



THE VILLAGES

Music Festival

28TH JUNE - 5TH JULY 2025





MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRONS



Congratulations on this exciting programme of concerts and events for 2025 in our beautiful Sussex villages.

Very best wishes to you all.

DAME FELICITY LOTT



The Villages Music Festival is a wonderful example of keeping music alive at the grass roots, and I am delighted to be associated with it.

RICHARD MORRISON

FROM THE FESTIVAL ORGANISER JOAN ROYLE



Welcome to the Villages Music Festival 2025.

There is an exciting programme planned for those long summer evenings in June. The opening night will be very special, with a production of 'La Bohème' by Regents Opera in the walled garden of Limekiln Farm, Chalvington, a lovely romantic setting; you will be surrounded by flowers and trees as the sun descends and Mimi meets her fate. A reminder, perhaps, of how lucky we all are today.

The week continues with an eclectic mix of English and French music by the Mistral Woodwind Quartet, cream teas in a village garden accompanied by Los Twangueros playing a variety of guitars. A new departure for the festival will be a compered discussion about the future of music in the UK, featuring Richard Morrison, Chief Music Critic and culture writer of the Times newspaper, Georgina Born OBE, anthropologist and musicologist, who is soon to retire to Ripe, Will Hancox, local renowned pianist and promoter of all kinds of up and coming young professional musicians in Sussex, and a young member of the panel who has recently experienced the difficulties of forging a career in music.

There will be time for questions from the audience. The discussion will be followed by refreshments and a short musical entertainment by a vocal quartet.

The Festival continues with a jazz evening, also in the gardens of Limekiln Farm, a special piano recital by Joanna MacGregor CBE, who performs nationally and internationally, and ends with a concert by the Loughton Community Choir singing the joyful Dixit Dominus by Handel, accompanied by a string quartet. There is much to enjoy in terms of music performance, but also the ambience and warm welcome of our villages.

The trustees and committee are most grateful to our generous sponsors and volunteers.

JOAN ROYLE

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Any surplus raised from the
Festival will be open to grant
applications which will be
announced in Autumn 2025.

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Programme at a glance

Sat 28 JUNE

Puccini's La Bohème.
LIMEKILN FARM, CHALVINGTON

Sun 29 JUNE

The Mlstral Woodwind Quartet.
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,
CHALVINGTON

Sun 29 JUNE

Cream teas with guitar music by
Los Twangueros.
APRIL COTTAGE, RIPE

Wed 5 JULY

Panel Discussion.
Music: What is the future?
LAUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

Thurs 3 JULY

Jazz evening with The Andy Williams Trio.
LIMEKILN FARM, CHALVINGTON

Fri 4 JULY

Piano recital by Joanna MacGregor CBE.
WICK STREET FARM, ARLINGTON

Sat 5 JULY

Classical Concert.
HOLY CROSS CHURCH, UCKFIELD

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Saturday 28th June

PUCCINI'S LA BOHÈME

Limekiln Farm, Chalvington
BN27 3TA

6:00 – 9:30pm

Regent's Opera

The gardens will be open from 5pm. Free car parking in field adjacent (follow the signs).

There will be a cash-only bar and light refreshments will be available.
NO PICNICS PLEASE.

This is an outdoor event so please dress accordingly. Bring a rug and extra layers in case it gets chilly. There will be one 20-minute interval.

La Bohème, composed by Giacomo Puccini, is one of the most beloved operas in the world, premiering in 1896. It presents a poignant and romantic story set in Paris during the 1840s, following the lives of a group of young, struggling bohemians. The opera is divided into four acts, each capturing moments of love, joy, hardship, and tragedy.

Tickets: £40 per adult
(includes a glass of prosecco
on arrival)



Christine Buras, Mimi



Davide Basso, Rodolfo



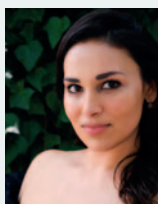
Sam Pantcheff
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Ben Woodward
Music Director



Alex Milne



Leila Alexander



Andrew Tinkler



Ashley Mercer



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Reuben Speed

Sunday 29th June

THE MISTRAL WOODWIND QUARTET

St Bartholomew's Church, Chalvington
BN27 3TD

12:00 – 1:00pm

Named after the strong, cold, fast flowing North wind which gusts through the South of France, Mistral is a quartet of wind instrumentalists who explore music for the genre both old and new. As well as its serious, sometimes destructive side, the Mistral is also responsible for the unusually sunny climate and clear air of Provence. The quartet reflects this contrast in its choice of compositions to perform.

Tickets: £12



Clare Worth



Charlotte Munro



Philip Edwards



Ian Glen

Sunday 29th June

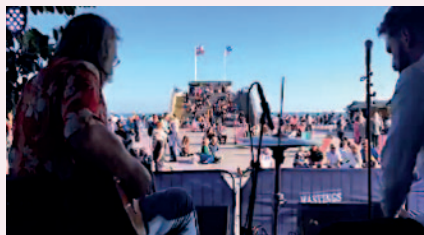
CREAM TEAS WITH GUITAR MUSIC BY LOS TWANGUEROS

2:30 – 5:00pm

April Cottage, Ripe BN8 6AS

An awesome Balearic-Latin ensemble that takes you back to Cafe del Mar in its infancy.

Tickets: £15 (includes cream tea)
Children 5-10 years half price
Children under 5 Free



Wednesday 2nd July

A PANEL DISCUSSION - MUSIC: WHAT IS THE FUTURE?

Laughton Village Hall, Church Lane,
Laughton, BN8 6AH

6:00 – 9:00pm

A panel discussion on the future of music in the UK, featuring Richard Morrison, Chief Music Critic of The Times newspaper, Georgina Born, OBE FBA, Professor of Anthropology and Music at University College, London, resident of Ripe, Will Hancox, pianist and director of MusicBox, Wealden, and Rosie Ann Page music teacher and singer, compered by Paul Boucher. This will be a lively discussion with an opportunity to ask questions. Followed by refreshments and entertainment by a vocal quartet.

Tickets: £15



Richard Morrison



Georgina Born



Paul Boucher



Rosie Ann Page



Will Hancox



Noa Lachman



Rebecca Hughes



Ben Hancox-Lachman



Jozik Kotz

Thursday 3rd July

JAZZ EVENING WITH THE ANDY WILLIAMS TRIO

Limekiln Farm, Chalvington, BN27 3TA

7:00 – 10:00pm

The Andy Williams Trio features Andy Williams on guitar, Terry Pack on double bass, and Angus Bishop on drums.

The gardens will be open from 6pm. Free car parking in field adjacent (follow the signs). There will be a cash-only bar. Please feel free to bring a picnic/refreshments.

This is an outdoor event so please dress accordingly. Bring a rug and extra layers in case it gets chilly. Come and go as you please.

Tickets: £15



Terry Pack



Andy Williams Angus Bishop



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Friday 4th July

PIANO RECITAL BY JOANNA MACGREGOR CBE

Wick Street Farm, Arlington,
Polegate, BN26 6TN

6:30 – 9:00pm

Seating is limit so please book early.

Joanna MacGregor is one of the world's most innovative musicians, appearing as a concert pianist, curator and conductor. As a solo pianist she has appeared with leading orchestras, performing in over eighty countries with eminent conductors. The full programme is on the website.

There will be light refreshments available following the recital.

Tickets £30



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Saturday 5th July

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Holy Cross Church, Belmont Road,
Uckfield, TN22 1BP

6:00 - 7:15pm

Handel's Dixit Dominus, performed by the Laughton Village Choir and the Clockhouse Singers, with the Modulus quartet, conducted by Linda Glenn.

Following the concert refreshments will be available in the Belmont Centre.



Tickets £15 before, £20 on the door





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Date	Event	Price	No.	Total
Sat 28 June	Puccini's La Bohème	£40.00		
Sun 29 June	The Mistral Woodwind Quartet	£12.00		
Sun 29 June	Cream Teas with Guitar Music by Los Twangueros. Children half price	£15.00 £7.50		
Wed 2 July	A Panel Discussion - Music: What is the future?	£15.00		
Thurs 3 July	Jazz Evening with the Andy Williams Trio	£15.00		
Fri 4 July	Piano Recital by Joanna MacGregor CBE	£30.00		
Sat 5 July	Classical Concert	£15.00		

TOTAL

Concessions:

Full time students FREE.

Cream Teas FREE for children 5 years and under. Children 5-10 years half price.

We will be asking all audience members to complete short feedback forms, to see how we've measured up to our funding objectives, and how we might improve the Festival in future years.



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