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CLEVEDON'S  
UNIQUE  
THEATRE  
IN A SHOP

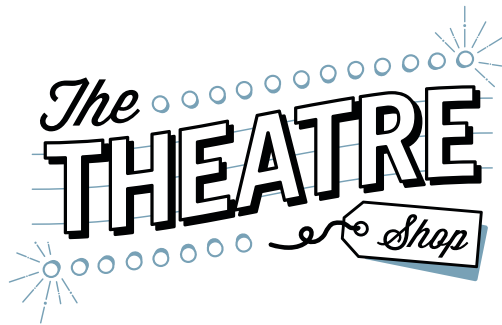
# The THEATRE

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## GREETINGS!

It's really small, isn't it? This new Theatre Shop brochure. Maybe it's not even a brochure any more. Maybe it's a booklet. Or a pamphlet. Call it what you like, it fits neatly in a pocket/handbag/sporran so you can keep it on hand at all times should you have an urgent need for top quality professional entertainment!

And just because it's small, it doesn't mean its not packed with stuff. Cos it is.

So get reading, get booking, and see you at the Theatre Shop this Autumn!

**The Theatre Shop team**

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THEATRE SHOP,  
INCLUDING DIRECTIONS AND ACCESS INFORMATION  
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE**

**WWW.THEATRESHOP.ORG.UK**



## ABOUT THEATRE SHOP

We turned an empty shop into a theatre seven years ago, and have enjoyed filling Clevedon Town Centre with life and laughter ever since.

It's run by The Theatre Shop CIC, a not-for-profit organisation made up of volunteers and Clevedon's theatre company, Living Spit.

Find out more about what else they're up to at:

[www.livingspit.co.uk](http://www.livingspit.co.uk)

## 📞 GET IN TOUCH

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## 📄 HOW TO BOOK

Online at [www.theatreshop.org.uk](http://www.theatreshop.org.uk)  
(no booking fee)

or call 0333 666 3366  
(£1.50 booking fee).

## THANK YOU

Theatre Shop is only possible thanks to our many local partners and supporters. **Please note:** we reserve the right, in certain circumstances to change the programme.

MON 20–SAT 25 MARCH & MON 27 MARCH–SAT 1 APRIL

# ONE MAN AND HIS COW

LIVING SPIT

🕒 7.30PM 🎟 £15 🏠 AGE 10+

Farmer Trevor has a big problem. Given just months to live, he is faced with the dilemma of which one of his three children to bequeath his beloved farmstead to.

Each has their own beguiling qualities and Trevor just can't choose between them. Then one fateful night in the

cowshed, help arrives from the most unlikely of sources...

A rural romp, written and performed by “the Morecambe and Wise of Weston Super Mare” (The Daily Telegraph), featuring a multitude of agricultural antics and farmyard frolics, all told with homespun charm and wit and entirely in rhyme and song.



**“LIKE KING LEAR.  
BUT WITH A COW”**  
AUDIENCE MEMBER

SUN 16 APRIL

# DINOSAURS AND ALL THAT RUBBISH

ROUSTABOUT THEATRE

🕒 2PM 🎟 £8 🏠 AGE 3+

One small step for man, one giant pile of rubbish left behind! Man's dream to reach the stars leaves the world in ruins and disturbs the sleeping dinosaurs. Will they wake up and save planet Earth?

An imaginative adaptation of Michael Foreman's environmental tale with dancing dino-saurs, fueled by rock'n'roll. This riotous hour, packed with signature Roustabout silliness, will have you tapping your toes from start to finish!



FRI 21 APRIL

## ELVIS IN BLUE HAWAII

SPITZ & CO

🕒 7.30PM 🎟 £15

Determined to give Oscar-nominated Austin Butler a run for his money, award-winning Elvis impersonator Joe Reeve stars in his own version of the

classic Elvis film "Blue Ha-waii". His long-time tour manager Josephine Cunningham is there to keep the show on the road ... next stop Vegas!

Expect the usual mayhem and lots of audience interaction, plus all your favourite Elvis songs.

From the creators of "Gloriator", "Glorilla", and "Les Gloriables".



**"AN ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT SHOW!!! I LAUGHED UNTIL I CRIED!!!"**

AUDIENCE MEMBER

THURS 27 APRIL

## EUROVISION SOCK CONTEST

SCOTTISH FALSETTO SOCK PUPPET THEATRE

🕒 7.30PM

🎟 £15

🕒 AGE 14+

Earth's funniest footwear are back with their latest comedy hour. Fresh from a hit run at the Edinburgh Fringe they bring you a whole Song Contest for your voting pleasure. With entries from everyone from Scandinavia to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, who will win? You decide. Expect the usual songs, sketches, and Gags Sans Frontieres.

**"A NATIONAL TREASURE, BY ANY REASONABLE DEFINITION" STARBURST**

**"BEAUTIFULLY UP-BEAT, ENERGETIC, AND ABSURD" EDFRINGE REVIEW**



FRI 12 MAY

# THE REMAINS OF LOGAN DANKWORTH

LUKE WRIGHT

**I believed that Fukayama line: the end of history. But History didn't end, did it?**

Logan Dankworth, columnist and Twitter warrior, grew up romanticising the political tur-moil of the 1980s. Now, as the EU Referendum looms he is determined to be in the fray of the biggest political battle for years. Meanwhile, Logan's wife Megan wants to leave London to better raise their daughter. As tensions rise at home and across the nation, something is set to be lost forever.

The third of Luke Wright's trilogy of political verse plays looks at trust, fatherhood and family in the age of Brexit.

**"HUMAN, VULNERABLE, EMINENTLY HONEST AND VERY, VERY ELOQUENT.... SENSATIONAL WRITING"**

GUARDIAN

7.30PM

£15

AGE 14+

SAT 13 MAY

# REFUGEE CATS

STEPPING OUT THEATRE

2PM & 7.30PM

£000??

AGE 6+

Tickets available from .....

All proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Playwrights Theatre of Kyiv

By Ludmyla Tymoshenko and Marina Smilyanets

Directed by Cher Douglas

A funny, heart-warming and inspiring story by two well-known playwrights from Kyiv about friendship, survival, and coming to terms with the refugee experience. Currently the most popular Ukrainian play in the world, 'Refugee Cats' is helping thousands of Ukrainian children come to terms with their changed world.

Formed in 1997, based in Bristol and with over one hundred productions to its credit, Stepping Out Theatre is the country's leading mental health theatre group.

**"THE WORK STEPPING OUT THEATRE IS DOING SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY ALL INTERESTED IN A SOCIETY THAT IS HEALTHY"**

**MARK RYLANCE, PATRON**



THURS 18 MAY

# HOW TO BE A BETTER HUMAN

BRAVE WORDS

🕒 7.30PM

🎟 £15

👤 AGE 14+

**"A REFRESHING MESSAGE  
IN A LIKEABLE, LOW-  
KEY SPOKEN WORD  
SHOW...HONEST AND  
ENTERTAINING"**

**LYN GARDNER,  
THE STAGE**

A spoken word comedy about grief, loss and self-acceptance, telling Chris' story of losing two of the biggest relationships in his life - Dad and Wife - in the space of a few months.

Performed by Chris Singleton and directed by Tom Malcolm Wright, How to Be A Better Human uses powerpoint comedy, autobiographical storytelling and poetry to open accessible conversations about grief, loss and mental health.

It finds the lightness and humour in death, loss and divorce and explores how we can lose everything and still find the strength to rebuild. How growing a beard can be the best decision of your life, and why some hedgehogs are absolute d\*\*\*\*\*s.



SAT 27 MAY

# THE HALF

TREAD SOFTLY PRODUCTIONS

🕒 7.30PM

🎟 £15

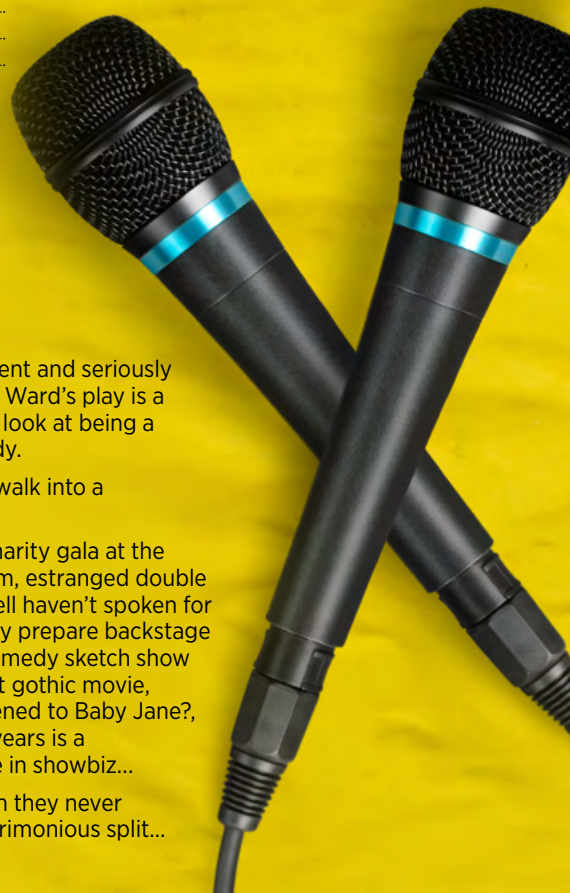
👤 AGE 16+

Hilarious, intelligent and seriously moving, Danielle Ward's play is a no-holds-barred look at being a woman in comedy.

Two comedians walk into a dressing room...

Reunited for a charity gala at the London Palladium, estranged double act Cathy and Nell haven't spoken for ten years. As they prepare backstage to revive their comedy sketch show based on the cult gothic movie, Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?, they realise ten years is a lo-o-o-o-ng time in showbiz...

...especially when they never resolved their acrimonious split...



SUN 28 MAY  
**THE MUNCH  
MISSION**

BRAVE BOLD DRAMA

🕒 2PM  
🎫 £8  
👤 AGE 6+



Join Agents Kahlo and Dali of the Company of International Artists to solve a sneaky art heist. Chase leads, decipher clues and interrogate suspects to retrieve the missing artwork in this globe-trotting adventure. Playable family theatre full of mystery, nods to film noir and a broad streak of quirky comedy.

Theatre Shop is once again proud to be a host venue for **MORE THAN WORDS** Clevedon's very own Literary Festival. These events can be booked via the More Than Words website at:  
[www.clevedonliteraryfestival.uk](http://www.clevedonliteraryfestival.uk)



Katy Cawkwell

**WEDS 31 MAY 7.30PM**  
**POTTERING AROUND CLEVEDON  
- WILLIAM FISHERY-HOLLAND  
AND HIS BOOK AT 65**  
Illustrated talk by Peter Longman

**FRI 9 JUNE 11AM**  
**FRIDA KAHLO, SELF-PORTRAIT**  
Illustrated talk by Jonathan Camp

**FRI 9 JUNE 1.30PM**  
**STEPPING OUT AND SPEAKING  
OUT: WALKING, NATURE,  
IDENTITY AND LAND**  
Anita Sethi

**FRI 9 JUNE 7.30PM**  
**TRISTAN & ISEULT**  
Tragedy, romance and thrill,  
spanning the lands and seas of  
Cornwall, Brittany and Ireland  
Katy Cawkwell, performance  
storyteller

[www.clevedonliteraryfestival.uk](http://www.clevedonliteraryfestival.uk)

**SAT 10 JUNE 8PM**  
**SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD  
SPECTACULAR**  
Performance poetry, wit and  
humour  
Matt Harvey & Jo Bell

**SUN 11 JUNE 10.30AM**  
**THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES  
& THE MAN WHO STRAIGHTENED  
A RIVER**  
Join Wild Words on their new  
'green' family adventure from the  
Somerset Levels to the Mountains  
of France  
Wild Words



SAT 17 JUNE

# HERO AND LEANDER OR I LOVE YOU, BUT EVERYTHING'S UNDER WATER

JACK DEAN & COMPANYY



Sing, dance and cry with us in this bittersweet outdoor gig theatre show. Six multi-instrumentalists tell an epic seaside tale through songs encompassing folk, indie, sea shanties and choral music. A story of bad rulers, worse weather, and how we keep going when everything is flipping terrible.

🕒 7.30PM

🎫 £15

🕒 AGE 14+

WED 26 JULY

# PANDORA'S ~~BOX~~ JAR

THE LAST BAGUETTE

🕒 7.30PM

🎫 FREE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE IN QUEENS SQ

🕒 AGE 6+

Ever wondered what's in the jar? The one on the top shelf? Why is it there? Why were you told not to look it in? Could it really be so bad?

With a plethora of costume changes, a pantheon of Gods and a prohibited peek into a pithos, The Last Baguette retell the preposterous and

problematic story of Pandora.

A gallop through Greek mythology featuring goofy gods, hilarious heroines & daft deities. Join the Baguettes as they lift the lid on this classic myth with physical comedy, visual sto-rytelling, live music, un-Apollo-getically bad puns and lo-fi special effects.





# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

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THU 18	HOW TO BE A BETTER HUMAN BRAVE WORDS	7.30PM
SAT 27	THE HALF TREAD SOFTLY PRODUCTIONS	7.30PM
SUN 28	THE MUNCH MISSION BRAVE BOLD DRAMA	2PM
WED 31	 POTTERING AROUND CLEVEDON PETER LONGMAN	7.30PM
JUNE		
FRI 9	 FRIDA KAHLO JONATHAN CAMP	11AM
	STEPPING OUT & SPEAKING OUT ANITA SETHI	1.30PM
	 TRISTAN & ISEULT KATY CAWKWELL	7.30PM
SAT 10	SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD SPECTACULAR	8PM
SUN 11	 THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES & THE MAN WHO STRAIGHTENED A RIVER	10.30AM
SAT 17	HERO AND LEANDER JACK DEAN & CO	7.30PM
JULY		
WED 26 JULY	PANDORA'S BOX JAR THE LAST BAGUETTE	7.30PM