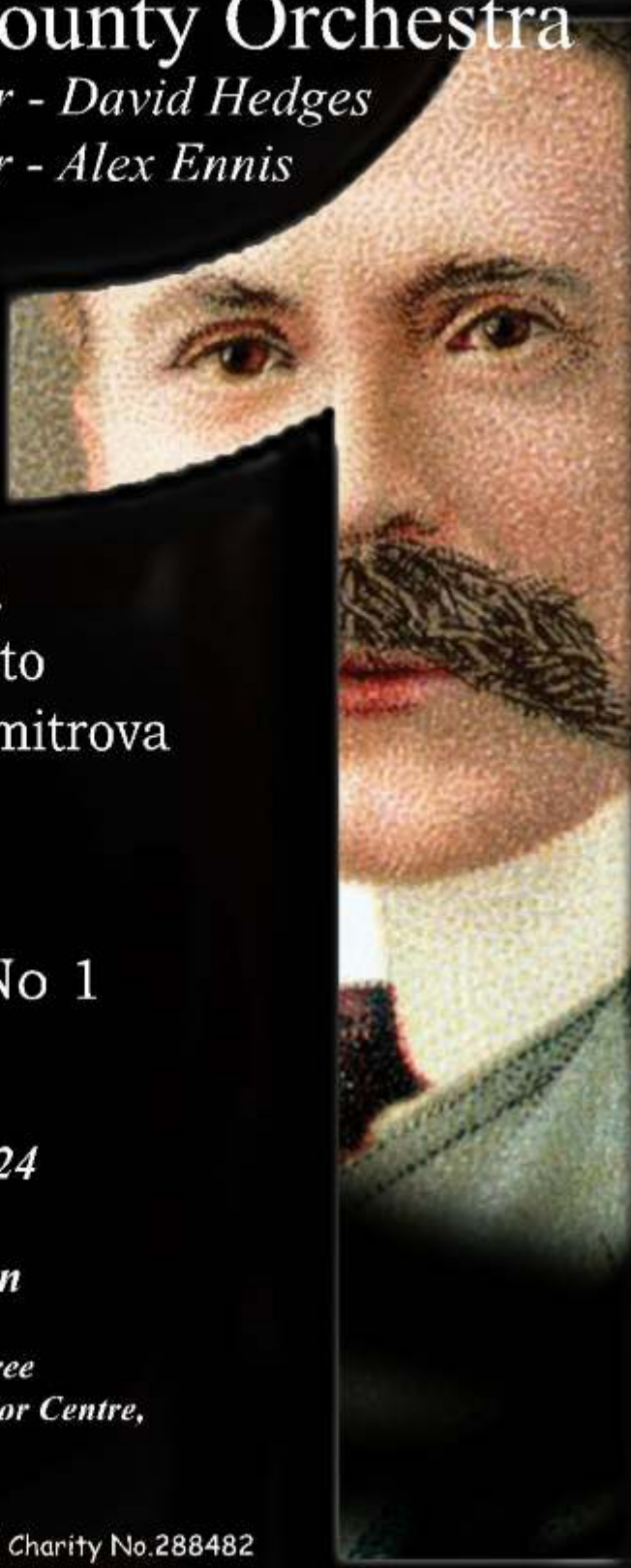
**Walton**  
Violin Concerto  
soloist Cristina Dimitrova

**Elgar**  
Symphony No 1

*Saturday*  
*16th November 2024*  
*at 7:30 p.m.*  
*St James, Taunton*

*Tickets £15 Under 16 Free*  
*available from the Taunton Visitor Centre,*  
*and on the door*

Registered Charity No.288482







**The Amici Choir  
Taunton**

**Conductor:**  
**Andrew Trewhella**

# Messiah

**G. F. Handel**

**Elizabeth Watts**

**Soprano**

**Louise Innes**

**Alto**

**Eamonn Mulhall**

**Tenor**

**Frederick Long**

**Bass**



**BRISTOL  
ENSEMBLE**  
Orchestra for the  
West of England

**With the Bristol Ensemble**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7:00 pm**  
**in Taunton Minster**



**Tickets £22/£18 from Taunton Visitor Centre  
(01823 340470) or from [www.amicichoira.org.uk](http://www.amicichoira.org.uk)**

## Music on the Levels: free Sunday afternoon concerts



In Westonzoyland's beautiful parish church of St Mary's on Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP. Refreshments (tea, coffee, choice of cakes) are available at a modest charge from 2.15 pm until the start of the concert. In order to help with the artists' and other costs a raffle is held and donations are welcome.

visit: [musiconthelevels](http://musiconthelevels).

Sunday 24 November 2024

### Joyful Spirit



A community Gospel choir, made up of people over eighteen and under a hundred from all walks of life making music together in an enjoyable atmosphere. It is led by Alison Cooper White, with her understanding of musical harmony, and is supported by its own band.

Sunday 23 February 2025

### Trio Paradis



Somerset-based Trio Paradis (Jacquelyn Bevan - piano, Ruth O'Shea - violin and Linda Stocks - cello) return with a programme entitled 'The Latin American Collection'. From Jealousy Tango to Piazzolla's Oblivion Tango, La Cumparsita to Corcovado, and music by classical composers including Villa-Lobos, they will perform an exciting and varied programme of music from South America.

Sunday 26 January 2025

### The Barnacle Buoys



A group of sea shanty singers based in North Somerset. Members enjoy their craft, entertain audiences and raise money for RNLI and other charities. Expect a bit of swagger along with the songs.

**ALL 340 SEATS  
SOLD OUT!**

**SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER**

**5pm St James Church, Taunton**

Reserved seats £5 £8 £12 £14 £16 £18 £20

BOX OFFICE Dr Julian Sutton: [jsutton1967@aol.com](mailto:jsutton1967@aol.com)

*Christmas with ...*

# Exultate!

*the 40 voice choir*

WELLINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

**Saturday 30 November  
2024 at 7.00pm**

St John the Baptist Church,  
Wellington, TA21 8QY

Soloists from the University of Exeter

Orchestra led by Julie Hill

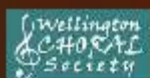
Conductor Laurence Blyth



# MOZART REQUIEM

HAYDN MISSA SANCTI NICOLAI

**Tickets £16.00** (*under 18s go free*)



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Available from members  
on the door and at

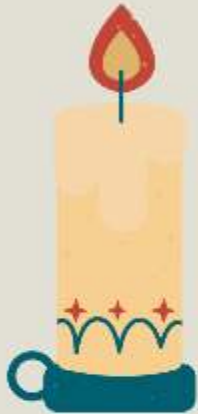
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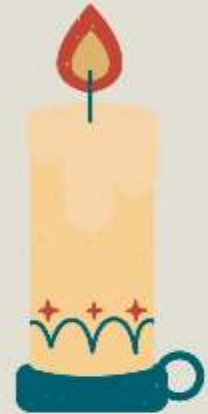
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JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE MUSICAL  
CELEBRATION TO KICK START  
YOUR ADVENT COUNTDOWN



 *Voce*



*sing this night*

4PM SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER  
TEMPLE METHODIST CHURCH  
TAUNTON TA1 3PY

[WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/VOCE-CHAMBER-CHOIR](http://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/VOCE-CHAMBER-CHOIR)  
£10 ADULTS, £5 CHILDREN  
TICKETS INCLUDE DRINKS AND NIBBLES  
AFTER THE SHOW



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## UK Tour 2024

Get ready for a spectacular Christmas celebration with G4.

Escape into their world of mesmerising harmonies, beautifully-blended voices and impeccable showmanship within an idyllic festive setting.

Jon, Jai, Mike & Duncan are delighted to bring their hotly-anticipated, 20th Anniversary 'G4 CHRISTMAS' tour across the UK in 2024, with more dates than ever before!

Selling out year after year, it is clear that audiences cannot get enough of this breathtaking festive experience, that will warm your soul and bring the true spirit of Christmas to life.

Step into G4's world of vocal enchantment as they take you on an awe-inspiring musical journey. From traditional carols to sacred contemplations, classical classics to popular favourites; all the way to modern festive hits.

G4's extraordinary and unique vocal renditions will leave you with chills of delight and a heart full of Christmas spirit.

**30th November at Taunton Minster 7.30pm - 9.30pm**

Tickets available from the G4 Christmas Tour website





From  
DARKNESS  
to  
LIGHT

a sequence of  
music and readings for  
**Advent Sunday**  
beginning by candlelight  
**Taunton Minster**  
Sunday  
1st December 2024  
5.00 pm  
*Retiring collection*  
*Seasonal refreshments*



# *The West Somerset Singers*

with St George's RC Church Junior Choir

## **For the Beauty of the Earth**

*A selection of folk music and pieces for the festive season.*

*Featuring pieces by John Rutter and Eric Whitacre.*

**Friday 6th December 2024 - 7pm**  
**Taunton Baptist Church, Silver St, TA1 3DH**

Tickets £10 available from Secretary, Chris Knapman,  
on (01823) 618299 (or on the door)

**[westsomersetsingers.org](http://westsomersetsingers.org)**



Come and join  
**"Let's Sing" at Christmas**

for an afternoon of Christmas music



with special guests **saXes-4**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm**

**at St John's Church, Staplegrove TA2 6EJ**

**all proceeds to St Margaret's Hospice**



**£10 at the door  
(children £5)**



**EXCLUSIVE  
UK CHRISTMAS TOUR!**

*Christmas with*

# **EUROPEAN UNION CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

*directed by Germany's star violinist Hans-Peter Hofmann*

**SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER**

**4PM | TAUNTON, SOMERSET**

TICKETS £14 £18 £22 £26 from [quantocks@live.co.uk](mailto:quantocks@live.co.uk)

*Hans-Peter Hofmann*



*Vivaldi*  
**AUTUMN & WINTER**

*from the Four Seasons*

*Corelli*

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTO, Op 6 No 8**

*Manfredini*

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTO**

*Leopold Mozart*

**MUSICAL SLEIGH RIDE**

*Johann Strauss*

**PIZZICATO POLKA**

*Mozart*

**DIVERTIMENTO in D K136**



*Spoil yourself! Start your Christmas in style with one of Europe's finest touring orchestras as they celebrate with a sparkling programme of favourite Christmas music that's bound to please everyone.*

**The Bridgwater Choral Society**

**Harmonia Group.**

**Will be performing in and supporting the  
Cannington Church Christmas Carol Service**

**on**

**Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**

**In Cannington Church.**

**Refreshments will be served after the Service.**

**The Bridgwater Choral Society**

**Harmonia Group**

**will be performing their Christmas Concert**

**In**

**Nether Stowey church hall**

**On**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm.**

**This concert will be followed by**

**Christmas refreshments..**

This brand-new show features prestigious musicians uniting to perform a rich tapestry of Christmas music.

 **TAUNTON  
MINSTER**  
ST MARY MAGDALENE

**Thursday**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

THE  
**CHRISTMAS  
ORCHESTRA**

The Christmas Orchestra promises a magical and energising festive journey, capturing the essence of Christmas, perfect for getting you into the holiday spirit.

Experience the magic of Christmas as we take you on a musical journey through your favourite festive films and popular Christmas classics.

The concert is performed live by a chamber orchestra supported with full sound production and lighting show. Experience uplifting nostalgia with compositions from your favourite Christmas films, as well as popular sing-along classics to ignite your festive spirit, including: Home Alone, Love Actually, The Holiday, Nightmare before Christmas, Muppet Christmas Carol, The Nutcracker, The Grinch, Polar Express.

**Early Concert: 18:00**

Doors open: 17:15

Show starts: 18:00

Show ends: 19:15

**Late Concert: 20:30**

Doors open: 19:45

Show starts: 20:30

Show ends: 21:15

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRA WEBSITE**

# Carols *at Lunchtime*

*A Service of Readings and Carols*

Featuring **Canticle**  
Somerset County Council Choir

**13 December**  
12.45pm

**St. John's Church**  
Park Street, Taunton, TA1 4DG

*Refreshments Available*

*Free admission with a retiring collection*



# Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday xx January 2025, 4.00pm

Date to be confirmed shortly keep watching TAPA [www.tapa.org.uk](http://www.tapa.org.uk)

The Wilbye Quartet



St John's Church, Park Street,  
Taunton. TA1 4DG

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## Date not set at present

THE WAYFARERS PANTOMIME  
SOCIETY PRESENTS

# Beauty & The Beast

*by Tom Whalley*

12-18th JANUARY 2025

AT TAUNTON BREWHOUSE

FOR ALL DETAILS GO TO [WWW.TAUNTONBREWHOUSE.CO.UK](http://WWW.TAUNTONBREWHOUSE.CO.UK)





CHOIR OF IN ECCLESIA

**EVENSONG**  
**for Candlemasstide**

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY,  
4.00pm

**St John's Church, Park Street,  
Taunton TA1 4DG**



Milverton  
Concert Society

# Young Professionals Concert

Sunday 9th February  
at 4pm

St Michael's Church Milverton

Each Musician will perform  
a short recital

Oboe - Ella Leonard  
Voice - Josephine Cresswell  
Saxophone - Otis Ubaka  
Flute - Victoria Creighton

Accompanist - Andrew Trehwella

Refreshments after the concert

# Advance Information

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
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