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Codsall

Festival

28 March – 9 April 2022

www.codsallartsfestival.org.uk

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Welcome to the 22nd Codsall Festival

A message from our Chair

Dear Festival-goers

On behalf of your organising committee, I am pleased to introduce the 2022 festival.

You will see that it consists mainly of the intended 2020 programme thanks to the continued enthusiasm of the presenters. That we have been able to hold our ticket prices at previous levels and even reduce some is due to the generosity of those who did not claim full refunds of their ticket prices when the festival was cancelled in 2020. Many thanks.

The planning of such a programme begins very early and reflects our cautious approach, given the problems facing all of us nationally. It is, however, our intention to present future festivals, including a community day, as we have done in the past.

Those of you present at the recent AGM will know that after some debate a majority of patrons supported our new working title of Codsall Festival as now depicted on the cover of this brochure. I should add that for our charitable purposes the designation of Codsall Community Arts Festival will remain.

I look forward to meeting you again during the festival.

With best wishes,

John Harris

Chair, Codsall Community Arts Festival Association



Why not become a patron?

Become a patron of Codsall Festival and be the first to receive news and buy tickets.

Membership per festival costs £15.

Ideas and feedback for the festival are always welcome.

Future events

Please look out for announcements in local magazines and on our website: www.codsallartsfestival.org.uk

Let us know what you would like included in our next festival:

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Official Facebook Page

Keep up to date with the latest news, announcements and festival action on our official Facebook page:

Find us on  /CodsallArts

Delighting in Dance

Codsall School of Dance
Suttie School of Dance

Monday 28 March 7.00pm
Codsall Community High School

The Codsall Festival is delighted to showcase the talents from two local dance schools. These popular dance schools have been serving Codsall, Bilbrook and neighbouring communities for decades. They instruct children of all ages as well as running classes for adults. Opportunities for pupils to take dance exams have resulted in many successful outcomes.

Pupils also enjoy partaking in dance competitions. Each school holds an annual dance show extravaganza for the public in order to showcase the talents of all their pupils.



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Tickets £5

Peter Rhodes TD

Close encounters with warfare, celebrities and
two Royal Weddings and a Funeral

Tuesday 29 March 7.30pm
Codsall Community High School

There can't be many of us who are unfamiliar with the thought-provoking and frequently entertaining musings of Peter Rhodes and so it is with great pleasure that we welcome him to Codsall this evening. Peter will talk about recent wars and then lighten the evening with anecdotes of famous people he has interviewed.



Born in Yorkshire and raised in Warwickshire, Peter Rhodes joined his local newspaper, the Leamington Spa Courier, more than 50 years ago. Completing his apprenticeship, he went on to work on the Yorkshire Evening Press, Coventry Evening Telegraph and the Birmingham Post & Mail before joining the Express & Star as a feature writer in 1985.

His UK reportage has included hundreds of celebrity interviews, two royal weddings and Princess Diana's funeral, while overseas assignments took him to 40 countries covering the first Palestinian Intifada, the first Gulf War, the Siege of Sarajevo, the post-war Falklands, Hong Kong, Vietnam and the North Pole.

Peter has a string of awards including Press Gazette Regional Feature Writer of the Year and was twice highly commended at the British Press Awards.

Peter Rhodes served in the Territorial Army from 1976 to 1992 and holds the Territorial Decoration.

The audience will be invited to ask questions.

Peter Rhodes will be signing copies of his latest book
Bloody Adjectives: Ripping Yarns from Sleepy Hollow.

"The qualities of a journalist? Rat-like cunning, a plausible manner and a little literary ability" - *Nicholas Tomalin*

www.expressandstar.com

Tickets £10

Codsall Dramatic Society

Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling

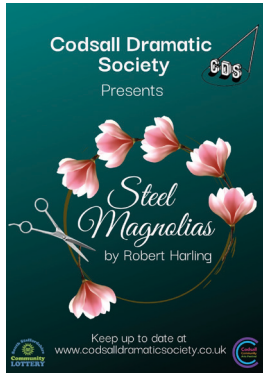
Wednesday 30 March, Thursday 31 and
Friday 1 April 7.30pm
Saturday 2 April Matinée 2.30pm
Codsall Village Hall

As always it is a great pleasure to welcome Codsall Dramatic Society as part of the festival. This year they have chosen to present the ever-popular 'Steel Magnolias' in what promises to be an extremely entertaining evening.

The play was written in 1987 by American author Robert Harling and was so successful that in 1989 it was made into a Hollywood blockbuster, starring Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis and Julie Roberts, to name but a few. Since then, the popularity of the story has given rise to a further remake of the film in 2012, as a highly rated television film in the USA.

This hilarious and touching play for six women is set in a beauty parlour in Louisiana, where hair and beauty treatments are always secondary to love, friendship and a good gossip. It's not all gossip though, there also emerges a deep and caring sense of strength and purposefulness.

Codsall Dramatic Society continues to present award winning drama in Codsall Village.



www.codsalldramaticsociety.co.uk

Tickets £9.50 (£9 Wednesday & Saturday)

The Chicago Teddybears

Jazz Band

Saturday 2 April 7:30pm
Perton Civic Centre

The Chicago Teddybears Society Jazz Band originated in Manchester in the 1970s. The name came from a short-lived American television sitcom set in Prohibition-era Chicago. Fortunately, the band has proved more durable than the television series and has entertained audiences across the UK and Europe for nearly fifty years. During that period, inevitable changes in personnel have expanded the band's repertoire to encompass many styles of jazz – from Dixieland through New Orleans to mainstream and on to swing and jump-jive. Always lively and exuberant, the band's versatility sees them playing at weddings, corporate events and garden parties as well as more traditional jazz clubs and festivals.



The current band members are:

Brian Singleton. The longest serving member having played drums with the band for over 30 years.

Rae Owens. A member for over 25 years, Rae plays string bass, sings and fronts the band.

John Hallam. One of the best-known players of reed instruments in the UK, John has played regularly with the band for more than 10 years.

James Lucas. Joined the band in 2013, playing trumpet and - occasionally - tenor horn.

Andrew MacKenzie. Joined the band in 2014. Andrew plays trombone and sings.

Deano Rivera plays bass.

For this event, unreserved seating will be at tables, and you are invited to bring along a picnic. The bar will open from 6:30pm.

Please note that it is not permitted to consume alcohol not purchased at the bar.

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Tickets £12



Nick Grew

Art and Surgery

Tuesday 5 April 7.30pm
Codsall Community High School

Nick Grew is a Sculptor and Consultant Head and Neck Cancer and Facial Reconstructive Surgeon. His work includes portrait, figurative and abstract sculpture.

He was made an Associate of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists in 2016. His work is held and exhibited in public and private collections nationally. Nick was winner of the Sarasin and Partners National Fine Art Prize in 2014 and the Halls Shropshire and Staffordshire Artists Prize 2016. His sculpture "Childhood" is a public commission which has been installed at the Nuffield Hospital Wolverhampton.

Nick's talk describes his reflections on the common threads he has found in his personal practice of Surgery and Art. This shows the broader relationship between Art and Surgery in general.



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Childhood

We wish to thank The Arts Society Wrekin for its generous sponsorship of this event.

www.nickgrewsculpture.com

Tickets £10

CBSO Chamber Ensemble

Quartet – oboe and strings quartet

Wednesday 6 April 7.30pm
St.Nicholas Church



Programme

J.C Bach Oboe - Quartet in B Flat

Beethoven String Trio in G Major Op.9 No. 1 – extract

Benjamin Britten - Phantasy Quartet (Oboe & strings)

Mozart - Opera 'Pop' Duo (Oboe and Violin)

- including Queen of the Night from Magic Flute

Mozart - Oboe Quartet in F

"Old Reinlender" (Norwegian Folk string piece)

Bernstein - West Side Story song string trio arrangement

It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome four members of the world-renowned City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra to play for us this evening. As well as being part of the main orchestra, these four musicians play regularly as smaller ensembles in such places as the CBSO Centre or else taking music into schools as well as the wider community.

Oboe – Emmet Byrne

Violin – Kirsty Lovie

Viola – Jess Tickle

Cello – Helen Edgar



www.cbso.co.uk

Tickets £14

Charles Hanson

Meet the Auctioneer

Thursday 7 April 7.30pm
Codsall Community High School

Throughout the country, Charles Hanson, with his infectious enthusiasm, is held in great affection by lovers of antiques. It is a delight to welcome him to Codsall Festival in what promises to be an informative and entertaining evening.

Antiques expert, auctioneer and media personality Charles has fans across the world thanks to his appearances on television shows such as *Bargain Hunt* and *Antiques Road Trip*.

His passion for history emerged when he was only eight years old and having taken an interest in metal detecting, one of his earliest finds was a Charles I coin.

Charles's working life began at Christie's in London. In time he went on to launch Hansons Auctioneers in his home county of Derbyshire. His business has since expanded to London and Staffordshire.

He thrives on the drama, passion and excitement of the salesroom and has made numerous finds that have hit the headlines. Particularly memorable were Queen Victoria's bloomers, an original Harry Corbett Sooty puppet and a rare Chinese vase, used as a doorstop, which sold for £650,000.

Tonight, Charles will be pleased to offer valuations from a selection of small items which the audience is invited to bring along. Please bring only one item per person!



Photo by Neil Pugh



www.hansonsauctioneers.co.uk

Tickets £12

Bertie Pearce

Wonder Workers and the Art of Illusion

Friday 8 April 7.30pm
Codsall Community High School



From the beginning of time right up to today's Harry Potter, people have always been in awe of magic. How lucky Codsall is to have attracted one of the foremost illusionists of the day!

Bertie Pearce is a Member of The Inner Magic Circle. He inherited a fascination with conjuring from his maternal grandfather. With a BA (Hons) in Drama from Manchester University he went on to the École Internationale de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq in Paris. He has performed all over the world from Hollywood, St Moritz to the Bertie and Boo café in Balham. Bertie is an accredited Arts Society (formerly Nadfas) lecturer and has toured extensively as a speaker sharing his passion for illusion, Victorian pastimes, Punch and Judy and Charles Dickens.

Bertie's love of people and performance ensures that there is always a new and exciting gig around the corner.

"...in which it is the very trickery that pleases me. But show me how the trick is done, and I have lost my interest therein."
- Seneca (3BC-65AD)

"The hard part for me is balancing the serious with the flippant and magical." - Bertie Pearce

www.bertiepearce.com

Tickets £10

The Reel Note Band

Gala Evening

Saturday 9 April 7.30pm
Codsall Community High School



This year The Reel Note Band from Birmingham celebrates its 20th anniversary. The band's success continues, and they are in high demand to perform in concerts and festivals throughout England, Ireland and France. The band represented Ireland at EXPO 2015 in Milan while individual members have achieved gold medals at the All-Ireland competitive festival, the Fleadh Cheoil. The acoustic band performs mainly traditional and occasionally contemporary music in a range of styles for dancing or listening and is often supported by schools of Irish dancing.

The Reel Note Band will present two dancers from the acclaimed McCarthy Felton School of Irish Dancing, Bidford-on-Avon, which has produced European and World Champions.

An evening of sparkling entertainment is guaranteed.

The Band's two CDs of traditional Irish music will be on sale.

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Tickets £14



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Sponsors, Support & Grants

We appreciate the support of local business, and we are grateful for the support that we have received in the past from our Parish Councils.

We are pleased to welcome The Arts Society Wrekin (www.theartsocietywrekin.org.uk) as a new sponsor.

Up to date information is acknowledged on the website as well as on a board at the entrance to the main events.

Lottery Support

The South Staffordshire Community Lottery continues to operate and to provide commission payments to the Codsall Festival from the Lottery players who nominate us as their beneficiary. Our website provides details of how you can support us through this Lottery.

Have a look at our page, tinyurl.com/CCAFAlottery, if you wish to provide us with a regular weekly donation.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Technical Support

ALG is pleased to be providing technical support throughout this year's Codsall Festival. ALG acknowledges and thanks the whole Festival Technical Team for their hard work and dedication.



ALG provides a range of audio-visual solutions, including programming and design services to a wide range of sectors including commercial entertainment, theatres, clubs, sports stadiums and academies and enjoys a close working relationship with Birmingham Symphony Hall.

www.alg-uk.com

Tickets

Booking Information

How to buy your tickets

2022 Festival Tickets are on sale from:

Monday 17 January 2022 *PATRONS ONLY*

Wednesday 2 February 2022 *GENERAL RELEASE*

Buy Festival Tickets Online

The most convenient way to purchase festival tickets is online. There are no booking fees, ticket availability is up to date and it is more eco-friendly. Payment is secure and e-tickets can be downloaded for admittance to the event.

Book online at:
www.codsallartsfestival.org.uk

Tickets By Post

You can purchase your tickets by completing the Application Form to the right. Additional Postal Application Forms are available at:
www.codsallartsfestival.org.uk

Our thanks to our former box offices, **Village Crafts** and **Ian Rigby Jewellers**, who voluntarily provided exceptional service over many years.



By Post

Application Form

Date	Event	£	No:	♿	Total
Mon 28	Delighting in Dance	£5			
Tue 29	Peter Rhodes	£10			
Wed 30	Codsall Dramatic Society:	£9			
Thu 31	Steel Magnolias	£9.50			
Fri 1	by Robert Harling	£9.50			
Sat 2	(Saturday matinée)	£9			
Sat 2	Chicago Teddybears	£12			
Tue 5	Nick Grew	£10			
Wed 6	CBSO Quartet	£14			
Thu 7	Charles Hanson	£12			
Fri 8	Bertie Pearce	£10			
Sat 9	The Reel Note Band	£14			
Grand Total £					

Tickets may not be exchanged nor money refunded; under 4s not admitted – sorry!

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Specify number of ♿ spaces needed in auditorium

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☐ I have paid by bank transfer (BACS) to Account name: Codsall Community Arts; Sort code 30 99 83; Account number: 02233683; Ref: your name

Send completed form to:

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Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

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