

THE ATKINSON



A Galaxy to
Discover, Explore
and Play

September — December '16

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theatkinson.co.uk

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 4pm
Sunday	11am - 4pm

Please note:

The Library is open but not staffed from 2pm on Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday. There is no access to the public network but lending items can be borrowed via the self-service.

Museum & Galleries

Monday to Saturday	10am - 4pm
Sunday	11am - 4pm

Bakery

Monday to Saturday	10.30am - 4pm
Sunday	11am - 4pm

Accessibility

Wheelchair spaces are available please call the Box Office on 01704 533 333.



Guide Dogs are welcome in all areas of the venue.



Lift access to all areas of the venue.



We have an Induction Loop available for any space in the venue.



The Atkinson is a Dementia Friendly Environment.



Big Imaginations is a network of 15 venues bringing brilliant children's theatre to the North West. Look out for the logo, each venue is family friendly and pays special attention to the needs of the younger audience.

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LOVE FOLK FESTIVAL

FRI 10 — SAT 11 FEBRUARY

Book now at
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or call
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Fairport Convention

Jon Boden Solo

Lady Maisery

Sam Kelly & The Lost Boys

Folklaw

Luke Jackson

Plus...

Busk Love Folk

Meet the Artist Sessions

And more...

Early Bird Ticket:
£38 (until 30 Nov)

Festival Ticket:
£48 (From Dec 1)

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Please note: there are no refunds or
exchanges on festival tickets

Family

Lots of fun
family activities!

Story & Rhyme Time

Tue & Wed, 10.30am - 11.30am
Thu 2pm - 3pm
Free
Ages 0-4
Children's Library

Regular music and story sessions for families. Join the Toddler Trail and Reading Rewards Scheme, call **0151 934 2118**.

Arty Aprons

Every Sat of the holidays
11am - 3pm
Free, Drop in
Ages 3+
Galleries

Borrow an apron full of tools to explore our exhibitions.

(Subject to availability)

Plastersine Performing Arts Company Grease

Thu 1 - Sat 3 September, 7.30pm & 2.30pm (Sat Mat)
£17 / £15 under 9s & senior citizens / £15 organisations & schools / groups 10+ 1 free ticket every 10 purchased

Dust off your leather jackets to join Danny and Sandy in one of the most beloved musical stories ever told.

Construction Club

Sat 3 September, 10am - 12pm
Sat 1 October, 10am - 12pm
Sat 5 November, 10am - 12pm
Sat 3 December, 10am - 12pm
Free, Drop in.
Ages 5+ (Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)
Discovery Box, Level 2

For young inventors, creators and builders! Drop in and play with our supply of Lego and K'NEX.

Opening of Linaker Children's Centre Sat 24 September

Join us for the opening of Linaker Children's Centre in The Atkinson
See theatkinson.co.uk for details

Cloud Cuckoo Land Ding Dong

Sat 24 September, 11.30am & 2.30pm
£8 / £6 children / £24 family
Ages 4+

Help Dot, Smidge, Mooch and Nora save their beloved clock tower - in the nick of time!

Interactive musical fun, sensory storytelling and movement games creating a unique immersive experience. Followed by a 25 minute stay and play session.



Linaker Children's Centre at The Atkinson

Every Monday, Thursday and Friday
from 10am – 3pm

From September we will be providing services and activities for families at The Atkinson.

Starting in September...

Parenting Support Services

Drop in family support
Finance/housing support
Parenting courses

Employment and Training

Think Differently Cope Differently
Adult education courses/taster sessions

Early Learning and Education

Communication and language groups
Stay and play sessions
Sensory play sessions

New Parent and Baby Wellbeing Service

Baby clinic
Baby massage/yoga/mindfulness classes
Parent Stops
Breastfeeding support
Prambles



**Ring for more
information**

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**THE
ATKINSON**

KIDSFEST 2016

22—30 OCTOBER

Join us for a week
of activities and
events for families.

Tickets on
sale now!

Dotty The Dragon
Beauty & The Beast
Bad Guys

Marvel Comic Workshops

Spooky Creation Trail

Music Playtime

Sponge

Penguin! Elephant!

And more...

Book 3 events
and get 20% off your
total ticket prices

Applies to Children's Theatre
only except Grease &
Santa Saves Christmas

Visiter

Get Creative
Family Arts Festival

KidsFest Activities

Children's Spooky Cartoon Workshop and Creation Trail

Sun 23 October
10.30am - 12.30pm
Free, drop in
Ages 3+
Children's Library

Art with cartoonist Paul Hardman,
Creative Station and Playtown.

Spooky Rhyme Time

Tue 25, Wed 26 October, 11am
& Thu 27 October 2pm
Free, drop in
Ages 0-4
Children's Library

Giant Spooky Shortbread Design

Sat 29 October, 12pm - 4pm
£2 per person
All Ages
Bakery

Design your own scary
shortbread, homemade in
the Bakery.

Stay for lunch and choose
from our new menu with
children's meals from £4.50
including a drink!

Make It!

Mon 24 October
11am - 3pm
Free, drop-in
All Ages
The Art Box

Arts and craft activities.

Make It!

Thu 27 October, 11am - 3pm
Free, drop-in
All Ages
The Art Box

Create your own piece of art
inspired by our exhibitions.

Music Playtime

Fri 28 October, 1pm
£5 (per adult and child)
Ages 1-4
Children's Library

Original, lively, action packed
music sessions.

Hands on!

Tue 25 October
11am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 3pm
Free, drop-in
All Ages
Foyer

Get up close and personal
with objects from our museum
collections.

Spooky Tea Party

Sat 29 October, 12pm - 4pm
£6 per person
All Ages
Bakery

Halloween Afternoon Tea for
all ages with monstrous muffins,
spooky sandwiches, creepy
cupcakes and more!

Southport BID

Penny Dreadful Horror Writing
Sun 30 October, 2pm - 2.30pm
5-9 year old finalists
2.30- 3.00pm
10-14 year old finalists
Children's Library

Live storytelling from the
finalists of this year's Spookport
Children's writing competition.

SPOOKPORT



KidsFest Theatre

Blunderbus Theatre

Dotty the Dragon

Sat 22 October, 2.30pm
£9 / £7 children / £28 family
Ages 3-7 years

Dotty is a baby Fire Dragon who lives at the top of the mountain with her grumpy dad.

One day, she decides to pay the villagers below a surprise visit. After all, everyone loves surprises don't they?



Three Half Pints
Bad Guys
Mon 24 October,
11am (Relaxed Performance)
& 2.30pm
£10 / £8 children / £32 family
Ages 5-11 years

Join Comedy Club 4 Kids & CBeebies 'Spot Bots' stars in this brand new comic misadventure, packed with songs and slapstick silliness.



Image Musical Theatre
Beauty and the Beast
Tue 25 October, 2.30pm
£9 / £7 children / £28 family
Ages 5+

When Beauty sees beneath the ugly frightening exterior of the Beast and discovers a loyal, loving heart she reminds us of the true meaning of love.

Big Imaginations and
Turned On Its Head
Sponge
Wed 26 October, 2.30pm
£8 / £6 children / £24 family
Ages 0-4

Sponge embraces all things spongy. The performers will reveal and explore small and large scale sponge environments and props for children to squash, roll, pop and squeeze.



Free Art & Craft
workshop
1pm - 2.15pm
Children's Centre in the
Children's Library





Comic Book Workshop
with Tim Quinn
Thu 27 October
10.30am, 12.30pm & 2.15pm
£6
Ages 7 - 107

Tim gives you tips on how to create brand new funny super-hero characters.

Goblin Presents

Penguin! Elephant!

Sat 29 October, 2.30pm
£8 / £6 children / £24 family
Ages 3+

Penguin is a little bit selfish. Penguin loves fish fingers, but never shares them. Everything is black and white and that's just the way Penguin likes it. Until one day when Elephant turns up. However will Penguin cope!?



Wizard Presents

Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo

Sat 5 November, 2.30pm
£9 / £7 children / £28 family
Ages 3-7 years

Multi-award-winning performer and storyteller Danyah Miller vividly brings to life another enchanting tale by Michael Morpurgo.



One Big Day

Sat 19 November

Join us for a special family day as we launch our new Star Wars exhibition May the Toys Be with You and count down to the Christmas light switch on festivities.

**MAY
THE TOYS
BE WITH
YOU**

Tickets to the exhibition May the Toys Be with you on sale now:
£2 children / £3 adults / £8 family

Fun starts at 11am

Exhibition opens at 12pm

Free Family Activities

– Festive Treats in the Bakery

– Christmas Gifts available in the shop!

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Les Petits Theatre Company
**Captain Flinn and the Pirate
 Dinosaurs 2:**
The Magic Cutlass
 Sat 19 November, 2.30pm
 £9 / £7 children / £28 family
 Ages 4+

Flinn is back! The Magic Cutlass
 is the hugely anticipated sequel
 based on the award-winning
 book.



Honalee Media
Santa Saves Christmas
 Sat 10 December 11.30am &
 2.30pm
 £9.50 / £7.50 children /
 £30 family
 Ages 2 - 7

Join Fairy Flossy and Pompom
 the Penguin as they meet Father
 Christmas himself at his home in
 the North Pole and help Santa
 Save Christmas! Every child will
 receive a present.

APL Theatre
**The Lion, The Witch
 & The Wardrobe**
 Wed 21 December, 6pm
 Thu 22 December, 11am & 3pm
 £15 / £12.50 concessions /
 £50 family
 Age 6+

This Christmas, open the
 wardrobe doors, push through
 the fur coats and enter the
 wondrous land of Narnia at
 The Atkinson.



Pop into the
 Bakery for our
 Christmas goodies

Discover Ancient Egypt

A place to go
 back in time

FREE

Monday to Saturday
 10am - 4pm

Sunday
 11am - 4pm



Sefton: Between Land & Sea - 10,000 Years of Sefton's Coast

A Place to Discover,
Explore and Play

FREE

Monday to Saturday
10am - 4pm

Sunday
11am - 4pm

Music

Cake and Classical

First Monday of every month
1pm, £11 / Season ticket: £38

For more information about the series and the ensembles please visit theatkinson.co.uk

Our lunchtime classical music concerts are a firm favourite in our programme. 45 minutes of classical music all wrapped up with a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

Mon 5 September
Around the Horn

Mon 3 October
Andrew Gregory: The Silver Dial

Mon 7 November
Beethoven's Opus 16

Mon 5 December
Let's hear it for the Viola!

Visit our
exhibitions!

L'Orchestra dell'Arte

Sounds of Christmas

Sun 11 December, 7.30pm
£15 / £10 under 16s

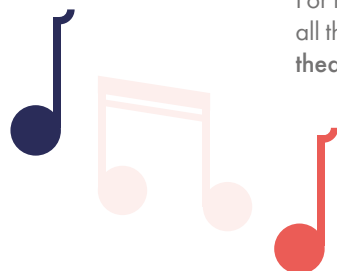
L'Orchestra dell'Arte, with their conductor Edward Peak, soloist Kathryn Rudge and the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Southport come together for a very special family Christmas Concert.



Grateful Fred's

£9 adv / £11 doors
Season Ticket: £30

On the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm we present some of the best US, Canadian and World artists for a great night of live Americana, roots and acoustic music.



Cahalen Morrison & Eli West
Wed 7 September

Connla
Wed 5 October

Sheesham, Lotus and Son
Wed 2 November

Merry Hell (Acoustic)
Wed 7 December

For more information on all the artists please visit theatkinson.co.uk



Crafty Ale Available

Southport Jazz Club Presents: Jazz Café

£5

Southport Jazz Club in The Atkinson's Bakery showcase some of the best upcoming jazz artists. Food and refreshments available including real ale and choice of wine. Visit our website for more information.



Ginger Tunes Quartet
Thu 27 October, 7.30pm

Sonorous Quartet
Thu 24 November, 7.30pm

Naomi Webber - Christmas Special
Thu 15 December, 7.30pm



The Lil' Jimmy Reed Band
Thu 1 September, 8pm
£16 / £14 concessions

One of the last of a generation of classic blues artists that influenced everyone from The Rolling Stones to The Beatles. His music embodies a raw Louisiana blues tradition that has its roots in the bayous of the Deep South.



Nashville in the Round
Sat 10 September, 8pm
£10

An evening in the style of Nashville's famous Bluebird Café as Sarah Darling, Jenn Bostic and Kyshona Armstrong, come together for an evening of songs in the round from the music city.

Megson
Fri 14 October, 7.30pm
£14

Three times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the *Spiral Earth Awards* Megson draw heavily on their Teesside heritage to create a truly unique brand of folk music.

Kathryn Tickell and The Side
Wed 19 October, 7.30pm
£17 / £15 concessions

Amy storms into a clog dance; Kathryn's dizzying rapid-fire piping contrasts with the richness of the cello and Ruth's sparkling harp playing melds it all together - a very special evening is in store.



Hannah Sanders
(Album Launch)
Support from David Bentley
Fri 30 September, 7.30pm
£10 / £12 doors

English folk singer Hannah Sanders is fast building a reputation as one of the most exciting folk singers around. Join us for a special evening as she launches her new album.

BIG BLUES FESTIVAL

FRI 7 — SAT 8 OCTOBER

Join us for our second #BigBluesFestival and enjoy a weekend of great music, great food, great ale and great fun!

Dr Feelgood *

Andy Fairweather Low & The Low Riders *

Rosco Levee

Lisa Mills

The Connie Lush Band

Dan Burnett

Jon Casey Blues Band

Plus:

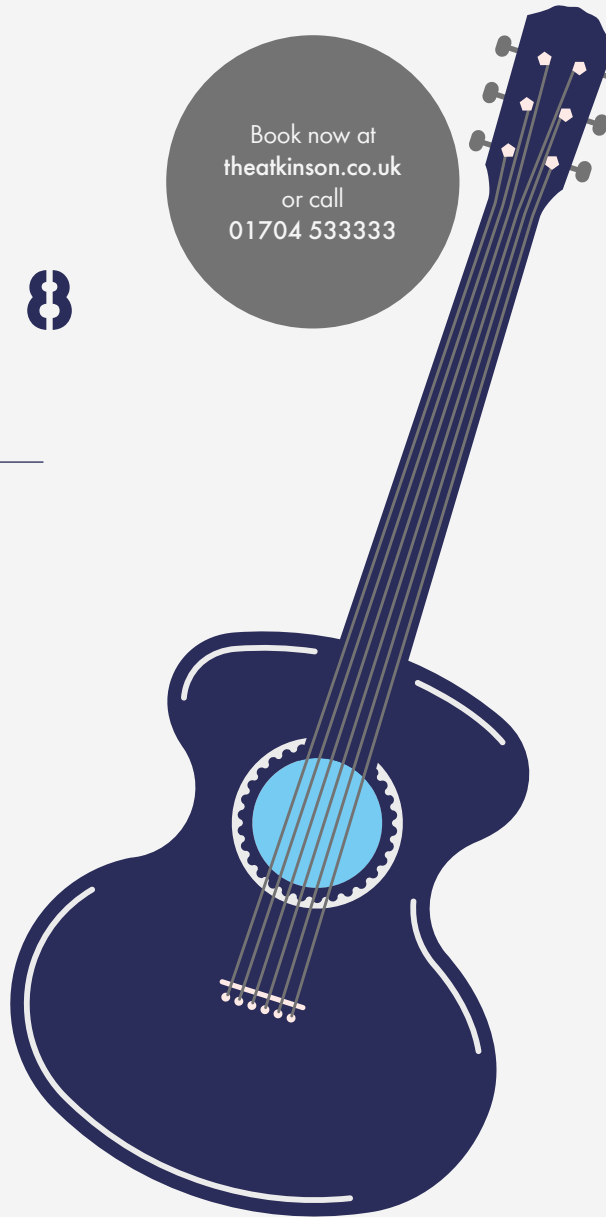
New Acoustic

Little Blues Stage

* Gig Tickets available

Early Bird Festival Ticket:
£34 (until 1 Oct)
Festival Ticket: £39

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Breabach

Wed 26 October, 7.30pm
£14 / £12 concessions

Scottish five-piece Breabach deliver a thrilling and unique brand of contemporary folk music that has earned them international recognition on the world and roots music scene as one of the UK's most dynamic and exciting bands.



Sweeney Entertainments

T. Rextasy

Fri 21 October, 8pm
£19.50

The band is now accepted as the world's only official live tribute band dedicated to Marc Bolan & T.Rex, and the only band endorsed and approved by Marc Bolan's family, estate, original ex-members of T.Rex, and Bolan's catalogue management.

Gig Cartel

Joanne Shaw Taylor

Sat 22 October, 7.30pm
£20

The UK's number one star of the blues-rock world, she is the girl with the big voice from the Black Country. She has toured extensively around the world, released critically acclaimed albums and gained a global fan base as well as having the honour of playing alongside some of her musical idols.

False Lights

Sat 29 October, 8pm
£12 / £10 concessions

Jim Moray and Sam Carter have formed a brand new folk rock group. False Lights owe as much to Radiohead as they do to Fairport Convention.

It is a turn-it-up to eleven and throw yourself about in your Dad's garage kind of group. Folk songs you can jump to!



Ian Siegal Band:

The TwentyFive Tour

Thu 10 November, 8pm
£15

Ian celebrates 25 years of touring with his band. To mark this milestone he will tour a programme of songs drawn from his catalogue of album releases.

SOUTHPORT FIDDLE FESTIVAL

FRI 11 — SAT 12 NOVEMBER

A celebration of the learning, teaching, dancing and music of the fiddle and string section.

Fri 11
Ceilidh with
Gallimaufry
£8 / £6 concessions

Light Bites &
Craft Ales available

Sat 12
Workshops
£6 each or £20 for the full day
and Showcases throughout
the day with:
Lancashire Tunes
Southport Strings
Lakeland Fiddlers
Calan
£12 / £10 concessions / £8 local fiddle groups

To book and for
more information
please visit
theatkinson.co.uk

Southport Fiddle Festival Calan

Sat 12 November, 7.30pm
£12 / £10 concessions /
£8 local fiddle groups

The band play a stunning range of music everything from traditional English and Scottish tunes to European folk music, jazz standards and much more.

10% off
When you book both
events at the same time



Southport Fiddle Fest Fringe Blazin' Fiddles

Thu 17 November, 7.30pm
£15

The rare opportunity to hear the regional expressions, from Scotland's Highlands and islands, and the individual style from each fiddler - Inverness' Bruce MacGregor, Shetlander Jenna Reid, Nairn's Rua Macmillan, and Orcadian Kristan Harvey guitar and piano.

**The Other Guys Live:
An Evening of Frankie Valli
& The Four Seasons**
With Live Band and Special
Guests Schooner

Friday 18 November, 7.30pm
£17 / £15 concessions

Come on down to celebrate the music of one the rock and roll hall of fame's most iconic groups, performed live with a 7-piece band by performers from London's West End.

The Stumble

Sat 26 November, 8pm
£12 / £22 including gig, beer, burger, wedges and a side salad.

The powerful six-piece band from the North West are back with their electric blues guitar sound that emanated from Chicago in the '50s and '60s.

Martin Turner
Ex Wishbone Ash
Thu 24 November, 8pm
£17

An evening of classic Wishbone Ash music...and beyond. Wishbone Ash was formed by West Country musicians Martin Turner and Steve Upton.



Martin Harley
Fri 2 December, 8pm
£13.50

The supremely talented acoustic roots and blues guitarist, singer and songwriter with a burgeoning global reputation.

**Sereno School of Dance
Dance to the Movies**
Sat 3 & Sun 4 December, 7pm
£11 / £9 concessions

A performance with pupils from 4 years old to adults showing their many talents dancing to music from the movies.

**Christmas with
The Houghton Weavers**
Tue 6 December, 7.30pm
£12.50

The Houghton Weavers have been entertaining folk for over 40 years with their unique blend of popular folk music, humour and audience participation.

Cork Jacket Crew
Cork Jackets and Drill
Sat 10 December, 7.30pm
£10 / £8 concessions

Telling the story through songs and narration of the 1886 Southport lifeboat disaster, which claimed the lives of almost all the crew members of the Southport and St Anne's lifeboats.

Carols & Capers:

**Maddy Prior &
The Carnival Band**

Fri 9 December, 7.30pm
£21.50

The Carnival Band are 5 Musical Explorers, 5 voices, 25 instruments, 5 dozen styles of music and 500 fresh ideas for music making, combining music from across the centuries with sounds from around the world in an irreverently joyous mix!



**Los Pacaminos
Featuring Paul Young**

Fri 16 December, 8pm
£18 (Standing and seated)

The band is fronted by one of the UK's finest and best loved vocalists - Paul Young. However, Paul is not the only luminary in this seven-piece band. Some of the best musicians in the business have teamed up to present an incendiary mix of classics and original material.

**Demon Barbers: The
Lock In 'Christmas Carol'**

Sat 17 December, 7.30pm
£16 / £14 concessions

Half gig, half dance show and half panto! Join the BBC Award Winning team of musicians & dancers for 150% of the very best festive live music, song and dance!



CKP

Gary Delaney:

There's Something About Gary

Sat 24 September, 8pm

£15

Ellie Taylor: Infideliety

Fri 28 October, 8pm

£12

Off the Kerb

Mark Steel:

Who Do I Think I Am?

Thu 24 November, 8pm

£15



Laugh out Loud Comedy Club*



First Saturday of the month

3 September, 1 October

5 November & 3 December

8pm

£15 adv / £17.50 doors /

£40 Season ticket / £10 parties of 10+

Ages 16+

Our comedy club brings the best in live stand-up to Southport. With comedians off the telly from all the major comedy roadshows and panel shows. Hosted by Damion Larkin, "One of the country's top new comedians" BBC.

*Line-up subject to change, but just as funny!
For information about the comedians, please visit our website theatkinson.co.uk

Comedy Theatre

Tmesis Theatre

Happy Hour

Thu 13 October, 7.30pm

£12 / £10 concessions / £8 schools

A poignant, fast paced, comedy exploring our 21st century obsession with happiness and success. Can we learn to be happy? And can our emotions be bought and sold? The 'happiness industry' would have us think so...

Mick Perrin Worldwide LTD

Austentatious

Thu 3 November, 7.30pm

£12

Join the all-star cast as they improvise a brand new Jane Austen work before your very eyes, based on a single audience suggestion. Hold on to your bonnets: this hilarious five star show is not to be missed.



Image:
Austentatious

Nunkie Theatre

The Time Machine by H.G Wells

Sat 17 September, 7.30pm

£12 / £10 concessions

Ages 12+

The Time Machine: An Invention was first published in 1895 when H G Wells was 28, the first of his great 'scientific romances.' Now this classic of science fiction is brought vividly to life by Robert Lloyd Parry of Nunkie Theatre Company in a thrilling one-man show that returns to the brilliantly imaginative, ground-breaking source.



Murder Mystery Productions

Murder Mystery: Return of the Ripper

Fri 23 September, 7.30pm

£17.50

(Price includes a two course buffet and free glass of wine)

Set in Liverpool 1922, a series of grisly murders have taken place and coincide with the arrival of a stranger, all of the local women are terrified. Could it really be the return of Jack the Ripper?

Ginificent Productions

The Haunting at Greenacre Cottage

Thu 27 October, 7.30pm

£10 / £8 concessions

Age 15+

A young couple head off to a remote cottage in Wales for a well-deserved break with their young baby but all is not as it seems in this evening of spine-tingling terror.



Blackeyed Theatre Company

Frankenstein

Sat 26 November, 7.30pm

£14 / £12 concessions / £10 Schools

Ages 12+

This new adaptation of Mary Shelley's Gothic horror masterpiece fuses ensemble storytelling, live music and stunning theatricality. Frankenstein promises a fresh, exciting take on what is widely considered to be a landmark work of romantic, gothic and science fiction literature.

Late night
opening in
the Bakery



Chapter House Theatre

A Christmas Carol

Wed 30 November, 7.30pm

£15 / £10 under 16s / £45 family

Charles Dickens' classic ghost story is brought alive in this most traditional of productions, complete with beautiful period costume, song, dance and a magnificent original musical score.



Live Screenings

Please be aware that these are live screenings and not live theatre.

National Theatre
The Deep Blue Sea
 (12a, Encore)
 Sat 10 September, 7pm
 £10

National Theatre
The Threepenny Opera (15)
 Thu 22 September, 7pm
 £10

KBTC
The Entertainer
 (Live)
 Thu 27 October, 7pm
 £10

Image: The Entertainer,
 Kenneth Brannagh Theatre Company



Michael Portillo Life, A Game of Two Halves

Sat 29 October, 2.30pm

£17

£22.50 (includes Afternoon Tea)

£24.50 (includes Afternoon Tea and glass of Prosecco)

Back by popular demand, Michael joins us to talk about his career. A historian at heart, listen to his extraordinary story and then feel free to question him about it.

Roger McGough + LiTTLe MACHiNe

Sat 15 October, 7.30pm

£18 (£12 under 18s)

Roger McGough's new show with Walter, Steve & Chris of LiTTLe MACHiNe features a fine selection of vintage, classic & surprising poems set to music. It's a gala gig that's making waves!



An Audience with

Gervase Phinn

Fri 25 November, 7.30pm

£16.50

Gervase Phinn has been touring theatres across the country for over 10 years now as a hilarious raconteur. The best-selling and award winning author, Radio and TV personality, at his best and most exciting in front of a live audience.

Books are available to buy for signing at the event.





Bolshoi Ballet

The Bolshoi Ballet is one of the largest and most celebrated ballet companies in the world. This season will feature 6 screenings captured in stunning HD and screened through The Atkinson's state-of-the-art cinema projection system.

Tickets £10

The Golden Age (Live)
Sun 16 October, 4pm

The Bright Stream (Recorded)
Sun 6 November, 3pm

The Nutcracker (Recorded)
Sun 18 December, 3pm



For the full season
and more information,
please visit
theatkinson.co.uk

Southport Film Guild

Films are shown on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm

SFG 2016/17 membership: £40 / £36 unwaged / £28 under 25s *proof will be required. £4.50 to non-members

Son of Saul (15)
Wed 7 September
1hr 57 mins

The Lady in the Van (12a)
Wed 5 October
1hr 44 mins

Mustang (15)
Wed 2 November
1hr 37mins

Brooklyn (12a)
Wed 7 December
2hrs 15mins

Image: *The Lady in the Van*

*For more information
on memberships please
visit theatkinson.co.uk



A Very Merry Vintage Fair

In association with



Vintage Fair
Afternoon Tea

£10 for 2 people

Sat 26 November,
11am - 4pm
Free Admission

An eclectic mix of vintage
clothing for men and women,
accessories, jewellery, home
ware and more.

For a stall at the Christmas
fair please contact:
enquiries@pillboxvintage.com





Now Booking

Popa Chubby

Sat 28 January, 8pm

The Blues Band

Fri 17 February, 8pm

The Fureys

Sat 11 March, 7.30pm

Gig Cartel

Howard Jones

Wed 22 March, 7.30pm

Love Folk Festival 2016

Fri 10 - Sat 11 February

Early Bird Ticket: £38 (until end November)

Les Petits Theatre

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show

Sat 18 February, 1pm & 3pm
Sun 19 February, 2.30pm

Rob Rouse -

Are You Sitting Comfortably
Fri 17 March, 8pm

Gig Cartel

Fleetwood Bac

Fri 21 April, 7.30pm

Basco

Fri 27 January, 7.30pm

People's Theatre Company

Don't Dribble on the Dragon

Mon 13 Feb, 2.30pm

Jim Causley

Fri 3 March, 7.30pm

Simon & Garfunkel -

Through the Years
Fri 17 March, 7.30pm

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Henning Wehn

Fri 28 April, 8pm

May The Toys Be With You

Sat 19 November – Sun 5 March 2017

£3 / £2 children / £8 family*

(*a family ticket is for up to 4 people and must include 1 adult).

The only showing in the North West, *May The Toys Be With You* is one of the country's finest Star Wars collections of memorabilia, toys and posters owned by collector Matt Fox.

The toys and collectables from this period including X-wings, lightsabers, posters and figures will all be on display in this magical exhibition for families of all ages to enjoy together.

A must see for fans of Star Wars. The force is strong at The Atkinson this season!

Sci - fi Make it!

Sat 19 November, 11am - 3pm

Free, drop-in

Share any images about your Star Wars toys and collections through Twitter, Instagram and Facebook using the hashtag **#MayTheToysBeWithYou**

Inspired by the exhibition.

• **More events to be added visit theatkinson.co.uk**



Tickets available by calling Box Office 01704 533333, online theatkinson.co.uk or at The Atkinson

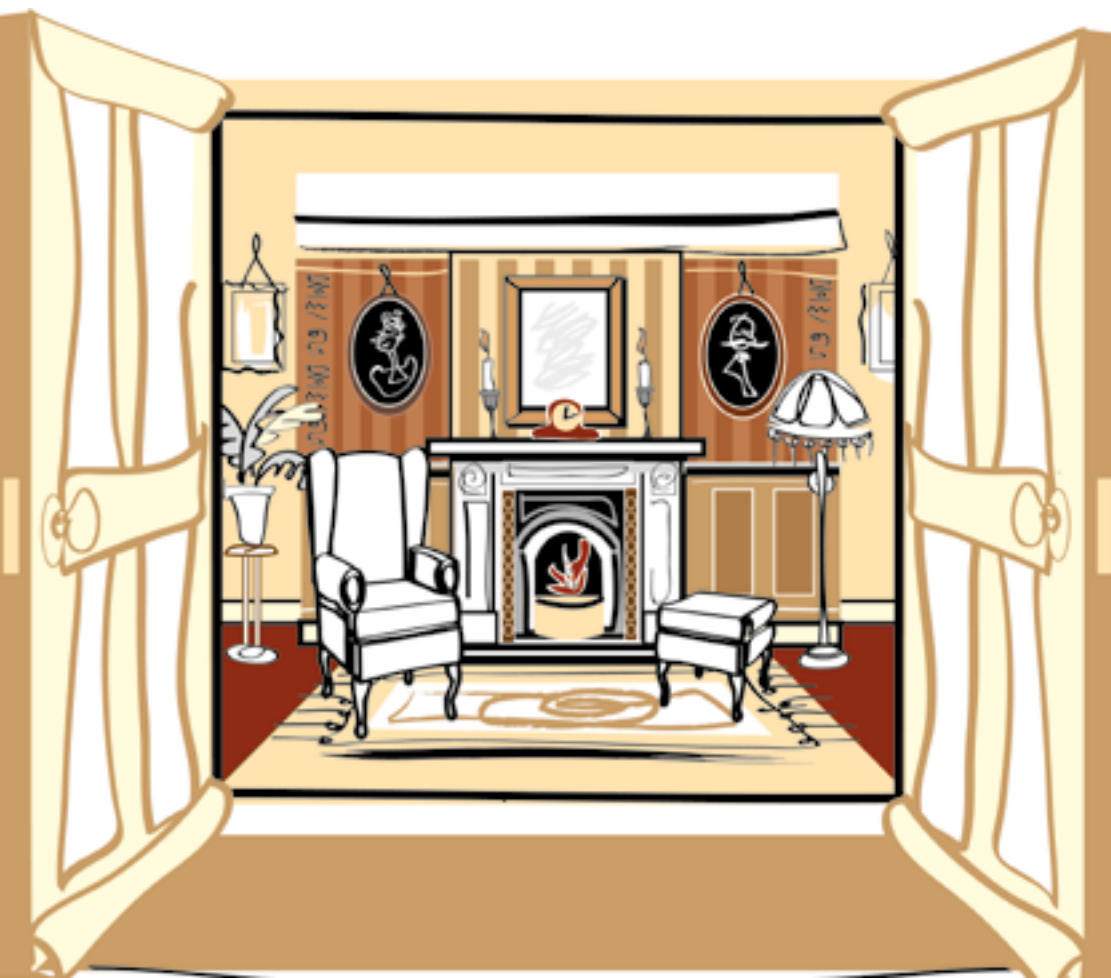
Don't miss Matt Fox's talk on Thu 8 December, see page 42 for more info

Mrs Goodison's House: Ancient Egypt brought to life

Until Sun 30 October
Free

Step inside the pop-up hand drawn home of Mrs Goodison that features live animation. Artist Carol Hanson has created a magical world in which visitors can explore and learn about the many artefacts that she collected from Egypt over hundred years ago.

Her collection is now on display in our Egyptology Gallery - so you can see the real objects too!



Tinted Steam & Liquid Light: Watercolour Paintings from Turner to Sargent

Until Sun 6 November
Free

An exciting exhibition of outstanding watercolours featuring leading artists J M W Turner, John Constable, John Singer Sargent, Edward Coley Burne Jones, Albert Moore, Helen Allingham and Elizabeth Butler.

All the work are part of The Atkinson's and Williamson Art Gallery's rich collections, many of which have been recently restored and are being exhibited for the first time in decades.

Image: *Vesuvius Erupting* by J M W Turner, image courtesy of the Williamson Art Gallery

Supported by the Esmée Fairbairn collections fund



Related Talks:

Watercolour Paintings in Britain: Margin or Mainstream?

Timothy Wilcox
Thu 8 September, 7pm
£5/ Free for members

Generalife Gardens

John Singer Sargent
By Dr Amanda Draper,
Exhibition curator
Wed 14 September, 1pm
Free



Pantheon: Roman Art Treasures from the Ince Blundell Collection

Until Sun 12 March 2017
Free

Image:
Pantheon interior Blundell Hall

At the end of the 18th century local landowner Henry Blundell of Ince Blundell Hall amassed a spectacular collection of antique sculpture to rival that of the British Museum. Housed in a scaled-down replica of the Pantheon at Rome, the collection included highly characterful Roman portraits, classical subjects and elaborate funerary sculpture. The collection has remained virtually intact and this exhibition showcases many of its highlights.

Related Talks:

Looking at the Ince Blundell collection of Sculpture
Thu 13 October, 7pm
£5 / free for members
See page 42 for more information

Epicurus – The First Classical sculpture collected by Henry Blundell
Wed 16 November, 1pm
Free
See Page 40 for more information



Victorian Dreamers

Until Sun 12 March 2017
Free

From our own collection of Victorian art, many of which have been recently restored and are being exhibited for the first time in decades.

Related Talks:

Dreams & Oracles
Wed 5 October, 7pm
£5/Free for members
See page 41 for more information



Image: *Katie's Letter*, Haynes King, 1879, Bequest of Miss Ball

Artwork for Sale

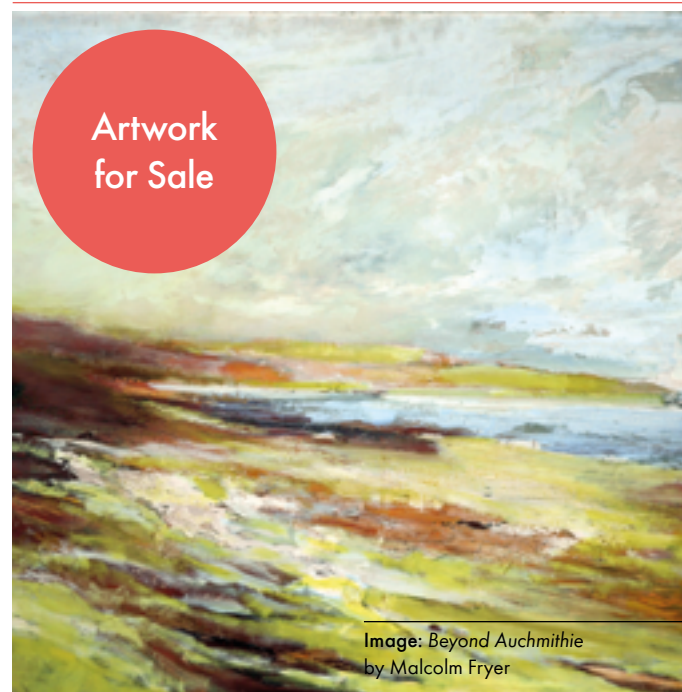


Image: *Beyond Auchmithie*
by Malcolm Fryer

The Landing

Evocations by Malcolm Fryer and Ian Norris
Sat 3 September
– Thu 22 December

Malcolm Fryer and Ian Norris began collaborating due to their shared interest in the handling of paint and the similarities in their painting processes and ethos.

Giving local and regional artists the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work.

Free Artist Talk
see website for details

Shelagh Fenner

Thu 22 September, 6pm - 10pm
Free

A retrospective of Shelagh Fenner's work, especially here fine art videos most of which have been shown outside Southport, at international festivals. Shelagh was a local artist, born and raised in Southport, who passed away in 2015. She later studied art at Southport College and Liverpool John Moores University.

This special event is a chance to discover the work of a local artist, and remember a friend.

Free, a donation to The Atkinson Development Trust is welcome.



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Lecture Series:

A Beautiful Death Jo Backhouse

Weds 21 September, 28 September
and 5 October
1.30pm - 3.30pm
£35 for all 3 lectures, refreshments included

Looking at tomb scenes in Egypt and how the Ancient Egyptians interpreted death.

RAF Mustang Aircraft Investigation

Sat 3 - Fri 30 September
Free

The Lancashire Aircraft Investigation present an exhibition, telling the story of an RAF Mustang that crashed at Wrightington on the 15 of February 1945.

Object of the Month

Free talks featuring objects from
our own collections

Paddle Dolls and Fertility in Ancient Egypt

Wed 12 October, 1pm
Megan Clark

'Epicurus' - The first classical sculpture collected by Henry Blundell

Wed 16 November, 1pm
Stephen Whittle

Generalife Gardens by John Singer Sargent

Wed 14 September, 1pm
Dr Amanda Draper

The Wreck of The Mexico

Wed 14 December, 1pm
Nicola Euston



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Ancient World Talks

£5 / Free for Members

Pots, Pipes and Sugar: Archaeological Excavation at Manchester Dock & Chester Basin, Liverpool

Wed 7 September, 7pm
Dr Mark Adams

The excavation of Manchester Dock and Chester Basin were excavated by the Museum of Liverpool. This talks looks at how the finds have changed our understanding of trade and industry during the Industrial Revolution.

Dreams & Oracles

Wed 5 October, 7pm
Jo Backhouse

We examine the power of prophecy and the secrets of dreams in ancient Egypt and how these concepts were used in storytelling.

The Myth of Sparta

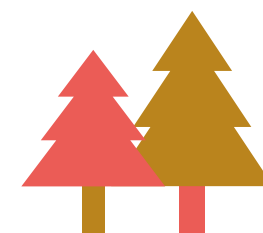
Wed 2 November, 7pm
Julia Clayton,
Head of Classics, KGV

The unique society of ancient Sparta has been a source of inspiration to political thinkers, military strategists and film directors - but how much do we really know about the Spartans?

Eat, Drink & Be Merry

Wed 7 December, 7pm
Rose Tyler

A look at how we have traditionally used food and drink in celebrations. Tasters from historic recipes will be available.



Heritage Talks

£5 / Free for Members

Supporters Membership

£50 per year
See page 46

Looking at the Ince Blundell collection of Sculpture

Thu 13 October, 7pm

Kieran Elliot and Jo Chamberlain

A stone conservator who worked on the Ince Blundell collection will talk about the work followed by a tour of the exhibition.

Watercolour Painting in Britain: Margin or Mainstream?

Thu 8 September, 7pm

Timothy Wilcox

Watercolour Paintings from the 1700 onwards, Timothy has been a curator at the Walker Art Gallery, the British Museum and the V&A.

Bootle under fire: the Blitz 1940-1941

Thu 10 November, 7pm

Talk by Dave Ewing

Why the Blitz happened, what ere the aircraft involved and the effects of the bombing on the town and the community.

May The Toys Be With You

Thu 8 December, 7pm

Matt Fox, Star Wars Collector

£5 per person / Free for Supporter Members

A long time ago in a toyshop far, far away... Join collector Matt Fox as he takes you on a galactic journey through the merchandising of the biggest movie franchise of our time. A fascinating and fun evening is promised - the force is strong at The Atkinson!

See Page 35 for more information.

Heritage Open Days

Thu 8 - Sat 11 September

A chance to discover the often hidden or forgotten gems on our doorsteps and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and family friendly activities that bring local history and culture to life.

More events to be added see theatkinson.co.uk for more information.

Bakery will be serving tasty, fresh, homemade treats!

Lillith / Victorian Dreamers

Thu 8 September

11am - 11.30am

A short spotlight tour of the Victorian Dreamers exhibition with a focus on Lillith by John Collier.

Spotlight Tour: Fortunino Matania and Frank Hampson

Thu 8 September, 1pm - 2pm

The life and work of Fortunino Matania as illustrated in the painting 'Southport for a Holiday in Wintertime' and Frank Hampson.

Mrs Goodison's Collection: Egyptology gallery

Fri 9 September, 11am - 12pm

Explore the themes of beauty, communication, everyday life and ritual and how they affected the Ancient Egyptian lives.

Between Land and Sea

Fri 9 September

We trace the chronological development of Southport as a health and tourist resort and have a look at notable events, characters and Sefton's industry.

Clues in the Architecture

Sat 10 September, 11am &

Sun 11 September, 1pm

A tour of The Atkinson, outside and inside, to see the architectural details of the three buildings and we reveal their previous purposes.

Lord Street

Sat 10 September

1pm - 1.45pm

Heritage walk outside along Lord Street.



Exhibition Open 19 November
Tickets on sale now!

A Place to Meet People and Be Active

The Atkinson Taster Sessions with Active Lifestyles

Every Thu 11.45am - 12.45pm

Come and explore our fantastic building and try out a range of exciting activities. You can have a tour of the museum, learn about local history, get to handle some museum objects, enjoy singing and dancing, do some arts, crafts and reading.

For further details visit theatkinson.co.uk or call 01704 533 333

Active Lifestyles Sessions at The Atkinson

Chair Based Exercise Classes
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Tea Dance

Mon 19 September
Mon 17 October
Mon 21 November
Mon 19 December
1.30pm - 3.30pm
(doors open from 1pm)
£2 (pay on entrance)

Every third Monday we invite you to an afternoon of live entertainment and dance with Sefton OPERA. Aimed at the over 50s with plenty of opportunity to get up and dance!

Afternoon cafe and refreshments are available.*

* Please note: Only food and drink bought on the premises may be consumed in The Atkinson

Cake and Coffee
2pm - 4pm
£3.50

Companions

Monthly,
6pm
Free
Library
With Age Concern
Drop in or call 01704 542 993 (option 4)

Mental Health Support Sessions

Every Thu, 1pm - 3pm
Library (Meeting Room 1)
Call 0151 284 0025
or email smhdi@expect-excellence.org

Family History

Every Tue, 2 - 4pm
Every Fri, 10am - 1pm
Every Sat
10.30am - 12.30pm
Library

Job Club

Every Wed
2pm - 4pm
Library

Graphics Group

Every second Thu
of the month, 6pm
Free
Library

Sefton Art Group

Every Thu
10.30am - 12.30pm &
1.30pm - 3.30pm
£75 for 10 sessions
Contact Roy Mundy
on 07737 982 513
or roymun@cybase.co.uk or visit artclasses-merseyside.co.uk

Go With The Flow Art Group

Every Fri 11am - 1pm
£5
For more information
please call Sarah Jane
Richards 07866 842 992

Transcendental Meditation

First Sat of the month
from 3 September, 2pm
Library
Call Claire 07985 060 080 or Leesha 07969 569 465

The Reader Organisation Shared Reading Group

Library
For MerseyCare
Service Users. Please
contact Selina McNay
selinaancnay@thereader.org.uk

Reading Groups

Monthly
Ask staff for information

Reminiscence Group

Monthly
Library
Ask staff for information

Beginner's IT training sessions

1 hour sessions
available
Library



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- Invitations to special previews and events
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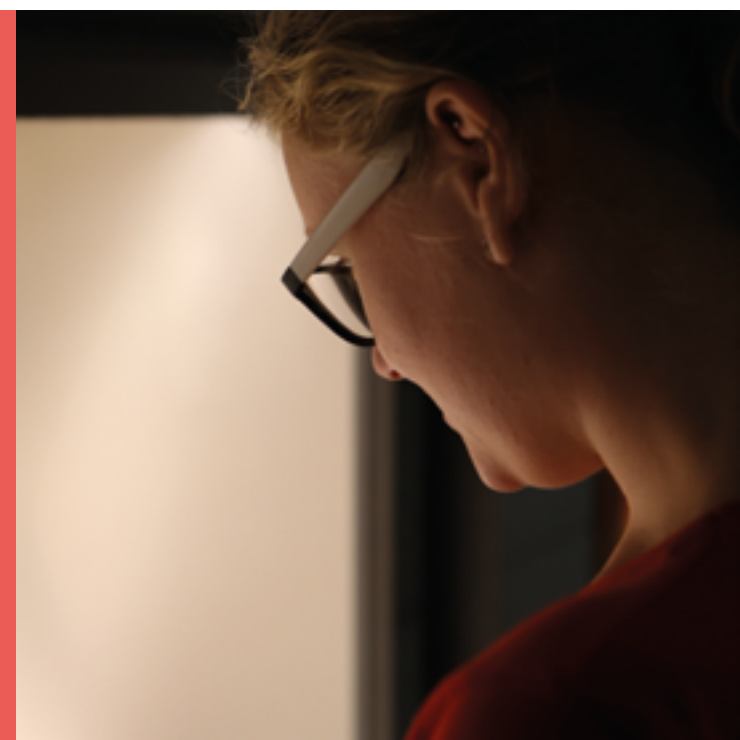
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Please send completed forms to volunteer@theatkinson.co.uk



Booking Information

Phone: (01704) 533 333

Please note if the phone is busy, you can purchase your tickets online.

Box Office: 10am - 5pm Monday to Friday /
10am - 4pm Saturday / 11am - 4pm Sunday

Postage: £1.50 will be charged for posting out tickets, please specify during booking.

Booking Fee: £1 per ticket online/phone.
A 2% credit card fee is charged for counter sales.

Refunds: We regret that The Atkinson does not offer refunds unless an event has been cancelled.

Exchanges: Tickets can be exchanged (for an equal or higher value) for alternative shows within a 3 month period for a fee of 50p per ticket. Tickets must be returned to the Box Office 48 hours prior to the performance for the exchange to take place. There are no exchanges for any type of festival tickets.

Concessions: Apply to Senior Citizens, full-time students, registered unemployed, carers and children under 16. Proof of status is required.

Multi Show Offers: Only apply if tickets are bought for the events at the same time.

Group Bookings: Bookings made for 10 or more tickets (at the same time) qualify for an extra ticket free (applicable to The Atkinson promoted events only).

Please note: The Atkinson reserves the right to amend the programme due to unforeseen circumstances. The programme was correct at the time of printing. Full booking terms and conditions are available online at theatkinson.co.uk.

Access: The Atkinson's full access statement is available on our website or a hard copy is available upon request. Call 01704 533 333

Directions: For full directions please visit theatkinson.co.uk/visitus

September

Thu 1	Grease	p. 4
Thu 1	The Lil' Jimmy Reed Band	p. 19
Fri 2	Grease	p. 4
Sat 3	Grease	p. 4
Sat 3	Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club	p. 26
Mon 5	Cake & Classical	p. 17
Wed 7	Southport Film Guild	p. 32
Wed 7	Grateful Fred's	p. 18
Sat 10	NTL: The Deep Blue Sea (Encore)	p. 30
Sat 10	Nashville In The Round	p. 19
Sat 17	The Time Machine by HG Wells	p. 28
Mon 19	Afternoon Tea Dance	p. 45
Thu 22	NTL: The Threepenny Opera	p. 30
Fri 23	Return of the Ripper - Murder Mystery	p. 28
Sat 24	Ding Dong	p. 4
Sat 24	Gary Delaney: There's Something About Gary	p. 26
Fri 30	Hannah Sanders	p. 19

October

Sat 1	Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club	p. 26
Mon 3	Cake & Classical	p. 17
Wed 5	Southport Film Guild	p. 32
Wed 5	Grateful Fred's	p. 18
Fri 7	Big Blues Festival: Dr Feelgood	p. 20
Sat 8	Big Blues Festival: Dan Burnett	p. 20
Sat 8	Big Blues Festival: Lisa Mills	p. 20
Sat 8	Big Blues Festival: Rosco Levee	p. 20
Sat 8	Big Blues Festival: Connie Lush Band	p. 20
Sat 8	Big Blues Festival: Andy Fairweather Low & The Low Riders	p. 20
Thu 13	Happy Hour	p. 27
Fri 14	Megson	p. 19
Sat 15	Roger McGough + LiTTle MACHiNe	p. 31
Sun 16	Bolshoi Ballet: The Golden Age (Live)	p. 33
Mon 17	Afternoon Tea Dance	p. 45
Wed 19	Kathryn Tickell & The Side	p. 19
Fri 21	T.Rextasy	p. 21
Sat 22	KidsFest: Comic Book Workshop with Tim Quinn	p. 10
Sat 22	KidsFest: Dotty The Dragon	p. 8
Sat 22	Joanne Shaw Taylor	p. 21
Sun 23	KidsFest: Spooky Cartoon Workshop	p. 7
Mon 24	KidsFest: Make It! Workshop	p. 7
Mon 24	KidsFest: Bad Guys (Relaxed Performance)	p. 9
Mon 24	KidsFest: Bad Guys	p. 9

Tue 25	KidsFest: Hands On! Workshop	p. 7
Tue 25	KidsFest: Beauty & The Best	p. 9
Wed 26	KidsFest: Explore It! Workshop	p. 7
Wed 26	KidsFest: Sponge	p. 9
Wed 26	Breabach	p. 21
Thu 27	KBTC: The Entertainer (Live)	p. 30
Thu 27	Southport Jazz Club: Jazz Café	p. 18
Thu 27	The Haunting of Greenacre Cottage	p. 29
Fri 28	Music Playtime	p. 7
Fri 28	Ellie Taylor: Infideliety	p. 26
Sat 29	Michael Portillo - A Game of Two Halves	p. 31
Sat 29	KidsFest: Penguin! Elephant!	p. 10
Sat 29	False Lights	p. 21
Sun 30	Penny Dreadful Horror Writing	p. 7

November

Wed 2	Southport Film Guild	p. 32
Wed 2	Grateful Fred's	p. 18
Thu 3	Austentatious	p. 27
Sat 5	Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo	p. 11
Sat 5	Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club	p. 26
Sun 6	Bolshoi Ballet: The Bright Stream (Recorded)	p. 33
Mon 7	Cake & Classical	p. 17
Thu 10	Ian Siegal Band: The Twentyfive Tour	p. 21
Fri 11	Southport Fiddle Festival: Ceilidh with Gallimaufry	p. 22
Sat 12	Southport Fiddle Festival: Lancashire Tunes	p. 22
Sat 12	Southport Fiddle Festival: Dance Session	p. 22
Sat 12	Southport Fiddle Festival: Share a Tune	p. 22
Sat 12	Southport Fiddle Festival: Tunes from Cumbria	p. 22
Sat 12	Southport Fiddle Festival: Calan Workshop	p. 22
Sat 12	Southport Fiddle Festival: Calan	p. 23
Thu 17	Blazin' Fiddles	p. 23
Fri 18	An Evening of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons	p. 24
Sat 19	Christmas Light Switch On	p. 12
Sat 19	May The Toys Be With You Grand Opening	p. 13
Sat 19	Sci - Fi Make It!	p. 35
Sat 19	Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs 2: The Magic Cutlass	p. 14
Mon 21	Afternoon Tea Dance	p. 45
Thu 24	Southport Jazz Club: Jazz Café	p. 18
Thu 24	Mark Steel: Who Do I Think I Am?	p. 26
Thu 24	Martin Turner ex Wishbone Ash	p. 24
Fri 25	An Audience with Gervase Phinn	p. 31
Sat 26	A Very Merry Vintage Fair	p. 34
Sat 26	Frankenstein	p. 29

November

Sat 26	The Stumble	p. 24
Wed 30	A Christmas Carol	p. 30

December		
Fri 2	Martin Harley	p. 24
Sat 3	Sereno School of Dance - Dance to the Movies	p. 24
Sat 3	Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club	p. 26
Sun 4	Sereno School of Dance - Dance to the Movies	p. 24
Mon 5	Cake & Classical	p. 17
Tue 6	Christmas with The Houghton Weavers	p. 24
Wed 7	Southport Film Guild	p. 32
Wed 7	Grateful Fred's	p. 18
Fri 9	Carols & Capers: Maddy Prior & The Carnival Band	p. 25
Sat 10	Santa Saves Christmas	p. 14
Sat 10	Cork Jackets and Drill	p. 24
Sun 11	L'Orchestra dell'Arte: Sounds of Christmas	p. 17
Thu 15	Southport Jazz Club: Jazz Café	p. 18
Fri 16	Los Pacaminos featuring Paul Young	p. 25
Sat 17	Demon Barbers: The Lock In 'Christmas Carol'	p. 25
Sun 18	Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (Recorded)	p. 33
Mon 19	Afternoon Tea Dance	p. 45
Wed 21	The Lion, The Witch & the Wardrobe	p. 14
Thu 22	The Lion, The Witch & the Wardrobe	p. 14

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