



FREE CHILL STAGE



The Chill Stage is behind the village hall. Artists in order of performance, see main timetable.

SATURDAY

Cathy Judge & Johnny Francis Cathy will be performing a mix of her own cleverly crafted songs and favourite covers. She has a rich, velvety voice and sings sensitive ballads as well as belting out the blues. Accompanied by long-time musical partner Johnny Francis on second guitar.

Hello Hopeville is a band based in and around Frome, Somerset. It consists of five individuals with a passion for a melodic and mesmerizing sound, with handpicked songs that lend themselves to harmony and instrumentals. Covers range from Fleetwood Mac to Michelle Shocked, Alison Krauss and Neil Young.

Homesick Gypsy Stef Mizrany has been quietly travelling the highways and byways, performing her own inimitable collection of self-penned songs, wherever the road and the mood takes her; and it's taken her from England to France and Holland, to India, Taiwan and Cambodia - and back again.

Crossing The Rockies is a group emerging from the traditional sessions in Frome, Somerset. Dynamic instrumentalists playing a mixture of traditional tunes mainly Irish/Scottish and Old Time American with Trevorr leading songs with a foot stomping Old Time feel.

The Crazy Rhythm Club is a musical time travel from the Hot Club of Paris, inspired by the maestros Django and Grapelli...A rendezvous of crazy nomadic musicians whose paths cross in a vibrant exchange of wild violins, stomping guitars and fiery rhythms. Some call it Gypsy Jazz.

Sharon Lazibyrd is an original and award winning singer-songwriter who writes striking and melodic folk songs. She was invited to take part in a BBC Introducing Folk residential in 2014.

Verdisa With an eclectic blend of rock, funk, reggae, blues and beyond, you will be taken on a musical journey from the highest mountains, to the deepest oceans, to the core of your inner being and the edge of the universe itself.

Motes Xylophone/drums/guitar minimal un-rock from Bristol.

SUNDAY

Remy Benson has been writing and performing her own songs, and adding her own style to covers of artists who have influenced her, for about two years. At 14 she is equally at home on guitar, ukulele, and keyboard.

Model Folk are a six piece band, hailing from the deepest darkest reaches of North Somerset. Their sound is an eclectic cocktail of influences that could loosely fit in the folk canon. Live shows are full of self-deprecating humour, romance, pathos, audience engagement and interaction.

The Portraits are husband and wife alternative folk duo Jeremy & Lorraine Millington who played the last Glastonbury Fest and have been spun on BBC Radio 2.

Feral Beryl are variously, occasionally, in part or in whole, more than (but never less than) the beating of the excitingly unique and musically feral hearts of Sue Clare, Gemma White and Lucy May. Wild with originality, joyfulness, poignancy and energy.

Barry Lane & the Fridge Mechanics showcase Barry's lyrical folk rock songs. The band live and perform in Bristol and the South West and have been part of Party in the City for the Bristol International Music Festival and appeared at the Victoria Park Community Festival.

Skylarks (Mostly) female acapella choir.

Fly Yeti Fly are the acoustic duo Lorna Somerville and Darren Fisher. Blending sensitive vocal harmonies with intricate guitar arrangements, mandolin and harmonica, the duo weave songs and stories from their travels together, with a sound that is reminiscent of the late-'60s folk scene.

Susie Dobson After being introduced to the ukulele by friends, she soon bought her own... and another one... and another one...! On stage at her local folk club Susie began to fall in love with traditional song, and along with her existing contemporary tastes... her unique style was born.

CHURCH

Rock'n'Roll Angels is a group of superbly languid players from Bristol who perform songs with a clever sense of melancholy and wistfulness. They recorded their debut album 'Peaceful' live in a church. Their catchy rhythmic moods are occasionally reminiscent of John Grant, Nick Drake, Lambchop and Steely Dan.

Wells Cathedral School Young Musicians Three Y13 specialist musicians applying to music conservatoires in November/December will be providing accompanied solo performances in a Church concert on Sunday afternoon: Eliza on flute, Meggie on trombone and Ethan on tuba. Meggie plays with the National Youth Orchestra and Eliza is a member of the National Youth Wind Orchestra. **Kusanganisa** is the Shona word for 'mixture' that aptly describes this new music project involving four musicians all from different traditions. Kusanganisa are back (they performed in 2017) to play again in our lovely church, a perfect venue for these sounds.

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President Jo Sercombe. Patron Artist Reg Meuross

Priston Festival is a registered charity. Registration number 1143394
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY CHILDRENS' ART

Bring your kids along to the art project on the green where all are welcome to join in making puppets from windfall fruits, berries, sticks, leaves and other recycled materials, and create colourful creatures with willow and tissue paper.

PRISTON MUSIC FESTIVAL



2018

programme

KIDS STUFF
Planet Puppets
stories
films and
songs
at FREE
STORYWORLD tent
treasure hunt
art marquee

MUSIC
flamenco
country
classical
folk
pop-rock
bluegrass
americana
jazz
choral
gypsy folk
funky blues
world

and more...
local food stalls
cream teas
market place
Festival BAR
workshops
session tent
morris dancing

14-16 SEPT

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PERFORMERS



Arboreal is a series of events curated by Fay Stevens that brings together artists inspired by trees for a creatively nourishing artistic event of readings, performance and visual art work.

'To be without trees would, in the most literal way, to be without our roots.' Richard Mabey, Beechcombings.

Benji Bartlett

A certified guitar junkie, Benji is back (he's graced all our stages over the years) to start us off on our Saturday Village Green stage with some finger picking skills and gorgeous acoustic sounds.



Cardboard Fox are hard to categorise. All four musicians have roots in bluegrass music but their collective influences reach much further and this shows in their music. Formed in late 2013, the band have known each other for much longer but have been waiting for the right opportunity to make it work.

This is a group of musicians who are very excited about what this line up can create and that's what makes this acoustic quartet so special.



De Fuego is a sensational guitar duo, playing energetic instrumental flamenco and rumba-based music. The group has come a long way since coming together in 2010 and their humble beginnings as buskers in London's markets. They performed in Priston in 2016.

'De Fuego are just something else. Totally humble and unassuming as individuals. You'll be swept away with their passion' efestivals.co.uk



Djnanan Turan is a singer/songwriter of Turkish origin based in London. Always on the search of new sounds, new expressions, for this occasion, she will be presenting some of her old and some new songs with an acoustic trio formed of Alice Mary Williamson on clarinet and Fred de Mercedes on guitar. Her songs are an effortless fusion of various influences of her upbringing, with some Turkish elements, waltz, folk and psychedelia, weaving stories with haunting melodies.



Doreen Doreen Formed in '82 when Duran Duran hit the scene, Doreen Doreen are everything Duran Duran are not. Dance away with some of the best (and funniest) cover versions you will hear including Abba, Queen, Ian Dury, Britney Spears and Tom Jones. Deservedly voted the third best band in Bristol (by the people) after Massive Attack and Portishead. Doreen Doreen were a big hit on Priston Festival main stage in 2016.



PERFORMERS



Dragonfly

This music will change your life. A gig with Dragonfly is a fully immersive experience harnessing energies of European Celtic acoustic folk-trance and Eastern grooves and moods, brought to life by soaring melodies, lush harmonies and intelligent instrumentals. The infectious, compelling charisma of the band can urge you into wild and vibey and yet nourishing and expansive dimensions, getting right under your skin.



Emma Davies

Emma is a Bristol-based clarinettist and recent graduate of Bath Spa University, where she studied for her BA in Music in the beautiful grounds of the Newton Park Campus. From September 2018 Emma will be studying for her MMus Performance at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, where she is looking forward to further developing her own musical voice.



Fantasy Orchestra is a 20+ piece Bristol and Paris-based orchestra. It is led by Jesse D Vernon. The repertoire grew from a project playing the music of Ennio Morricone in November 2011 and since then they've added works by Nino Rota, Jimi Hendrix, David Bowie, R.D Burman (Bollywood) and Dominic Frontiere (American exotica from the 1950's). Some of you will remember them from other Priston festivals, they are much loved here.



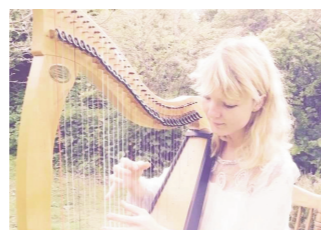
Jez Hellard & Original Djukella

Jez plays a rich mongrel mix of folk music, from jigs, reels and rebel ballads to tango, rumba and reggae. Virtuoso musicianship, conscious poetry; from dance tunes to rebel ballads, sweet love songs to powerful politics and passionate improvisation. With Zoë Moffat on fiddle and Master of Space & Time Nye Parsons on upright bass.



Kachina Aimee

Kachina is a composer, singer and multi instrumentalist playing harp, piano, cello, flute and guitar. Inspired by her strong connection to the natural world and other dimensions, Kachina's voice has been described as 'resonant & pure' and her unique sound as ethereal, Celtic and magical.



Kitty Macfarlane is a Somerset-based singer and songwriter. Her lyrics combine honest snapshots of everyday humanity with the bigger questions that have connected minds and voices for centuries. This autumn sees the release of Kitty's highly anticipated debut album, produced by Sam Kelly and featuring a recognisable cast of musicians.



Moonlit Poachers

Some of the sweetest, most soulful, folk music this side of the Mendips. A mysterious bunch for sure...



Quirky Delights are a Bristol based folk jazz duo with their feet firmly roaming in the gypsy realm. They have previously performed in Priston as members of World Government.



PERFORMERS



Reg Meuross Somerset-based singer/songwriter, Reg (our patron artist) is an exceptional teller of tales set to great melodies, delivered with a spell-binding voice and accompanied with fine guitar playing on the much treasured Martin. With songs from his two recent albums *Faraway People* and *Songs About a Train*, as well as some old favourites. Reg will be opening the festival in our beautiful Norman church and introducing young harpist and singer Kachina Aimee.

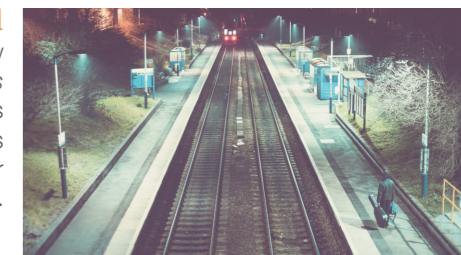


Rosie Eade Band Inspired by Kate Bush and The Who as much as Steeleye Span, Rosie sings life inspired stories written over many years gigging solo around the country, from a party in a field to Glastonbury's Avalon Café, arranged around her love of folk, rock and thrashing her old guitar.



Rivers of England

are a Bath-based alt folk-rock band fronted by Rob Spalding. Their album, *Astrophysics Saved My Life*, is made up of strong melodies and engaging compositions on themes ranging from the inner self to the outer cosmos - the emotional to the scientific.



Sam Carter

Since being named Best Newcomer at the 2010 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Sam Carter has been stirring audiences from Camden to Canada, via an attention grabbing appearance on Later...with Jools Holland. Described as 'the finest English-style finger-picking guitarist of his generation' by Bellowhead's Jon Boden, Sam has toured the world, equally happy to perform intimate solo shows on acoustic guitar, on electric with a full band, or to collaborate with other artists.



Solana

Since their formation in Valencia in 2012, original fusion project Solana have been enchanting listeners with their rhythmically complex and harmonically rich sound inspired by folk traditions from around the world. *'They make my spice shelf look boring... an accomplished and colourful album'* — Folk Radio UK



The Summerhouse Band

Helen James of Keynsham and Paul Barclay from Priston have expanded their established duo to form The Summerhouse Band. Joined by Alice Barclay on violin, Priston's cellist, Camilla Litchfield and Bristol-based classical pianist, Ken Dale, the group made their debut performance at Priston Festival in 2016.



Clara Atkins Choir

Come and have a go at singing in a choir! In this Scratch Choir Workshop you will get the chance to learn some uplifting songs and sing them in beautiful harmony. You'll then do a little sharing performance on the main stage!!

Somerset Russet Band

The Somerset Russet Village Band is a group of local instrumentalists who get together to play mainly traditional music. Typically the group consists of a mixture of wind, string and free reed players. They will be running a session in the hall on Sunday afternoon. Bring your instruments along and join in. All welcome, but some experience of sight reading will definitely increase your enjoyment.

PRISTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

programme 14th 15th 16th september 2018

FRIDAY



- 6.50pm **Reg Meuross** folk singer songwriter & **Kachina Aimee** harpist & singer
Church Tickets £6.00 doors open 6.30pm 70 mins Wine/soft drinks on sale
- 8.30pm **Cardboard Fox** Bath based Americana/Bluegrass quartet. Seated cabaret style. Village Hall Tickets £10 adv. £12 door. Doors open 8.00pm BAR

SATURDAY

VILLAGE HALL & GREEN

- 10.30am **Saturday Cafe** - Until 12 noon - bacon butties, tea, coffee, cakes.
11.30am **Market** - all day - stalls, BBQ, salads, crepes, cream teas, Festival Bar.
11.30am **Kids' Art** - puppets from recycled materials and willow creatures til 3pm
1.00pm **Storyworld opens** - films, puppets, songs & stories, see blackboard.

VILLAGE GREEN STAGE FREE - MC Richard Harris

- 12.30pm **Brook Tate** - Cool, jazzy, indie skilled artist from Bristol.
1.15pm **The Moonlit Poachers** - Some of the sweetest, most soulful, folk music this side of the Mendips. A mysterious bunch for sure..
2.15pm **Quirkish Delights** - Bristol based folk jazz duo with their feet firmly roaming in the gypsy realm. AKA part of The World Government, Priston 2017.
3.15pm **Djanan Turan** - Turkish born singer-songwriter living and working in London. Quirky and witty, Djanan brings Waltz, Cabaret, Rock and Swing styles.
4.15pm **De Fuego** - a sensational guitar duo, playing energetic instrumental flamenco and rumba-based music. From busking in London to winning awards.
5.15pm **Rivers of England** - Bath-based alt folk-rock band fronted by Rob Spalding. Rooted in folk with beautiful strings. Jazz, Blues and Rock.
6.15pm **Dragonfly** - The infectious, compelling charisma of the band will get right under your skin. European Celtic acoustic folk-trance and Eastern grooves.
7.30pm **Doreen Doreen** - One of the best covers bands around. High energy and fabulous costume. These guys have the wow factor. Put on your dancing shoes.

CHILL STAGE FREE (behind village hall) Compère Cathy Judge

- 1.30pm **Cathy Judge & Johnny Francis** - Beautiful vocals and lyrics.
2.20pm **Hello Hopeville** - Fleetwood Mac/Alison Krauss/Neil Young covers.
3.10pm **Homesick Gypsy** - Folk, Country and Blues ballads - self-penned.
4.00pm **Crossing the Rockies** - Irish, Scottish and Old Time American.
4.50pm **Crazy Rhythm Club** - A musical time travel from the Hot club of Paris, inspired by the maestros Django and Grapelli...
5.40pm **Sharon Lazibyr** - Award winning singer of poignant original songs.
6.30pm **Verdisa** - an eclectic blend of rock, funk, reggae, blues and beyond.
7.20pm **Motes** - Xylophone/drums/guitar minimal un-rock from Bristol..

CHURCH

- 3.00pm **Kusanganisa** - new music project involving four musicians all from different traditions. Doors open 2.30pm FREE wine/soft drinks on sale
4.00pm **The Fantasy Orchestra** - Flamboyant multi instrumental show with choir and fancy dress! Doors open 4.30pm for 5pm FREE adm. Wine/soft drinks
7.00pm **Arboreal** - A series of events, curated by Fay Stevens, that brings together artists inspired by trees. Doors open 6.30pm Tickets £6 Wine/soft drinks on sale

SATURDAY NIGHT GIG FREE - in the Ring O' Bells

- 9.15pm **Jez Hellard & Original Djukella** - Fiery folk trio, great vocals & style.

SUNDAY

VILLAGE GREEN

- 10.00am **Campers' Breakfast** - Tea/coffee/bacon/egg/sausage baps/cakes til 11.30am
10.30am **Morris Dancing** - Morris sides will be dancing until 12.40pm.
10.30am **Market** - all day - stalls, BBQ, salads, crepes, cream teas, Festival Bar
1.10pm **Storyworld opens** - films, puppets, songs & stories, throughout the afternoon - see blackboard. Ends 5pm. **11.30 - 3pm** - Art project continues.

VILLAGE GREEN STAGE **FREE** - MC Richard Harris

- 1.00pm **Summerhouse Band** Expect everything from the beautiful melodies of the established folk repertoire to the wicked humour of Jake Thackary.
2.00pm **Rosie Eade Band** - Inspired by Kate Bush, The Who and Steeleye Span.
2.40pm **Singing Workshop Performance** Community singing on the Green.
3.00pm **Kitty Macfarlane** Somerset-based singer-songwriter. Her lyrics combine honest snapshots of everyday humanity with the bigger questions that have connected minds and voices for centuries.
4.00pm **Sam Carter** - Described as 'the finest English-style finger-picking guitarist of his generation' by Bellowhead's Jon Boden.
5.00pm **Solana** - Klezmer melodies, tingling tango, exuberant Irish folk and swinging jazz to pumping reggae and lilting Latin, thoroughly invigorating.

VILLAGE HALL WORKSHOPS

- 1.00pm **Singing Workshop** - Join Clara Atkins and have a go at singing. - 55 mins
2.20pm **Somerset Russet Band** - Popular workshop, bring instruments - 55 mins

CHILL STAGE **FREE** (behind village hall) **Compère Cathy Judge**

- 12.00pm **Remy Benson** - Young singer and guitarist.
12.30pm **Model Folk** - clarinet wizardry, trumpets, trombones, accordion and vocals.
1.20pm **The Portraits** - husband and wife alternative folk duo.
2.10pm **Feral Beryl** - wild with originality, joyfulness, poignancy and energy.
3.00pm **Barry Lane & the Fridge Mechanics** - showcasing Barry's lyrical folk rock songs. part of Bristol's Party in the City for the past three years.
3.50pm **Skylarks** - Joyful folk and world harmonies, acapella choir.
4.40pm **Fly Yeti Fly** - acoustic duo Lorna Somerville and Darren Fisher.
5.30pm **Susie Dobson** - Folk and traditional songs with a unique style.

CHURCH

- 1.15pm **Rock 'n' Roll Angels** - Superbly languid players from Bristol who perform songs with a clever sense of melancholy and wistfulness.
Doors open 12.45pm **FREE admission - Wine/soft drinks on sale - 45mins**
4.00pm **Wells Cathedral School** - Three Y13 specialist musicians. Eliza on flute, Meggie on trombone and Ethan on tuba.
FREE adm. Wine/soft drinks doors open 3.30pm
6.00pm **Emma Davies** - Clarinettist and recent graduate of Bath Spa University.
Tickets £6 Wine/soft drinks doors 5.30pm

SUNDAY SUPPER

- 7.45pm **2 Course Supper with music** Village Hall **Tickets £8 BAR /RAFFLE**
Doors open 7.15pm Supper 7.45pm we advise you pre-book

All welcome - SESSION TENT - throughout the day, sign-posted!

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