

# LLANDRINDOD WELLS VICTORIAN FESTIVAL

22ND TO 29TH AUGUST 2022



SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

£1.50





### **Mr Dickens is Coming!**

A light-hearted and varied look at the life and character of Charles Dickens. Gerald uses scenes from the great author's works, diary extracts and observations from those who knew and worked with him. With its fresh and modern perspective, Mr Dickens is Coming! has always proved a popular show

### **The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby**

Inspired by the RSC's 8-hour of Nicholas Nickleby, Gerald's version packs the plot into just one hour.

Travelling with Nicholas across the country we meet some of Charles Dickens' greatest characters: Wackford Squeers, Smike, Vincent Crummles, Newman Noggs, Sir Mulberry Hawk and many others. Nicholas Nickleby shows Charles Dickens off to his theatrical best.

Albert Hall, Tuesday 23rd August 2022 - £15

### **"Shining Bright"**

Albert Hall, Thursday 23rd August 2022 - £15

Award-winning Alison Neil's rivetting plays about extraordinary women from history have enchanted audiences up and down the country for many years.

Her latest tells the story of Marie Curie; a stunningly talented Polish girl who became one of the most famous scientists in the world - breaking through all the restrictions placed on women at the time. Her amazing discovery of two new elements, with her beloved husband Pierre Curie, is a well-loved story. Her subsequent turbulent private life, and spectacular work during World War 1 is perhaps less well known but equally fascinating.

Alison Neil is a story-teller second to none...and Marie Curie's amazing life is a story worth telling.



### **"John Babbcombe Lee - The Man they could not Hang"**

Radnorshire Museum, 11am, Wednesday 24th August 2022

I hope you all enjoyed David Littler's talk about Dr Crippen at the 2021 festival.

He is back at the Radnorshire Museum this year, John Babbacombe Lee. The man they could not hang; 3 times his head was put into the noose and 3 times the trap door failed to open

He was convicted of murdering his employer but there was more than a suspicion that he was innocent but as a petty thief it went against him

I first heard about him in the early 1970's when the folkrock group Fairport Convention brought out an album of songs about him.

Donations at the door.



## CARIBBEAN NIGHT

Back by popular demand in 2022 the 'Caribbean Night' which was so popular and sold out in 2018. Authentic Steel Drum Band, limbo dancing competition. Calypso Music.

Chef Murdock's authentic  
**JAMAICAN BUFFET**

This will be a sell out event  
**SO BOOK EARLY!**

Saturday, 27th August, Hotel Commodore  
7.30pm. Tickets £25

## "LETS GET TOGETHER SOIREE"

Monday, 22nd August, 7.30pm at Commodore.  
Tickets £12.50

"Getting to know you, getting to know all about you.  
Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me."

A chance for friends and well-wishers to get together,  
chat with and entertain each other, dress is optional.

Sumptuous buffet provided



## COSTUMED TEADANCE

The Victorian tea dance started in 1840 with Lady Ann the Duchess of Belford. She would grow faint midday between breakfast and dinner. Lady Ann began having a spot of tea and a biscuit in the afternoon. Before long she was inviting friends to join her.

Join us at the Hotel Commodore at 3pm on  
Thursday, 25th August, Victorian costume essential.  
Fantastic high tea and dancing.  
£12.50.

## DANCE WORKSHOP

Balls Victorian Era: Victorian Balls were formal occasions where many people, mostly from the upper classes mingled with each other, mostly for the prospect of an engagement. Balls during the Victorian Era were intimately planned events with no room for any mistake. To get you ready for the Grand Victorian Ball there will be a workshop at the Commodore Hotel on Wednesday 24th August 2022 at 11am





## VICTORIAN ETIQUETTE BALL

Etiquette must prevail and Victorian evening dress is essential. Deluxe canapés will be part of this eventful evening, served at the table. Bookings are limited to 60 guests - so book early.

Hotel Commodore

Saturday, 27th August 8.00pm - Tickets £15

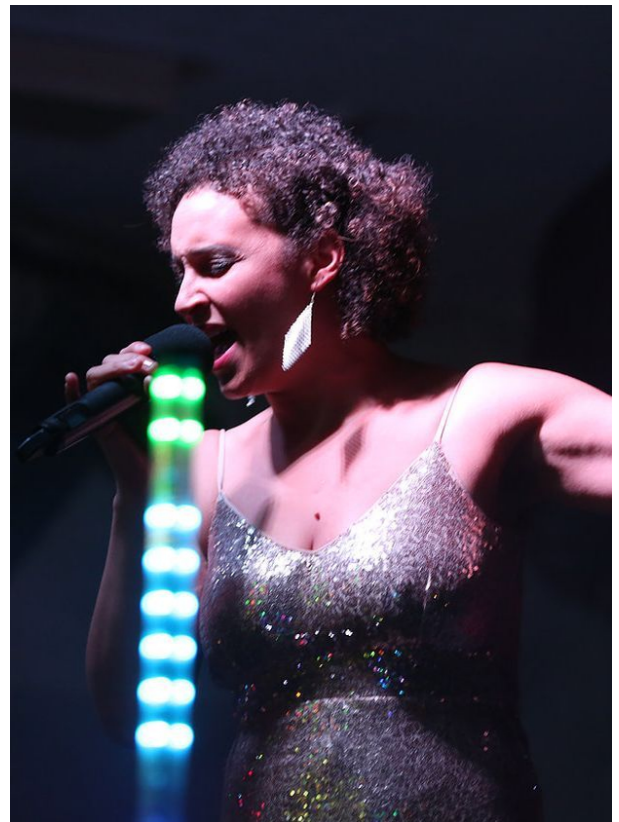




### **Keisha Chun AKA Whitney Houston**

I'm Every Whitney is a reputable Tribute Act who began her exciting musical voyage of artistic discovery in 1996. Since then, she has used constant collaboration and exploration to shape the signature sound that echoes that of the late, great Whitney Houston.

Whilst working on holiday resorts, in function bands, and as a solo artist, performing alongside Maxi Priest and the Four Tops as well as performing at large corporate events for the likes of Peugeot, Royal Bank of Scotland (at Cardiff International Arena) and First Choice. As an eternal fan of Whitney, and with the power to match her vocals, it makes sense for Kieshia to perform some of the biggest hits in history. On the bandstand, Saturday at 3.30pm



### **Yzzy Pearce-Higham AKA Cyndi Lauper**



Get ready to backcomb your hair, grab your self-lacing Nikes and head back in time. True Colors is an all singing, all dancing nostalgia-fest for the biggest 80s fans out there.

A tribute to the artist who defined the style & music of a generation. The undisputed Queen of underdogs and Goonies everywhere; Cyndi Lauper.

This show has something for everyone, great music, and so many nods to cult classic movies it'll make your head spin. It's a sensory overload! Yzzy was an astounding success as Paloma Faith at the 2021 festival and is back again for 2022 as Cyndi Lauper.

This is an acoustic event with Dave playing the guitar.

To see her performance of True Colours go to:

Friday on the bandstand at 3pm

## Steve Marks aka Tom Jones

Steve performs 1 set of his Tom Jones Tribute,  
and one set of party covers 60's to 90's  
including disco.

Steve's tribute to Tom Jones is a vocally  
powerful performance.

His own covers set ranges from Matt Monroe  
to disco, country, rock n roll, with all the hits of  
the decades.

His versatility enables Steve to provide a wide  
variety of entertainment, whether you require a  
one-off Tribute spot, or a whole evening's  
entertainment.

On the bandstand 6pm - 8pm prior to the  
torchlight procession on Sunday



## THE DAVIDS...A GENTLEMENLY DUO OF VICTORIAN DITTIES

David Bond - Baritone, has appeared on the  
West End stage. David Vaughan-Lewis -  
Accompanist, trained at The Royal College of  
Music and is Musical

Director of The Vaughan-Lewis Academy of  
Singing. Let us whisk you back  
verisimilitudinously to the Victorian era with a  
cornucopia of golden hour parlour songs. Join in  
our feast for the ears by singing along to our  
popular "Good Ol'Days" repertoire... from the  
titillating Tararaboomdeay, circumnavigating the  
Dangers of That Man on the Flying Trapeze, a  
humorous triptych of arias from our fellow  
operatic duo ( and very close friends), Bill &  
Arthur, to the comfort and joy of Home, Sweet  
Home.

Come, you afternoon people, and be tickled by  
balladic boffoonery & songs of gaiety and  
hilarity.



## LAW DOGS & LADIES

They are a newly formed re-enactment group with over 50 years of combined experience and being passionate about the Old West. The services they can offer are a Wild West Show. They provide quality entertainment for all the family with a wide range of shows for any audience.. Their core mission is to have fun, while working hard, raising the profile of any type of event



# All the “Fun of the Fair.”

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday





# Torchlight Parade & Grand Fireworks Display

Sunday nights Torchlight Parade will start at Temple Gardens at 8.15pm, a gentle walk of around 30 minutes to the Lakeside for the grand fireworks display starting at 9pm. Then off to bed with you all! It's late and you have got it all to do again tomorrow at the Community Day.

Entertainment from 6pm to 8pm prior to the procession is a Tom Jones Tribute act on the band stand





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