

MORE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY...

THE BIG UKELELE GIG - B.U.G.S.

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL | SUN 13 JUL | 2.00PM (DOORS 1.30PM) | FREE

GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON for a fun afternoon of music and dancing with hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's (and some newer ones). We will be joined by CJ Jive for some Lindy Hop and Jive Dancing.

THE WONDERFUL HISTORY OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH | TUE 15 JUL (11AM) AND THU 17 JUL (2PM) | FREE

St Mary's Church has been the centre of the Battle community for almost 1000 years. Highlights of the tour will be the fabulous stained glass windows, crusaders' crosses, Battle Tapestry, the tomb of Sir Anthony Brown and the grave of a man who died aged 120.

WILDING: FREE FILM SCREENING - GARY DUNK

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL | WED 16 JUL | 7.30PM (DOORS 7PM) | FREE

Filmed on the Knepp Estate in West Sussex, this wonderful environmental documentary film shows how an ailing farm is transformed against all the odds, going on to thrive in astonishing ways for nature and wild life.

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT - HISTORY WALK

THROUGHOUT BATTLE | SAT 12, SAT 19, SUN 20 JUL | 11.00AM | £5.00

A walk along Battle High Street with historic buildings consultant Stephen Gray, to learn how to spot the medieval buildings Hiding in Plain Sight. Meet at bench by roundabout at the head of Lake Field (opposite The Chequers).



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MON 21 JULY

FOR THE LOVE OF LATIN

CAROLINE MCKENZIE

THE ALMONRY | MON 21 JUL | 7.00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM) TICKETS: £12.50

Discover the joys of Latin in this lively, accessible workshop with tutor and author Caroline Mackenzie. Through an illustrated talk and interactive discussion, Caroline explores Latin's rich links to English, shares evocative poetry, and reveals how ancient writers used language to stir emotion. No prior knowledge needed – just curiosity! Caroline brings years of expertise and infectious enthusiasm to the classics.

APPEARANCES: MEMORY, HISTORY, CLOTHES

CAROL DYHOUSE

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL, WYNNE ROOM | TUE 22 JUL | 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 7PM) TICKETS: £12.50

Clothes hold memories and shape identity. In this engaging talk, social historian Carol Dyhouse explores the themes of her new book Appearances: Memory, History, Clothes (2025), tracing women's changing attitudes to fashion from the 1950s to the 1980s. Drawing on family stories and vintage style, she asks: did we follow trends—or create them?

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

BATTLE COMMUNITY CINEMA

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL | WED 23 JUL | 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 7PM) TICKETS: £4.00 / £5.00

A special screening of Ang Lee's award winning film of Jane Austen's first novel to coincide with the 250th Anniversary of her birth. There will be prizes for audience members dressed in best costumes of the period! Tickets are available from the Memorial Hall and British Design British Made, or on the door.

LEKIDDO SINGS...

SONGS FROM THE GOLDEN AGE OF JAZZ & SWING

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL | FRI 25 JUL | 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 7PM) TICKETS: £15.00

LEKIDDO sings glamorous 'a cappella' classics from the 1920s–1940s, channelling Cole Porter, Ella Fitzgerald, Harry Warren, Noel Coward, Gershwin and the Golden Age of Swing. Be prepared for a toe tapping evening!!

Encouraged by Stevie Wonder and trained by ENO's David Bowman, he's performed for George Clooney, sung with George Michael and Tina Turner, and even entertained the Royal Family—though he'll only reveal the twinkle in HM Queen Elizabeth's eyes.

HTTPS://LEKIDDO.COM/LEKIDDOSSINGS



TUE 22 JULY



WED 23 JULY



FRI 25 JULY

SAT 26 JULY

SCENES FROM THE SAVOY

KAREN DRURY, ACTRESS, LOUISE WINTER, VOICE, WILL HANCOX, PIANO

A cocktail of wit, intrigue, tragedy, scandal, and luxury at the Savoy Hotel...

An amusing and compelling entertainment at the "goings-on" in London's first luxury hotel: The Savoy, which opened in 1889. Its founder attracted the most glittering stars of the era: the painters, writers and artistes of its time.

Join us as we glimpse at the incredible moments and stories from the Strand, meeting the renowned characters who strolled through the revolving doors of this iconic hotel.

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL | SAT 26 JUL | 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 7PM) | TICKETS: £15.00

SUN 27 JULY

TEA CONCERT IN BATTLE ABBEY

THE PRIMROSE PIANO TRIO

Three members of the Primrose Piano Quartet make a welcome return for this year's ever popular tea concert in the beautiful setting of Battle Abbey's Abbot's Hall.

The programme celebrates two anniversaries: Shostakovich is featured in one of his most popular pieces, the sonata for cello and piano, written during a happy period of a brief love affair and brimming with melodies, colours and dramatic effects. Ravel is celebrated with his stunning violin showpiece, "Tzigane". The three come together for an eternal favourite with audiences, Schubert's glorious Piano Trio in B flat.

Delicious cakes will be served in the interval, complementing the perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

BATTLE ABBEY SCHOOL | 3.00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 2.30PM) | TICKETS: £20.00 (INC TEA AND CAKES)



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BATTLE FESTIVAL 2025

THROUGHOUT BATTLE THIS JULY!



SAT 12 JULY

BATTLE FESTIVAL

COMMUNITY DAY!

SCARECROW COMPETITION

WILD ABOUT BATTLE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH BATTLE YARN BOMBERS

THROUGHOUT BATTLE FROM 12 - 27 JULY | FREE TO ENTER!

KINDLY SUPPORTED BY GRAHAM PETERS, AUDREY KOOP AND PAULA WILLIAMS

Unleash your creativity this summer with the Battle Festival Scarecrow Competition! Whether you're a resident, business, school, or community group, show what makes you wild about Battle. Whether it's good or bad, happy or sad – let your imagination run wild as you create a scarecrow that celebrates the heart and spirit of our town! It's open to all, and we can't wait to see what you create!

ENTER ONLINE: battlefestival.co.uk/scarecrows

SUMMER SONGS WORKSHOP

LOUISE WINTER & WILL HANCOX

ST MARY'S CHURCH | SAT 12 JUL | WORKSHOP: 11.00AM (DOORS OPEN AT 10.30AM) CONCERT: 3.30PM TICKETS: WORKSHOP & CONCERT £15.00 / CONCERT ONLY £5.00

A wonderful opportunity to get up and sing! Join renowned mezzo-soprano Louise Winter for an inspiring singing workshop at St Mary's Church, Battle, on Saturday 12th July. Whether you're keen to sing, observe, or play, this is a wonderful opportunity to develop your vocal or piano skills under expert guidance, with pianist Will Hancox.

The day culminates in a concert at 3.30pm, showcasing the workshop's highlights.

FAMILY MOSAIC DAY

DROP IN WORKSHOP WITH HANNAH GRIFFITHS

HANNAH'S WORKSHOP | SAT 12 JUL | 11.00AM - 1.00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 10.30AM) | TICKETS: £10.00

A creative and fun event for families! Come together to design a mosaic in a small tin, an image or decorative pattern of your choice. Create an artwork and memories you can cherish for years to come.

There will be four 30 minute sessions throughout the day. Open to all, but the under 8's need to have a grown up with them!



SUN 13 JUL

SUMMER PROM: OPERA GALA AT THE ABBOT'S HALL

BAREFOOT OPERA

Join us in the sumptuous surroundings of Battle Abbey for an unforgettable evening of music and drama. In the historic Abbott's Hall, acclaimed local company Barefoot Opera present a Summer Prom, with extracts from Puccini, Verdi, Bizet, and more. With staged arias and scenes from some of the world's most beloved operas, Barefoot Opera will enchant you from the first note to the rousing final chorus. Whether you're an opera enthusiast or a newcomer, this is the perfect chance to experience world-class artistry in a breathtaking setting.

Picnics in the grounds are encouraged before the show and during the interval. Refreshments must be purchased from the on site bar.

BATTLE ABBEY,
ABBOT'S HALL

SUN 13 JUL

7PM (DOORS OPEN 6PM)

TICKETS: £20.00

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FINDING SHACKLETON'S SHIP

MICHAEL SMITH

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL | TUE 15 JUL | 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 7PM) TICKETS: £12.50

Polar historian Michael Smith captures the enthralling 100-year story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship, Endurance which sank in 1915 and was re-discovered a century later two miles beneath the Antarctic ice. Michael sets the scene for the greatest story of survival in Polar history and how a dedicated team of marine archaeologists and scientists overcame a series of obstacles to bring Endurance back to life.

TUE 15 JULY



MOSAICS WORKSHOP

HANNAH GRIFFITHS

HANNAH'S WORKSHOP (3 STREAM FARM COTTAGES, BATTLE TN33 0HH) THU 17 & SAT 26 JUL | 10.00AM - 5.00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 9.30AM) TICKETS: £125.00 (INCLUDES MATERIALS, LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS!)

Local artist Hannah Griffiths will teach you the skills you need to create a mosaic project, such as a house number or pot stand. A gorgeous range of materials including glass, ceramic and mirror tiles are provided, but you may wish to use your own broken crockery or treasured objects for particular personal projects.

THU 17 JULY

SAT 26 JULY



THU 17 JULY



WOMEN IN INTELLIGENCE

DR HELEN FRY - BATTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL | THU 17 JUL | 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 7PM) TICKETS: £5.00 (ON THE DOOR) / MEMBERS OF BDHS GO FREE

Dr. Helen Fry, a historian and author, specializes in WWII history, notably the 'Secret Listeners.' She consults for major TV networks and advocates for the National Centre for Military Intelligence. A trustee of the Medmenham Collection and honorary member of The Association of Jewish Refugees, she also contributes to history education. Her 2023 book, Women in Intelligence, explores women's vital roles in WWI and WWII.

FRI 18 JULY

AN ALPHABET OF STORMS

HENRY NORMAL

Henry is a writer, poet, and TV producer who co-founded both the Manchester and Nottingham Poetry Festivals. In 2017, he received a special BAFTA for services to Television, having co-written the award-winning Mrs Merton Show, The Royle Family, and several shows with Steve Coogan.

As co-founder of Baby Cow Productions, he executive produced and script-edited acclaimed projects like Philomena, Gavin and Stacey, The Mighty Boosh, and Alan Partridge. His BBC Radio 4 work blends comedy, poetry, and family stories.

Henry now lives in Fairlight with his wife, screenwriter Angela Pell, and their son. Together they co-wrote his bestselling memoir A Normal Family. He continues to perform at festivals, has published numerous poetry books, holds two honorary doctorates—and even has a beer and a bus named after him.

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL | 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 7PM) | TICKETS: £17.50



SAT 19 JULY

CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT

KIANUSH ROBESON

ST MARY'S CHURCH | SAT 19 JUL | 3.00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 2.30PM) FREE, WITH DONATIONS TO CHARITY WELCOME

The Classical Guitar as we know it becomes recognised in the 20th century thanks to great performers and none more so than Andres Segovia and Julian Bream. Kianush Robeson will explore the repertoire they inspired telling a story of how the guitar developed in this period performing British, Spanish and Italian music.

SAT 19 JULY



COME RAIN, COME SHINE

LONDON REVUE COMPANY

Back by popular demand, The London Revue Company returns to Battle Festival with Come Rain, Come Shine — a sparkling, heart-warming celebration of British country life. Starring Sunny Ormonde (Lilian Bellamy, The Archers), with music, comedy and charm from Nicola Keen, Michael Winsor and Malcolm McKee. A sparkling revue with a rural twist, followed by a Q & A and behind-the-scenes tales from Ambridge.

BATTLE MEMORIAL HALL | 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN 7PM) TICKETS: £22.50



SUN 20 JULY

PIANO RECITAL WITH BBC YOUNG MUSICIAN 2024 WINNER

RYAN WANG

17-year-old pianist Ryan Wang is a truly extraordinary talent, having made his Carnegie Hall debut at the tender age of 5 and dazzling audiences with his spectacular performances during last year's BBC Young Musician Competition. Battle Festival are delighted to present his recital featuring an outstanding selection of Chopin's much-loved piano works in the beautiful surroundings of Battle Abbey's Abbot's Hall.

BATTLE ABBEY SCHOOL | 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN 7PM) TICKETS: £20.00

