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October — December '19

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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to The Atkinson's new season.

Based on the satirical 1928 novel by Virginia Woolf, **Orlando** (16 Oct) is the life-affirming, comedic tale of an immortal poet's exploration of human identity. **Jane Eyre** (8 & 9 Nov) is Charlotte Brontë's moving and unforgettable portrayal of one woman's quest for equality and freedom. Charles Dickens' infamous ghost story **A Christmas Carol** (7 Dec) is brought alive in a traditional production.

The first comedian ever to win Britain's Got Talent, **Lost Voice Guy: I'm Only in It For The Parking** (9 Oct) brings razor-sharp observations about disability and daily life. **Jon Culshaw & Bill Dare: The Great British Take Off** (16 Nov) present an evening of unscripted comedy as politicians, sports personalities and celebs are all up for a roasting!

Our fifth annual **Big Blues Festival** (11 & 12 Oct) returns, join us as we celebrate rock, rhythm and blues! The first major female star of the 80's, **Hazel O'Connor: Hallelujah Moments** (13 Nov) is an award-winning singer-songwriter. **The History of Rock** (30 Nov) propel you back to the best days of music in a celebration of classic rock.

In October Half Term, Magicians **Morgan & West: Unbelievable Science** (29 Oct) present an interactive science show for the whole family, where real experiments take place right before your eyes. **The Great Christmas Sleigh Ride** (13-18 Dec) is a fun-filled, sing-along, interactive festive show for 2-6 year olds. Each child will meet Santa and receive a special Christmas gift!

'Tis the season to be jolly and we have some great night's out in December. Catch up with the nation's favourite rag-and-bone-men in **Christmas with Steptoe and Son** (5 Dec). In **Chris Difford: Christmas Shopping** (13 Dec) the Squeeze co-founder tells stories and sings songs from his colourful career. **The Albion Christmas Band** (14 Dec) seasonal show features Simon Nicol (Fairport Convention), Kellie White (Albion Band) Simon Care (Edward II) and Ashley Hutchings.

The Atkinson's **shop** supports artist from across the borough. Pick up unique gifts and meet local artists in our **Local Makers Craft Fairs** (26 Oct, 30 Nov, 7 Dec). **Gift Cards** are available for our performing arts programme, also available to purchase online, the perfect print at home present!

We look forward to welcoming you into The Atkinson.

BIG BLUES FESTIVAL

FRI 11 – SAT 12
OCTOBER 2019

Featuring

Delta Moon
Dani Wilde
The Voodoo Sheiks
Redfern, Hutchinson & Ross
The Hiding Magpies
Bushman Brothers
Trevor Babajack Steger
Little Blues
Acoustic Stage

#BigBluesFest

Festival Ticket
£45
—
Saturday Ticket
£35

The Great Christmas Sleigh Ride

13 – 18 December 2019

10.30am & 2pm

£8.50 Adult / £12.50 Under 16s /
£11 Schools (teachers go free)

Meet Santa and
receive a special
Christmas gift!

BEING HUMAN FEST



Being Human Festival

We Are ~~Not~~ Amused!

Sat 23 Nov, all day, free

Join researchers from Edge Hill University as they reveal the forgotten history of nineteenth-century humour in this free festival for all the family.

Exhibition Tours: We Are Not Amused!

11:30am, 2pm & 4pm

Victorian Cartooning

12pm – 5pm, Drop-in activities for families

The Miseries of Human Life

12:30pm – 2pm, Joke-writing workshop

Joke Detectives

2pm – 5pm, Unearth old jokes from Edge Hill's archive

In Conversation with Greg Jenner

6pm, Free, Booking Required

Dr Bob Nicholson (@DigiVictorian) interviews the historical consultant for Horrible Histories.

Z List, Dead List

8pm, Free, Booking Required

Comedian Iszi Lawrence (Radio 4's Making History) challenges performers to champion the cause of neglected figures from history.

EXHIBITIONS

Free Entry

Cross Pollination

25 May 2019 – 28 March 2020

A celebration of floral art and literature featuring still life, genre and contemporary artworks presented alongside poetry.

Bessie Downes: Flowers of the Southport Coast

1 June – 2 November 2019

Bessie Downes' beautiful watercolour illustrations provide us with a snapshot of the botany of our coast from the 1890s and into the early 20th century.

Vulcan Car

2 September – 9 November 2019

On loan from National Museums Liverpool

Westwood

21 September 2019 – 28 March 2020

This exhibition looks back at Vivienne Westwood's designs and campaigns, illustrating what makes the iconic designer The Grand Dame of fashion today.

Nahem Shoa: Black Presence

21 September – 23 November 2019

Artist Nahem Shoa has curated a selection of his striking portrait paintings alongside key historic and contemporary artworks of black portrait sitters.

We Are ~~Not~~ Amused! Laughter in the Nineteenth Century

16 November 2019 – 21 March 2020

What did it take to make a Victorian laugh? The Victorians are often accused of being 'not amused' but this exhibition will reveal that they actually loved to laugh.

The Landing: Southport Palette Club Invitation Exhibition

28 September 2019 – 23 November 2019

Artwork is available to purchase.

The Landing: Cheshire Artists Network

30 November 2019 – 18 January 2020

Artwork is available to purchase.

MUSEUM

Free Entry

Discover Ancient Egypt

Between Land & Sea

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October 2019

Viking Life – Part 2
Wed 02, 09 & 16 Oct, 10:30am, £35 for 3 lectures
Explore the culture of the Vikings and their role in British History.

Ancient Worlds
The Victorians and Cleopatra
Wed 02 Oct, 7pm, £5 / Free to Members

Grateful Fred's
Alice Wallace
Wed 02 Oct, 7.30pm, £11 Adv / £13 Doors

Southport Film Guild
Wajib (15)
Wed 02 Oct, 7:30pm, £4.50 / Free to SFG Members

Chris Bannister Performs
The Music of John Denver
Thu 03 Oct, 8pm, £16.50 / £15 Concessions

The South
Fri 04 Oct, 7:30pm, £22.50 Advance / £24 Doors

The Rotary Club of Southport
GIG4LIFE Concert
Sat 05 Oct, 7:30pm, £18

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club 2019
Sat 05 Oct, 8pm, £16.50 Adv / £19 Doors / £12.50 Groups of 10+, Age 16+

Cake & Classical Music
Double Tootin' Flutes
Mon 07 Oct, 12:30pm, £12
Price includes a slice of cake and a hot drink.

Object of the Month
When Two Worlds Collide:
An Idyll of Theocritus
Wed 09 Oct, 1pm, Free

Lost Voice Guy: I'm Only In It For The Parking
Wed 09 Oct, 8pm, £16 / £14 Concession, Age 14+

Chapterhouse Theatre Company
Wuthering Heights
Thu 10 Oct, 7:30pm, £16 / £10 Under 16s / £44 Family Ticket
Emily Brontë's wild and tempestuous love story, set on the beautiful and mysterious Yorkshire moors.

Big Blues Festival 2019
Fri 11 & Sat 12 Oct,
£45 Festival Ticket / £35 Saturday Ticket
Join us as we celebrate Rock, Rhythm & Blues!

Dementia Friendly Cinema
Young Frankenstein (U)
Wed 16 Oct, 2pm, £3.50

Dyad Productions
Orlando
Wed 16 Oct, 7:30pm , £15 / £13 Concessions
A life-affirming, comedic tale of an immortal poet based on the 1928 satirical novel by Virginia Woolf.

Holy Moly & The Crackers
Thu 17 Oct, 7:30pm, £15

Freckle Productions
Stick Man
Sat 19 Oct, 1:30pm & 4pm, £13, Age 3+

Keith James: The Songs of Nick Drake
Sat 19 Oct, 7:30pm, £15

Count Arthur Strong:
Is There Anybody Out There?
Wed 23 Oct, 8pm, £20

The Noise Next Door: REMIX
Thu 24 Oct, 7:30pm, £14 / £12 Concessions, Age 16+

Limehouse Lizzy
Fri 25 Oct, 8pm, £18 / £16 Concessions

Local Makers Craft Fair
Sat 26 Oct, 11am, Free

Murder Mystery Productions
The Hardman Curiosity - 1905
Sat 26 Oct, 7:30pm, £22
Ticket includes buffet & glass of wine.

For these events,
pre-show meals are available
from our award-winning café,
A Great Little Place.



Morgan & West: Unbelievable Science
Tue 29 Oct, 2:30pm, £9 / £7 Under 16s, Age 7+

David Gower: On The Front Foot
Tue 29 Oct, 8pm, £22

Nonsense Room Productions
You Choose
Wed 30 Oct, 1pm, £8 / £6 Under 16 / £24 Family, Age 2+

Jack the Ripper: The Real Truth
Wed 30 Oct, 7:30pm, £12, Age 16+

Oysterband & June Tabor 'Fire & Fleet' Tour
Thu 31 Oct, 7:30pm, £20, Age 8+

Nunkie Theatre
Dead Men's Eyes:
Two Ghost Stories by M R James
Thu 31 Oct, 7:30pm, £12 / £10 Concessions, Age 12+

November 2019

Meet the Author: Veronica Gibbs
Fri 01 Nov, 10:30am, Free. Booking Required.

Reveal Media Promotions
The George Michael Story
Fri 01 Nov, 7:30pm, £22

Abbamania
Sat 02 Nov, 7:30pm, £22.50

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club 2019
Sat 02 Nov, 8pm £16.50 Adv / £19 Doors / £12.50 Groups of 10+, Age 16+

Cake & Classical Music
Lachner's Nonet
Mon 04 Nov, 12:30pm, £12
Price includes a slice of cake and a hot drink.

Southport – Snapshots of History:
That's Entertainment!
Wed 06, 13, 20 & 27 Nov, 10:30am, £35 for 4 lectures

Ancient Worlds
Graffiti in the Ancient World
Wed 06 Nov, 7pm, £5 / Free to Members

Grateful Fred's
Brennan Leigh & Noel McKay
Wed 06 Nov, 7:30pm, £11 Adv / £13 Doors

Southport Film Guild
Happy as Lazzaro (12A)
Wed 06 Nov, 7:30pm, £4.50 / Free to SFG Members

The Willows
Fri 08 Nov, 7:30pm, £12 Adv / £14 Doors

Blackeyed Theatre
Jane Eyre
Fri 08 Nov, 7:30pm,
Sat 09 Nov, 2pm & 7:30pm
Evening: £16.50 / £14.50 Concession / £12 Under 16s
Matinee: £14 / £12 Under 16s, Age 11+
Charlotte Brontë's gothic masterpiece of tempestuous passions and dark secrets.

The Just Us League
MARVELus: All the Marvel Movies... Kind Of
Sat 09 Nov, 8pm, £12 / £10 Concessions, Age 12+

Object of the Month
The Goddess Neith
Wed 13 Nov, 1pm, Free

Hazel O'Connor - Hallelujah Moments
Wed 13 Nov, 8pm, £23

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Thunder Road Theatre
The Body Snatcher
Sat 16 Nov, 7:30pm, £14 / £12 Concessions, Age 12+
An unnerving experience inspired by Robert Louis Stevenson's hair-raising horror.



Jon Culshaw & Bill Dare:
The Great British Take Off
Sat 16 Nov, 8pm, £22.50, Age 12+

Relaxed Film Screening
Fantastic Mr Fox (PG)
Wed 20 Nov, 11am, £3.50

Being Human Festival: We Are Not Amused!
Sat 23 Nov, All Day, Free

Crooners
Sat 23 Nov, 7:30pm, £21

The Arts Society at The Atkinson
Alexandra Epps on Peggy Guggenheim
Mon 25 Nov, 7pm, £7

Steeleye Span: 50th Anniversary Tour
Thu 28 Nov, 7:30pm, £24.50

The Blues Band: 40 Years & 'Back for More'
Fri 29 Nov, 8pm, £25

Local Makers Craft Fair
Sat 30 Nov, 11am, Free

The History of Rock
Sat 30 Nov, 7:30pm, £22

December 2019

Cake & Classical Music
Piano & String Trios
Mon 02 Dec, 1pm, £12
Price includes a slice of cake and a hot drink.

Grateful Fred's
CUA
Wed 04 Dec, 7:30pm, £11 Adv / £13 Doors

Southport Film Guild
The Breadwinner (12)
Wed 04 Dec, 7:30pm, £4.50 / Free to SFG Members

Ancient Worlds
The Magic of Ancient Egypt
Thu 05 Dec, 7pm, £10 / Free to Members

Christmas with Steptoe and Son
Thu 05 Dec, 7:30pm, £15, Age 12+

Local Makers Craft Fair
Sat 07 Dec, 11am, Free



Chapterhouse Theatre Company
A Christmas Carol
Sat 07 Dec, 1pm & 7:30pm, £16 / £10 Students & Under 16s / £44 Family
Charles Dickens' infamous ghost story is brought alive in this traditional production.

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Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club 2019
Sat 07 Dec, 8pm, £16.50 Adv / £19 Doors / £12.50 Groups of 10+, Age 16+

Object of the Month
Collecting Westwood
Wed 11 Dec, 1pm, Free

Dyad Productions
Christmas Gothic
Thu 12 Dec, 7:30pm, £14 / £12 Concessions
Three seasonal tales of terror to scintillate the gooseflesh for dark Christmas nights.

The Great Christmas Sleigh Ride
Fri 13, Sat 14, Sun 15, Mon 16, Tue 17,
Wed 18 Dec, 10:30am & 2pm, £8.50 / £12.50 Under 16s / £11 Schools, Age 2-6
Meet Santa & receive a gift!

Chris Difford: Christmas Shopping
Fri 13 Dec, 8pm, £22.50
The Squeeze co-founder tells stories and sings songs from his colourful career.

Local Makers Craft Fair
Sat 14 Dec, 11am, Free

The Albion Christmas Band
Sat 14 Dec, 7:30pm, £20 / £18 Concessions

Dementia Friendly Cinema
White Christmas (U)
Wed 18 Dec, 2pm, £3.50

Santa Claus: The Movie (U)
Mon 23 Dec, 2pm, £3.50

Community Activities

Construction Club
Oct 5, 19 / Nov 2, 16, 30 / Dec 7, 21
10:30am - 12:30pm. Free Entry. Age 5+.

Make It! Craft Workshops
Oct 29, 31
10:30am - 12:30pm, Free Entry, All Ages

Story & Rhyme Time
Tuesday's 10.30pm - 11.30pm
Wednesday's 10.30pm - 11.30pm
Thursday's 2pm - 3pm
Free. Places limited. Pre-school

Graphics Club
Monthly on a Thursday. Free.
17 Oct / 28 Nov / 12 Dec

Sefton Art Group
Led by Roy Munday
artclasses-merseyside.co.uk / roymun@cybase.co.uk / 07737 982 513

Tea Dance
Led by Sefton OPERA
Monday 21 Oct / 25 Nov / 16 Dec
1.30pm - 3.30pm. £3 pay on the door

Companions
Every other Thursday
Oct 10, 24 / Nov 7, 21 / Dec 5, 19
1pm - 2.30pm. Free Entry

Family History
Tuesday's 2.30pm - 4.30pm / Friday's 10am - 12pm / Saturday's 10.30am - 1pm
Free. Drop in.






Migrant Help – Support for EU Settlers
Every other Wednesday
Oct 9, 23 / Nov 6, 20 / Dec 4, 18
1.30pm - 4.30pm. Free. Drop in.

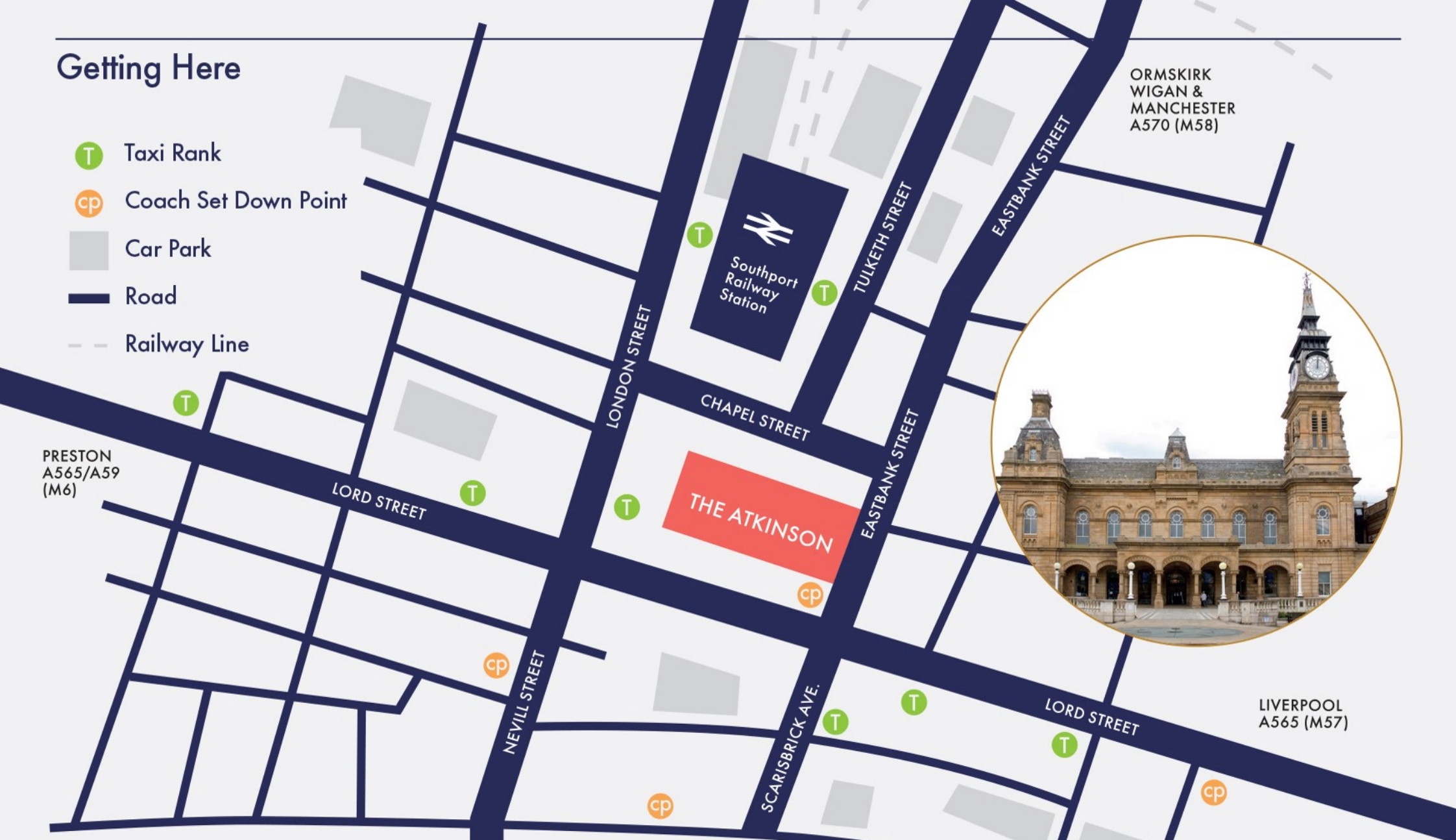
Womens Organisation Business Hub
Thursday's 10am - 12pm
Free. Drop in.

Sefton CVS IT Help with your Tablet
Thursday's 2pm-4pm.
Free. Drop in

Library Groups
Monthly. Please ask staff for details
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Getting Here

-  Taxi Rank
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-  Car Park
-  Road
-  Railway Line



HELPFUL INFO

Opening Hours

Box Office & Library

Monday* – Saturday 10am – 5pm

Museum & Galleries

Monday* – Saturday 10am – 4pm

A Great Little Place café

Monday* – Saturday 10am – 4pm
(Open late for selected pre-show meals)

* Closed on Bank Holidays

Please always check before visiting or call Box Office for tickets and information on 01704 533 333.

General Information

The Atkinson will exchange tickets (with exceptions, check before booking) up to 48 hours before a show. The Atkinson does not refund tickets. For full terms & conditions visit theatkinson.co.uk

Front Cover: *Jane Eyre*, Blackeyed Theatre, 8 & 9 Nov 2019



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-  Wheelchair spaces are available, please call the Box Office on 01704 533 333
-  Assisted Change Facility
-  Guide Dogs are welcome in all areas of the venue
-  Lift access to all areas of the venue
-  Induction Loop available for any space in the venue

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