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# SUMMER FESTIVAL 2013

*A Perfect Summer's Evening*



The  
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# THEATRE INFORMATION

## Food and Drink

**Pre Theatre Suppers** are available in the Guthrie Pavilion on the evening of all performances,\* with access to the Castle grounds for those who have booked ahead from 5.45 pm. A snack food counter and bar are also available pre-performance and during the interval.

*\* Please note that Levy Restaurants reserves the right to cancel pre-theatre suppers should there be no advance bookings 3 days prior to the event.*

## Special Events

**Family Feast** – served after all childrens shows:

Babe the Sheep-Pig on 30 – 31 May &

The Wind in the Willows on 30 – 31 July.

Dinner served at 4.45pm in the Guthrie Pavilion following the performance.

**Cream Teas** – served after both matinee performances:

Joking Apart on Thursday 25th July &

The Taming of the Shrew on Friday 30 August.

Served at 4.30pm in the Guthrie Pavilion following the performance.

**Menus** for all Special Events and Pre Theatre Suppers are available on our website. To make a reservation, please call the Box Office on 01732 866114.

*Please note, special events must be paid for at the time of booking.*

## Accommodation

Hever Castle offers **Luxury B&B**, which was voted 9 out of 10 by The Telegraph Travel's Section Hotelwatch Review in June 2012. Recently refurbished to an outstanding level of style and sophistication, the 21 rooms available in the Astor Wing of the Castle provide luxury and comfort whilst retaining the classic and historic influences of their surroundings.

For further information, and details of special packages please visit <http://www.hevercastle.co.uk/holiday-lets-kent/bed-and-breakfast> or call The Astor Wing on 01732 861800.

## Performance Times

**All Evening Performances start at 8pm;** Films start at 8:30pm; Gates Open at 6.30pm

**Matinee Performances and Children's Shows start at 2.30pm;** Access to the Grounds from 2pm; Exit at 6pm.

Children under the age of 7 are not permitted to evening performances that start at 8pm.

There is free and ample **Parking** for cars and coaches, most of which provides hard standing.





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The Festival Theatre is an open air venue set in a magical location in the grounds of Hever Castle in Kent. We offer a rich selection of performing arts and music, and have established a following of many thousands over the past thirty years.

*"Thank you for some splendid evenings - performances and food and setting."*

Audience email 2012



Audience are able to enter the grounds from 6.30pm for evening performances, where they may enjoy the beautiful Castle gardens and ambience by bringing a picnic, choosing to eat in the Castle Restaurant or by simply wandering through the magnificent gardens. For matinee performances, the audience may remain in the gardens after the performance until the grounds are closed for the day, usually at 6 pm.

*"Congratulations! Macbeth was a wonderful experience."*

*"Just to say how much we enjoyed the performance on Saturday. Hard work for the two superb actors, but wonderfully executed. Well done them, and the unseen support."*

Audience emails 2012

The Summer Festival offers a wide selection of shows with something to suit all ages and most tastes. We work hard to ensure our performances are of the best possible standard, prepared by professionals with a reputation for quality whilst keeping ticket prices affordable. The stage is fully covered, and the seating tiered, with the majority of seats also under cover. So it really is the best of both worlds, the chance to enjoy a spectacular outdoor setting and first rate show, with protection from the elements and an intimacy not normally associated with outdoor events.

*"I felt it important to email and thank your staff for being so welcoming and helpful. Please pass on my thanks to them, we had a great evening."*

Audience email 2012

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# PLAYS

*Ticket Price: Sat - £18; Midweek - £15; Matinee - £12*

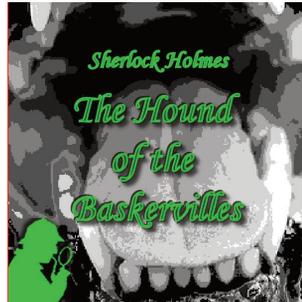
Enter Stage Right present

## Sherlock Holmes The Hound of the Baskervilles

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Adapted for Stage by Claire Malcomson  
Thurs 23rd – Sunday 26th May

Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson visit Hever in one of their most popular of adventures. Sir Charles Baskerville has been found dead in his garden. Is it from natural causes or is it something to do with the family curse? Is there really a huge hound that roams the moors beyond the borders of Baskerville Hall? Watch as Sherlock Holmes unravels the mystery in this elegant, atmospheric, and gripping production.

**Conan Doyle's defining tale**



Kean Productions present

## Joking Apart

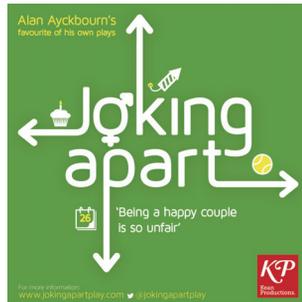
by Alan Ayckbourn  
Thurs 25th – Sat 27th July  
Matinee at 2.30pm on Thursday 25th July

4 Couples, 4 Garden Parties, 12 Years;  
"Being a happy couple is so unfair"

We are pleased to announce the return of Hever's most favoured playwright, Sir Alan Ayckbourn with one of his own favourite plays.

Spanning 12 years in the lives of happy and not so happy couples, the play is set in the same garden at various events. It's a hilarious and touching look at domestic bliss - or lack of - as only Alan Ayckbourn can!

**"A superb and chilling piece of work" The Times**  
**"A masterpiece of dramatic construction" The Guardian**



Kent Rep Associates present

## The Taming of the Shrew

by William Shakespeare  
Thurs 29th – Sat 31st August  
Matinee at 2.30pm on Friday 30th August

The newly reformed Kent Rep return in 2013 with a brand new production of Shakespeare's comedy of sexual warfare.

With an approach to the fair gentle sex that has all the finesse of a Mr Punch, Petruchio encounters in Kate, a female who is the very antithesis of a submissive Judy, with the resultant exchanges and action producing some moments of explosive comedy.

**This production promises a real feast of fun and laughter as a fitting climax to the Summer Festival!**

Cream Teas are available after matinee performances on  
Thursday 25th July and Friday 30th August.  
Served from 4.30pm – must be pre-booked.



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# FAMILY SHOWS

*Ticket Price: Adult - £16.50; Child – £12; Family Ticket - £49*

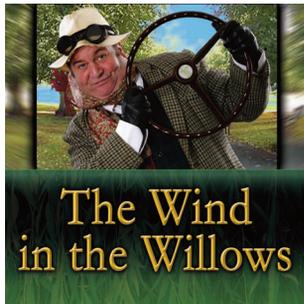


ILLYRIA present  
**Babe the Sheep-Pig**  
By Dick King-Smith  
Adapted by David Wood  
Thurs 30th - Fri 31st May

Farmer Hoggett wins a piglet at the fair - and everyone knows what unfortunate fate awaits piglets on a farm. Adopted by Fly the sheepdog, Babe develops his own methods of herding sheep using politeness instead of barking orders, and even saves the flock from being stolen by sheep rustlers.

But Farmer Hoggett is a hard man to please. So when Babe is entered for the county sheep dog trials he is going to need Fly's help, all his wits, and as much politeness as he can muster to get the sheep to co-operate, win the trials, and save his bacon.

Dick King-Smith's heartwarming tale of friendship, courage and determination is vividly brought to life by the same creative team behind Illyria's sensational record-breaking 2012 production of *The Twits*. The original book also inspired the hugely successful film, *BABE*. Suitable for all ages 5+.



Chapterhouse Theatre Company present  
**The Wind in the Willows**  
By Kenneth Grahame  
Adapted for the stage by Laura Turner  
Tues 30th - Weds 31st July

Join Badger, Ratty, Mole and Toad for a perfect summer adventure. What starts as a search for the best picnic spot rapidly turns into the most hilarious of escapades. With Toad's heart set on a shiny new motorcar and his very liberty soon at stake, will his faithful friends come to his rescue – and will he let them?

Alive with music, song and dance, this magical family show is presented in beautiful traditional costume and features a woodland parade during the interval for everyone to join in with!

***"Worth catching them whatever the show, wherever they go" Northern Echo***

***"The show is absolutely enchanting. It's aimed at kids but the drama, the tension, the humour, the lovable heroes and menacing villains, make it compelling theatre for grown-ups too... a crackling good story, beautifully adapted for the stage" Evening News***

Children's shows start at 2.30pm; gates open at 2pm; Exit 6pm.  
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# MUSICAL ENTE

*All performances start at 8pm*

## Westcoast celebrating the Good Vibrations of The Beach Boys

Sat 1st June

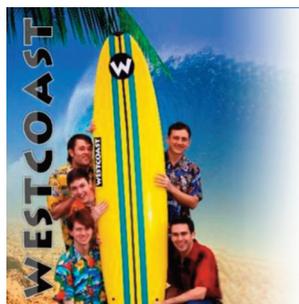
Reserved Covered - £23; Grass Seating - £15

Westcoast are not another tribute act, they are a complete entertainment experience celebrating the iconic music of The Beach Boys.

This show is packed from start to finish with familiar foot tapping hits, well known to audiences worldwide including Good Vibrations, Fun, Fun, Fun, Surfin' USA, Sloop John B, Barbara Ann, God Only Knows, Surfin' Safari, California Girls... to name just a few!

The original and unique harmony sound of the Beach Boys is accurately recreated by these great singers in a light hearted and entertaining "feel good" production.

**Fun, Fun, Fun.... A night not to be missed!**



## Viva Voce Music from Opera to Pop

Sun 11th August

Reserved Covered - £23; Grass Seating - £15

Viva Voce offers a feast of classical favourites fused with great pop songs, all delivered with style, charm and panache by four incredible young men, with classically trained voices combining to make a powerhouse of vocal harmony.

All the members of Viva Voce are successful performers in their own right from the worlds of musical theatre, opera and pop music, and each bring their own personality and incredible breadth of musical knowledge to this spectacular show.

From their four part harmony arrangements of opera classics such as "Nessun Dorma" to the toe-tapping, hand-clapping sing-a-long fun of "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" this incredible show has something for everyone.

**Il Divo, Watch Out!**



## The Rat Pack Swingin' at The Sands

Sat 10th August

Reserved Covered - £23; Grass Seating - £15

Take three great singers, add a dash of comedy and rousing camaraderie with a pinch of the greatest songs ever written and what do you get? - A perfect night's entertainment with 'The Rat Pack - Swingin' At The Sands!'

This fully choreographed homage to three great performers features such favourites as "I've Got You Under My Skin" & "Mr. Bojangles", not to mention the numbers every audience can't help singing and dancing along to, such as "New York, New York", "That's Life" and of course "My Way".

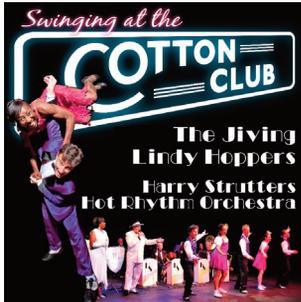
**Features Stars from the West End Show "The Rat Pack, Live from Las Vegas"**



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# ENTERTAINMENT

*Gates Open at 6.30pm*



## Swinging at the Cotton Club

**The Jiving Lindy Hoppers**  
**Harry Strutters Hot Rhythm Orchestra**  
**Sat 17th August**

Reserved Covered - £25; Grass Seating - £16

An absolute WOW at Hever when they appeared a few years ago, this is an action-packed show which celebrates the music, dance and songs of the Cotton Club - the famous night-club which flourished in New York's Harlem in the 1920's and 1930's.

In this show, the exciting music and dance routines are recreated by the fabulous Jiving Lindy Hoppers, the world's premier jazz dance company and the exciting Harry Strutters Hot Rhythm Orchestra - featuring American vocalist Marlene Hill, and compere & vocalist Megs Etherington.

***"What a brilliant night out - the best of all the concerts we have been to. The dancers were so full of energy, the band were great and the whole evening was great fun. Everyone in our party was bowled over. Please bring them back next year."***

***Just one of many pieces of feedback to their first visit to Hever***



## Emperors of Soul

**Celebrating Motown's Golden Era**

**Fri 16th August**

Reserved Covered - £23; Grass Seating - £15

For the first time at Hever, these are four fantastic singers from the world of West End musicals, who made the semi-final of BBC 1's "Your Country Needs You" in 2009. They bring an amazing show of mesmerizing harmonies and stunning choreography to celebrate the unforgettable music of Motown's golden era.

Be prepared to have your socks knocked off by an incredible tribute to The Temptations and a selection of unforgettable tunes including Love Train, Stand By Me, I Get The Sweetest Feeling and My Girl.

***"I have no doubt about your talent; I have no doubt about your future." Andrew Lloyd Webber***

## Last Night of the Hever Proms

**The Brandenburg Sinfonia**

**Sun 1 September**

Reserved Covered - £25; Grass Seating - £16

The Brandenburg Sinfonia perform a programme that includes **Jerusalem**, the **March of Pomp and Circumstance** and all the last night favourites as well as other popular classics including Fauré's Pavanne, Haydn's 'Farewell' Symphony and O Mio Babbino Caro by Puccini.

***"An ensemble of distinguished players..."***

***The Independent on Sunday***

***"Played with verve and sparkle" The Times***

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# OPERA and FOLK

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Opera Options present

## Trial by Jury

by Gilbert and Sullivan

with a first half of **Life, Love and Laughter**

Fri 2nd – Sat 3rd August

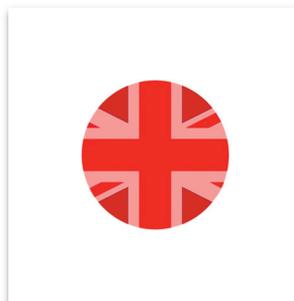
Reserved Covered - £23

A programme of popular items from HMS Pinafore, The Gondoliers, The Yeomen of the Guard, The Mikado, The Pirates of Penzance and Iolanthe. Also Grand Opera Favourites from Carmen, Madame Butterfly, La Traviata and La Boheme.

The Concert concludes with a fully staged performance of Trial by Jury, which was the first real success of Gilbert and Sullivan's partnership. It is the most produced of all their works, contains no spoken word and has not a dull moment in it:

***"A perfect gem, practically indestructible" quoted a critic of the time.***

The performance will be accompanied by the regular Opera Options orchestral ensemble.



ILLYRIA present

## The Mikado

by Gilbert & Sullivan

Fri 9th August

Reserved Covered - £20

This wonderful comic opera, although set in Japan, is very much a parody of British politics, institutions and public life - and although written in the 19th century is surprisingly relevant in the 21st!

It gets the complete Illyria treatment, faithfully performed by a reduced cast and accompanied by a Musical Director on keyboard.

***"Imagination and inventiveness were the hallmark of Illyria's top quality performance."***

***Blackpool Gazette (2012)***

## Steeleye Span

Folk rock pioneers, inspiration to generations.

Sat 24th August

Reserved Covered - £23; Grass Seating - £15

After two successful tours in 2011 and a few festivals in 2012 Steeleye are sticking as a six piece for their 2013 tour. With Maddy Prior, the voice of Steeleye for 38 years at the helm of the line-up which features band stalwart and fiddler extraordinaire Peter Knight, Rick Kemp on bass, Peter Zorn and Julian Littman on Guitars and Liam Genockey on the drum stool.

This show will see them visit the classics that have made them one of the most successful British Folk Rock bands ever.

***"Don't Miss them!" The Independent***



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# JAZZ

*Gates Open at 6.30pm*



## The Jive Aces King of the Swingers Tour

Sun 30 June

Reserved Covered - £20; Grass Seating - £14

Britain's Got Talent stars, The Jive Aces, are the UK's No.1 Jive & Swing band. Renowned for their high energy Jump Jive and swing music and spectacular stage show, the band's repertoire stretches from the timeless tunes of the swing era to the glitz of the Rat Pack, with a dash of rhythm & blues, swing and jazz.

They feature songs made famous by such greats as Louis Prima, Cab Calloway, Benny Goodman, Louis Armstrong, Sammy Davis Jr. and Ella Fitzgerald - along with a selection of superb originals taken from their albums.

In 2012 the band were semi-finalists on "Britain's Got Talent", and their music video, "Bring Me Sunshine", has become a viral hit with over 2-million views on YouTube.

**"Absolutely Brilliant! That really put me in a good**

**mood." Simon Cowell**

**"Simply sensational!" The Stage**



## Stacey Kent and her Musicians

Sun 2nd June

Reserved Covered - £23; Grass Seating - £15

Stacey has established herself as one of the new century's brightest jazz revelations: voted best jazz vocalist at the 2001 British Jazz Awards, and the 2002 BBC Jazz Awards. Her best-selling album **Breakfast On the Morning Train**, was nominated for a Grammy Award, whilst her follow-up album '**Raconte-Moi**' was released in more than 37 different countries worldwide.

Her ability to tell a story, capture an emotion, a mood, hone it and share it like a secret with her audience are some of the qualities that make Stacey Kent so very special.

**"Devastatingly stylish" The Observer**

## Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen

Sun 18th August

Reserved Covered - £23; Grass Seating - £15

Probably the greatest test of an artist's success is his durability, and Kenny has been there for the whole roller-coaster ride, with early chart hits by the dozen and subsequent years of touring.

Kenny is now a genuine institution and the most successful jazz trumpet player this side of the Atlantic. His landmark recordings of the 1960s such as **Midnight in Moscow** earned him a worldwide following that survives to this day.

**Kenny Ball is a legend!**

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# CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

*All films start at 8.30pm; Gates open at 6.30pm*

*Ticket Price - £12*

## Notting Hill

**Tuesday 20th August**

The life of a simple bookshop owner (Hugh Grant) changes when he meets the most famous film star (Julia Roberts) in the world.



## Grease Sing-a-Long

**Wednesday 21st August**

The sing-a-long version of a true classic. Good girl Sandy and greaser Danny fell in love over the summer. But when they unexpectedly discover they're now in the same high school, will they be able to rekindle their romance?



## The Rocky Horror Picture Show

**Thursday 22nd August**

A newly engaged couple have a breakdown in an isolated area and must pay a call to the bizarre residence of Dr. Frank-N-Furter.



## Skyfall

**Friday 23rd August**

Bond's (Daniel Craig) loyalty to M (Dame Judy Dench) is tested as her past comes back to haunt her, bringing MI6 under attack.



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# COMEDY

*Ticket Price: Reserved Covered - £15  
(Shows not suitable for under 15's)*



## Andrew Lawrence Is Coming to Get You Friday 7th June

As seen on BBC 1's *Live at the Apollo*, now a regular on Channel 4's *Stand Up For the Week*, Andrew Lawrence is back on the road following a sell-out fifty date tour of the UK. A former double Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, audiences can expect Lawrence to deliver an evening of top class stand-up.

*"Near perfection" - The Independent*



## David O'Doherty Seize the David O'Doherty Tour Thursday 11th July

Here he comes, hitting the proverbial road with a bag containing a tiny keyboard, six C batteries (spare) and a book of actual sex tips he found in a dentist's waiting room. Winner: 2008 Edinburgh Comedy Award (formerly The Perrier Award).

*"A national treasure" - The Irish Times*

*"Not everyone's cup of tea" - The Irish Times*



## Josh Widdicombe and Seann Walsh Two of the best up-and-coming Comedians; One Hilarious Evening. Thursday 18th July

Since his first gig in January 2008 Josh has had a remarkable impact on the comedy circuit, and in just four years he has been nominated and won several prestigious awards. Outside the realms of stand-up, Josh has been busy taking part as a regular in many TV shows including two series of Channel 4's *Stand Up For The Week*, Channel 4's *Comedy Gala Live At The 02 2012*, *Last Leg With Adam Hills*, *Mock The Week*, *8 Out Of 10 Cats* and *The Rob Brydon Show*.

*"His talent for comedy is priceless." - Evening Standard*

Charming and charismatic, a natural motor-mouth, Brighton's Seann Walsh is the most frighteningly precocious talent to emerge from the UK comedy circuit in ages, and boasts several comedy awards since his first comedy performance in 2007. The star of BBC1's *Live at the Apollo*, Channel 4's *Stand Up For The Week* and *Dave's Argumental* delivers an all-new hour of...

*... 'Sharp, creative observational comedy from a precocious newcomer. See him now, before the stadium tour' - Sunday Times*





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# BOOKING INFORMATION

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Telephone reservations must be confirmed with full payment within seven days or the seats may be released for resale. Cheques should be made payable to Hever Festival Productions Ltd. Mastercard/Visa/Maestro are also acceptable.

- There is a Booking Fee of £1.50 with each order, when placed through the Theatre Box Office.
- There is an Online Booking Fee of 7% of the total order value, when placed using the online booking facility.

All tickets for the Festival Theatre at Hever Castle are sold subject to the Theatre's Terms and Conditions which are available from the box office or can be viewed on our website. All ticket prices include VAT at 20%. **Tickets are non-refundable.**

## Group Booking

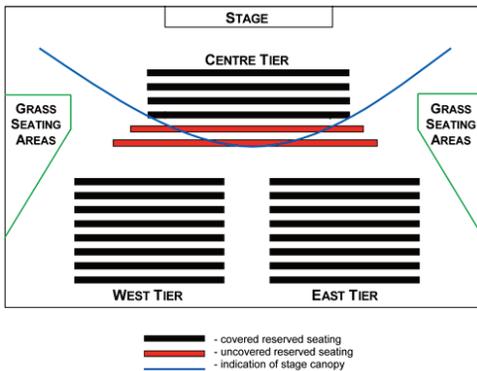
There is a 10% discount for groups booking 20 seats or more for any single performance\*.

Only one discount can be applied to any ticket price. Group discounts can only be applied to full priced theatre tickets NOT Friends discounted prices or Family/Children's Tickets.

ALL discounted tickets must be booked by telephone through the box office. Only standard priced tickets can be booked online

\* Group Bookings are not accepted for Comedy Nights.

## Seating Information



- Seating in the West and East Tiers is covered by the seating stands' own canopies
- The covered seats are tiered and include seats in the stands and chairs on the ground.
- Uncovered reserved seating is available for all shows at a cost of £1 less than the covered seat price.
- Grass Seating is available for many Music events (please refer to individual events). Audience are able to bring their own chairs or rugs and sit in the areas to either side of the main auditorium. Places are uncovered and unreserved, and the view may be restricted.
- Festival Friends and 5 Year Patrons of the theatre are entitled to a 5% discount on all full price theatre tickets
- A Family Ticket for Babe and The Wind in the Willows permits 2 adults/2 children or 1 adult/3 children.

No performance is guaranteed. In the event of bad weather a decision to cancel a performance would not normally be made until the time the performance is due to start. We are happy to report that this has occurred less than 10 times in the past 30 years. The possibility of delaying the start or pausing a production will always be explored. **Open Air Theatre – Warm clothing is advised.**

## Location

The Theatre is located in the grounds of Hever Castle in Kent, which is situated 3 miles South East of Edenbridge off the B2026 between Sevenoaks and East Grinstead. It is easily accessible from the coastal towns of Kent and Sussex, as well as London and the Home Counties. Hever Castle is approximately 30 minutes from junction 5 or 6 on the M25. It is also well signed from the Hildenborough exit of the A21. Follow the brown tourist signs. Satellite navigation users: Post Code TN8 7NG.

## Performance Dates

A full list of performance dates is available at <http://www.heverfestival.co.uk/dates.php>

