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**FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**Folk at the Church - Georgia Ruth with Chris Fox & John Parker**  
St John's Church

**Friday Night Blues - Sean Walker & Southern Fried Groove Queens**  
Brook Street Chapel Hall

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St John's Church

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**Mark Radcliffe presents Folk at the Theatre - Budapest Café Orchestra**  
Knutsford Little Theatre

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THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Folk at the Theatre

Knutsford Little Theatre / doors 7pm, event starts 7.30pm



MARK RADCLIFFE & COMPANY

A special one-off show to kick it all off, hosted by and featuring Mark Radcliffe himself along with loads of his friends for a fantastic evening of all things folk!

The Broadcaster, musician, writer and Knutsford resident brings his band of seasoned folk maestros to the Little Theatre for an evening of drinking and thinking songs.

These are original compositions interlaced with traditional instruments and tunes for guaranteed melodic toe-tapability.

The Company are: Paul Cargill (bass/vocals), Chris Lee (mandolin/vocals), Russ Mabbutt (accordion/vocals), Nick Mitchell (guitar/vocals), Mark Radcliffe (vocals/guitar), Clare 'Fluff' Smith (fiddle/vocals) and Mark Woolley (percussion/vocals).

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FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Folk at the Church

St John's Church / doors 7pm, event starts 7.30pm



CHRIS FOX & JOHN PARKER

A genre defying Folk troubadour Chris made rapid progress through the UK folk and roots scene with his song writing, utilising a variety of styles across the root's lexicon of traditional & contemporary folk, Americana, Country and Blues. Audiences are enthralled by his rich vocals, complex guitar playing, and loop pedal alchemy finding Chris to be humorous & thought provoking in equal measures. Chris has now formed a professional performing partnership with the renowned Double Bassist John Parker (The JCB song - Nizlopi, The Willows, Jackie Oates). Chris and John first played together in 2018 with their partnership going from strength to strength.



HEADLINER

GEORGIA RUTH

Georgia Ruth is a musician from Aberystwyth. Using folk influences to create a truly unique sound, her debut album Week of Pines won the Welsh Music Prize in 2013 and was nominated for two BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Georgia collaborated with The Manic Street Preachers on their 2014 album Futurology before releasing her second album, Fossil Scale in 2016. This event is held at the beautiful St John's Church. Doors are from 7pm, event begins 7.30pm.

Friday Night Blues

Brook St Chapel Hall / doors 7pm, event starts 7.30pm



SIMISTER & SMALL BLUES DUO

Teaming up just before lockdown, David Simister (guitar and looper) and Chris Small (harmonica & vocals) play the Blues. Their extensive amplified repertoire was on show at the 2021 Knutsford Music Festival and were included in Knutsford Guardian's top ten performances.

Chris runs a Blues Radio Show and David studied Blues Guitar in Chicago Blues Guitar Camp 2019, appearing live at Rosa's Lounge in 2019 and Buddy Guy's Legends Club in 2022. They appear regularly at venues around Manchester and Cheshire and comments often refer to their sound, which is original and authentic and captures the spirit of the Blues at its best.



SOUTHERN FRIED GROOVE QUEENS

Southern Fried Groove Queens are a Mississippi Hill Country/Delta inspired duo, featuring Lee Hall on Guitar/Vocals & renowned Blues drummer Lucy Piper. The duo play their take on the likes of old blues masters: RL Burnside, John Lee Hooker, Robert Johnson and many more. Formed in 2021, they have already played at several of the UK's leading Blues and Jazz festivals, taking audiences by storm. With Lee's unique haunting vocals, energetic slide playing, and Lucy's infectious hypnotic drumming, they're not to be missed. Be prepared to get down and 'juke' with them.



HEADLINER

SEAN TAYLOR

Sean Taylor is an international touring troubadour. His songs are best described as roots; influenced by blues, Americana, jazz, spoken word and folk music. As well as prolific songwriter he is a multi-instrumentalist, a singer, guitarist, pianist, and harmonica player.

He has just been nominated for a UK blues awards acoustic act of the year 2023. He has just released a band live album and is currently working on a studio album due for release later this year.

FRINGE EVENTS



The Lost and Found / 6pm  
LUSON

Luson is a multi-octave vocalist who sings soul, gospel and blues. One of Manchester's most exciting up-and-coming musical talents, he regularly performs across the city's music scene and is developing a reputation for his exceptional vocals and unique interpretations of loved songs.



The Lost and Found / 7.30pm  
LUCAS MARKS AND THE  
GLORIOUS UNKNOWN

Lucas Marks are a contemporary six-piece Americana influenced rock band, wowing audiences with their exciting, catchy music and thoughtful lyrics.



The Angel / 8pm  
NELSON PEACH

Nelson Peach are an energetic four-piece folk band from Altrincham. The basis of their music is English traditional songs and tunes, with some contemporary folk and pop mixed in.

SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Folk at the Church

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THE WEEPING WILLOWS

Since sweeping onto the stage with the celebrated Till The North Wind Blows (2012), The Weeping Willows have firmly established themselves as songwriters of captivating power and poise. Following in the footsteps of the luminous likes of Gillian Welch and The Secret Sisters, The Weeping Willows continue to lead the way in Australia's bustling Alt-Country/Americana scene.



HEADLINER

KATHERINE PRIDDY

The last 2 years have been a whirlwind for this Birmingham-based artist, who emerged onto the scene with her long-awaited debut EP 'Wolf' in 2018. Katherine Priddy's original works are delivered with an emotional maturity, depth and a tenderness that still carries a darker edge, citing Nick Drake, John Martyn, Tunng and Imagined Village amongst her influences. Her lyrics are particularly noteworthy - a tribute to her life-long love affair with literature and poetry and the stories she weaves are transporting.

MUSIC ON THE MOOR 12-4pm

A free, open to all outdoor session on the Moor, featuring live music, street food and activities for all ages!

FACE PAINTING / 12-4pm

Free face painting.

KATE'S CRAFTS WORKSHOP / 1pm-3pm

Eco-friendly musical crafts for kids!

DRUMROOTS AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOPS / 2-4pm

Try your hand at some authentic African drumming!

You can catch live music from 12-4pm from:



ELIN BOLLAND @ 12pm

Elin is an independent singer-songwriter from Llandrindod Wells, in the heart of the Welsh countryside. Her lyrics draw from her own experience, while her melodies and instrumentation blend her classical piano training with her passion for pop, rock, soul, and indie.

She has been writing and performing her own music since 2017 and was taken on by the PRS Foundation backed talent development scheme 'Forté Project' in 2021.



VILLAGE STRAYS @ 12.30pm

Village Strays (formerly Vicar's Son) are a hard hitting, foot stomping folk duo from Cheshire. Uniquely blending the traditions of folk with a dynamic, contemporary attitude. Blending traditional as well as self-penned tunes designed to get everyone ready for the party.



HEALEY BADGER @ 1pm

HealeyBadger are a singer songwriting duo formed in 2020. Their original goal was to write 8 songs for a new musical called "Lost in the Beat" which will preview at Knutsford Little Theatre on June 17th. The music kept flowing, so much so they've written many more songs and started performing live this year with a few sessions at the amazing Button Warehouse in Macclesfield.



LOTTIE GRAY @ 1.30pm

Creating an intimate, open conversation between audience and artist, 19-year-old singer-songwriter Lottie Gray writes exactly how she feels. Influenced by Joni Mitchell, Taylor Swift and Kacey Musgraves, Lottie's ability to jump across genres has taken her songwriting to extraordinary heights and her creations boast raw and poetic lyric writing, expressed through Lottie's powerful vocals.



NORTHWICH UKE CLUB @ 2pm

Northwich Uke Club formed in September 2021 and have gone from strength to strength ever since. With now over 35 regular members. The club offers a unique take on the Ukulele, playing songs from The Killers, David Bowie, Blondie and R.E.M to The Foo Fighters!



HOUSE OF CAIN @ 2.30pm

Hailing from Northwich, Cheshire - House Of Cain captivate their audience with intricate guitar playing and thought provoking vocals. Expect a dynamic performance from a band that are not only technically on point, but whose confidence and passion in their original music comes through to the audience.



EMILY LOCKETT @ 3pm

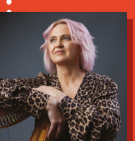
Emily is an independent British country pop/rock musician and singer/songwriter based in Stoke-on-Trent. She has been described as a mix of Taylor Swift and Avril Lavigne. Emily's original music has received praise from the likes of Maverick Music Magazine with her last 2 EP's being awarded 5 stars (out of 5) and 8 out of 10. She was also a semi-finalist in the 2022 The Liverpool International Song Contest songwriting competition with her track "Do You Wanna Go Out?" making the top 50 out of 20,305 song submissions.



HETTA FALZON @ 3.30pm

18 year old Hetta Falzon is a singer-songwriter from Somerset, based in Manchester. Though her music is influenced by Olivia Dean, Norah Jones and Eloise, her sound is unique and authentic. She is constantly writing and performing around Manchester and London, venturing into the world of jazz, soul and pop.

HARP HAVEN AT THE METHODIST CHURCH



HARP HAVEN @ 3.10pm

An hour of scintillating music for the soul performed on lever harp by Lauren Scott. Tickets available on the door or online [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/harp-haven-at-knutsford-music-festival-tickets-625295915917](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/harp-haven-at-knutsford-music-festival-tickets-625295915917)

REGENT STREET PERFORMANCES



KNUTSFORD BEATS @ 11am

The Beats are a fun inclusive mixed community choir and are now in their 6th year. The repertoire is vast and ranges from pop to choral and is a proven crowd pleaser. All proceeds raised this year from their summer and Christmas concerts will again go to Hope Central.



PHOENIX VOICES CHOIR @ 1pm

A mixed voice choir with a wide ranging repertoire, from pop songs to musicals, with some hymns, gospel music and sea shanties thrown in to mix things up!

FRINGE EVENTS



The Lost and Found / from 1pm  
ALL DAY MUSIC

Will Cairns will be on the decks all day alongside performances from Maggie Thompson, Corvus & The Morning Star and Emma Gilmour.



Dexter & Jones / 4pm  
DEXTER'S HOUSE JAZZ BAND

Dexter and Jones House Jazz is made up of an evolving group of like minded musicians who share one thing... a passion for jazz. Lead by the extraordinary Richard Harrold it features piano, drums, double bass and saxophone, playing some of the funkier jazz notes.



The Tea Room / 7.30pm  
GUS GLYNN

Gus Glynn is a singer songwriter and classically trained fingerstyle guitarist originally from Galway, now settled in Cheshire for over twenty years.

His ever-widening repertoire includes Original Songs, Traditional Folk and Blues, Fingerstyle Guitar Arrangements and Contemporary Acoustic Classics.

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BUDAPEST CAFÉ ORCHESTRA

The fourth and final night of this year's folk programme as part of KMF23 - featuring a one-band show from the exciting Budapest Cafe Orchestra. Refreshingly unconventional and snappily attired boutique orchestra, Budapest Café Orchestra bring you gypsy and folk-flavoured music in their own fresh and surprising way.

FRINGE EVENTS



Regent Street / 11am  
KNUTSFORD STAR CHOIR

KSC is an all-female choir who have been singing together for over 10 years. The choir splits its time between singing at wedding across Cheshire and performing at community gigs including their summer and Christmas concerts in Knutsford. All proceeds this year will again go to Hope Central.



The Moor / from 1pm-2pm  
CITY OF CHESTER BRASS BAND

The band originated in the 1830s as a fife and drum ensemble attached to Chester's Blue Coat School. Money left over from a fund established by the 'Ladies of Chester' to buy a present for Queen Victoria led to the ensemble becoming a brass band. Today they run a thriving main band, training band and learner band teaching brass to anyone from age 8 upwards.



The Lost and Found / from 3pm  
A DYNAMIC SELECTION OF MUSIC FROM  
SIMON SACKEY, BLUE WALKER AND KOJO

Kojo is a five-piece band combining elements of jazz, funk and soul to produce an uplifting and inspiring sound. Unrivalled in musicality, the repertoire combines catchy originals with ingenious Kojo reworks of popular songs of yesteryear. In its two year history, it has established numerous prestigious residencies in venues around the North West, and is now one of the busiest outfits performing in the area!

MUSIC ALL WEEKEND FROM THE COURTHOUSE  
LIVE SESSIONS

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