



RIPON Theatre FESTIVAL

7-11
June
2023

2023 Festival Guide

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welcome!

Wow – our first Ripon Theatre Festival in 2022 went down so well that we are going to do it all over again! Thank you so much to everyone who has encouraged us and supported this year, helping to make it even bigger and brighter.

The 2023 festival not only sees two full days of free family events in and around the city centre, but more ticketed theatre shows in a wonderful variety of venues, both indoors and open-air. There really is something for everyone!



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Introducing WILF...

We'd like you to meet our new furry festival friend. Whenever you see Wilf, you'll know that families are welcome and that the event will be full of fun.

Many of our events are FREE or Pay What You Can, so please get into the festival spirit and come along to multiple shows. All ticket and donation income will help make future festivals happen...

See you in June!

The Festival Team

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7.30pm | Ripon Arts Hub

Happy Place

'Weight of the world getting you down? Get down to your nearest Happy Place and leave your worries at the door. With over seven thousand locations nationwide, we create personalised realities at affordable prices.'

In a near dystopian future, corporations have commodified happiness into virtual reality booths, costing just the price of a coffee for limitless experiences.

With comedy, puppetry, physical theatre and live music, follow four strangers on an extraordinary journey as they find themselves locked inside their own Happy Place.

Join critically-acclaimed *Forget About The Dog* in what has been described as a *Black Mirror* meets Monty Python meets *Jumanji* adventure, exploring happiness, friendship and the role technology plays in our world.

Presented in partnership with Ripon YMCA Young Leaders.

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£12 (£10)

Age guide 12 +

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11am–12.30pm | Ripon Library

Tales from the Scriptorium

A hands-on
event for
adults

A morning of heritage crafts, history and storytelling.

Join Brother Aidan of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne as he creates an Anglo Saxon book whilst weaving talks of his life as a monk. Equipped with fascinating replica artefacts, participants will learn a range of techniques from parchment and ink-making to book-binding, leatherwork and calligraphy, creating items to take home.

Presented by Andrew Bates from Hazelsong Theatre



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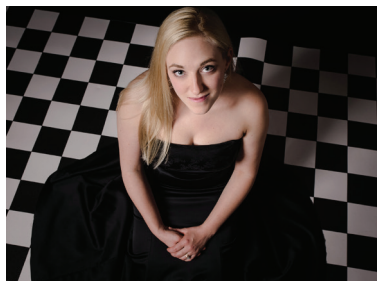
1pm–1.50pm | Ripon Cathedral Quire

Songs from Shakespeare

A recital of Shakespeare songs and arias including works by Verdi, Gounod and Cole Porter, finishing with *Brush Up Your Shakespeare!* Performed by soprano Louise Wayman, accompanied by Tim Harper.

A Thursday Concerts event presented by Ripon Cathedral

Refreshments provided from 12.30pm



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FREE (retiring collection)

1.30pm & 4pm | Ripon Library

Once Upon a Fairytale

Goldilocks is missing and we need your help to find her!

A fun-packed, interactive show for little folk. There'll be games, music, puppets and so much more!

Fairytales have been around for centuries. Passing from generation to generation and taking on different twists and turns there are usually lessons to be learnt and characters to love . . . as well as those to watch out for. Travel with Story Craft Theatre through a whole host of favourite stories and meet familiar faces along the way: Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man and some hungry Bears to name a few!



Pay What You Can
(PWYC)

Age guide 2–7



Open-air
theatre

7pm (gates 6.15pm) | The Old Deanery

Sense and Sensibility

The social season is upon us! You are cordially invited to the Matchmaker's Ball.

Despite their straitened circumstances, sisters Elinor and Marianne Dashwood each seek to meet an honourable man of good fortune (and handsome countenance if possible) by whatever means necessary. Heartbreak Productions' open-air adaptation of Jane Austen's social satire is sure to satiate your summer romance requirement.

Don your finery and come mingle with the beau monde as revelry and rivalry ensue. Rumours abound that royalty may even be amongst our number...

Pack a picnic, grab your chaise longue (or blanket), and settle in for this literary classic with a Heartbreak twist.

£18 (£10)

Age guide 9+

12 noon–2pm | Holy Trinity Arches

Bread is Life

Let's make bread - the Syrian way. We'll mix the dry ingredients, in a bowl bought in a souk from Idlib, then we add water... and wait for it to rise. And when it is ready, and the room is filled with the smell of freshly-baked bread, we will share it with our friends and neighbours – and enjoy it with Syrian meze.

When he was in Turkey, writer Kevin Dyer was told by a Syrian refugee, 'Do not forget Syria'. In a thrilling piece of interactive storytelling, *Storm in the North* attempts to keep the proud people of that country in all our minds – with food and a story of hope.



£10 (includes meze)

Age guide 13+

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 Ripon City of Sanctuary

3pm | Holy Trinity Arches

Mike and Millie Go to the Seaside

Specially created for those living with later-stage dementia, this charming 20-minute show takes the audience on a day trip to the 1960s. Using music, dance, mime and rhyme, Smashing Mirrors Theatre Company provokes memories and stimulates interaction in a safe and comfortable setting. There's even sand, seaweed and shells to touch and take you straight to the beach. And of course, there will be a cup of tea at the end!

The show will also be performed at 11am at George Armitage House in Burton Leonard. Booking enquiries: boxoffice@ripontheatrefestival.org. Places limited.



FREE

Presented in partnership with



5.30pm–6.30pm | Ripon Library

The Bluebird – A Quest for Happiness

Join Mirtel, a Seer, and her tree spirit Micky, on their journey to find the elusive bluebird and help unlock its mystery.

What is the bluebird's secret power and where could it be hiding? In the Land of Memory or Future? Is it trapped in the Land of Luxury or lost in the Land of Night?

This beautiful and thoughtful show combines theatre, puppetry, philosophy and shadow play to create a perfect twilight event.


**Pay What You Can
(PWYC)**

Age guide 6+

7.15pm–9pm | Meet in the Market Place

Ripon Heritage Ghost Walk

Explore the darker side of Ripon's history from the macabre to the mysterious. Discover ancient burial sites, curious bone finds and characters who lived and died hundreds of years ago, but who some say still linger...

Led by Ripon Museum Trust Guides. All proceeds to Ripon Museum Trust.



£6 (£4)

8pm | Ripon Arts Hub

The Last Motel

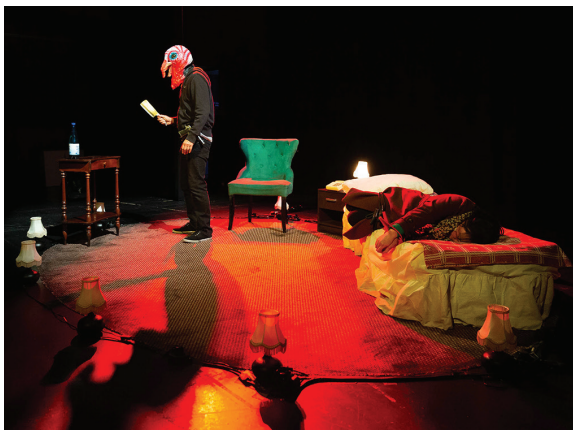
Abalone's desperate, he's taken holiday to commit armed robbery and now he has a woman stuffed into the boot of his classic car. Join us at The Last Motel to see if Abalone's hostage changes his perspective on life.

'A theatre, more than a hint of Tarantino and Lynch' – Fictionmaker

'A kind of homespun *Fargo* with more theatrical flair' – Edfringe Review

'Imagine *Inside No. 9* plus Stephen King's *Misery* and you're halfway there' – Audience Member

A psychological thriller presented by Sheepish Productions



£12 (£10)

Age guide 14+

Pop-up Events

VARIOUS VENUES 9.30am–4.30pm

Traditional Tales with a Twist

In a lovely little house, in the middle of a lovely quiet wood, things are shaping up to be a very good day indeed. There's porridge on the table, but it's just too hot... Join brilliant storyteller Gav Cross on a breakfast-time adventure and maybe come up with a few stories of your own along the way.

Age guide 5+

9.30am Front room at The Unicorn Hotel (Wetherspoons) PWYC



Twisted Tales for Terrible Children

Scratch the surface of our childhood tales and what do we find? A slight twist reveals the terrible, the silly and the downright incredible. 45 minutes of nonsense and nastiness that will trigger giggles and gasps, with the added risk of ruining your childhood forever...

Age guide 7+

12 noon The Courthouse Museum PWYC
2.30pm The Cellar at The Curzon PWYC

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The Wanderer

Come and follow the footsteps of countless pilgrims down into the ancient crypt of Saint Wilfrid. Lit only by the guttering flame of candlelight, hear his service and be warmed by his words as you take your own journey from darkness into light.

Inspired by an Anglo Saxon poem and by Kipling's poem *Eddi's Service*. A special and intimate performance presented by Fell-Foss.

Every 15 minutes from 10.30am–12 noon & 1.15pm–3.15pm

Ripon Cathedral FREE



Photo: Andy Marshall

Beached

A mini marvel of a show for a mini audience. Put on your headphones and become immersed in the tale of Arnold, whose walk quickly becomes an adventure.

Each spellbinding performance by renowned mask and puppet company *Strangeface* lasts 10-15 minutes. Suitable for everyone old enough to sit still and wear headphones.

10.30am–11.30am Claro Lounge PWYC

1.30pm–2.30pm & 3.30pm–4.30pm PWYC
Ripon Cathedral



Crash

A man is seeing his life ebb away from him. Past memories weave in and out of his consciousness, gradually fragmenting. With a nod to both T. S. Eliot and Samuel Beckett, *Crash* is a poetic examination of memory and time, and what it is to be human.

Written and performed by Ian Gouge, author, poet, and creative writing mentor.

1pm The Cellar at The Curzon PWYC



The Hare and the Moon

Performed in miniature on beautiful sets within a vintage suitcase, the tale of the adventurous Hare and her patient friend Moon is told through puppetry, spoken word and music. An enchanting story of night skies, light and the joy of friendship.

10am-3pm
Various venues - see
centrefold for details
FREE



Student Mini Dramas

A gripping half-hour with Upstage Academy's prize-winning drama students. These young people regularly sweep the board at competitions with their intense monologues and dynamic two-handers.

Age guide 14+ **PWYC**

12.30pm-1pm The Cellar at The Curzon



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The House that Jack Built

A high-energy show from Hazelsong. Two bungling puppeteers attempt to handle a cast of characters popping up in all the wrong places before everything collapses into chaos! Clearly these hapless two need some help from the audience...

Age guide 3+

3pm Little Ripon Bookshop FREE
(& Sunday 9.30am at Wetherspoons) PWYC



Street Entertainment

MARKET PLACE, MINSTER GARDENS,
ARCADE & STREETS

10am–4pm

The Flying Dodos

An unknown subspecies of the dodo has been discovered! Charles and Amelia, two relics of a bygone era, are very excited to be travelling the world to see what they've been missing.



Cabin Fever



Join Captain Bullock and Bosun Bell for maritime mayhem, magic and mirth. A nautical extravaganza of eccentric experiments, sensational circus skills, and hilarious feats of derring-do.

The Crimplene Crusaders

Our upholders of moral values will be out and about with one thing on their minds: to keep standards high. No slouching, flirting, or hand-holding allowed!



FREE
EVENTS



PLUS LOCAL PERFORMERS INCLUDING...

The Skelldale Singers • Lily Worth • Ripon City Morris Dancers •
All For One Choir • Ripon Youth Theatre • Freddie Cleary

The Maniax

This hilarious, spectacular comedy performance has been performed all over the world. A Houdini-style escape show, packed with stunts, illusions and great comic routines.



The Great Mandavi

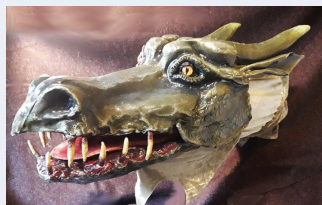
Eccentric, hilarious, charming and a firm favourite at festivals across the UK. Unicycling, juggling and antics.

Photo: François Bouteemy



The (Little) Hazelsong Dragons

Cute or scary? You decide. Mobile, curious and persistent, they could be anywhere - you'd better watch out!



Never Too Old

A long-suffering Grandpa and a stubborn Grandma battle it out for your attention and affections. They're feisty, they're mobile (well, just about...) and they're connected (they know what social media is... and they're not afraid to use it!).




The Giant Balloon Show

Take everything you know about balloons, add an award-winning entertainer and an '80s soundtrack, and twist that into a high-energy comedy performance for the whole family.




2023 AT A GLANCE




WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE

<i>Happy Place</i>	7.30pm	Ripon Arts Hub	Brand new theatre for opening night	
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THURSDAY 8 JUNE

<i>Tales from the Scriptorium</i>	11am–12.30pm	Ripon Library	Hands-on activity for adults	
<i>Songs from Shakespeare</i>	1pm–1.50pm	Ripon Cathedral Quire	Lunchtime recital	FREE
<i>Once Upon a Fairytale</i>	1.30pm & 4pm	Ripon Library	Crafts and tales for the very young	 PWYC
<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>	7pm	The Old Deanery	Open-air theatre	

FRIDAY 9 JUNE

<i>Bread is Life</i>	12 noon–2pm	Holy Trinity Arches	Theatre, storytelling, food	
<i>Mike and Millie Go to the Seaside</i>	3pm	Holy Trinity Arches	Music & theatre for dementia guests	 & FREE
<i>The Bluebird – A Quest for Happiness</i>	5.30pm–6.30pm	Ripon Library	Twilight theatre	 PWYC
Ripon Heritage Ghost Walk	7.15pm–9pm	Meet Market Place	Guided evening walk	
<i>The Last Motel</i>	8pm	Ripon Arts Hub	Psychological thriller	









SATURDAY 10 JUNE

<i>Traditional Tales with a Twist</i>	9.30am–10.30am	The Unicorn Hotel (Wetherspoons)	Breakfast-time stories	 PWYC
Street Entertainment	10am–4pm	Market Place, Minster Gardens, Arcade & streets		FREE
<i>Beached</i>	10.30am–11.30am	Claro Lounge	Mini puppet show every 20 mins	 PWYC








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<i>The Hare and the Moon</i>	10am–10.30am	Cabmen's Shelter Market Place	5-minute suitcase puppet show	FREE
<i>The Wanderer</i>	10.30am–3.15pm	Ripon Cathedral Crypt	Short, intimate theatre/poetry	FREE
<i>The Hare and the Moon</i>	11.30am–12 noon	Minster Gardens	5-minute suitcase puppet show	FREE
<i>Twisted Tales for Terrible Children</i>	12 noon	The Courthouse Museum	Storytelling for bigger kids	 PWYC
Student Mini Dramas	12.30pm–1pm	The Cellar at The Curzon	Intense drama from Upstage students	 PWYC
<i>The Hare and the Moon</i>	1pm–1.30pm	Little Ripon Bookshop	5-minute suitcase puppet show	FREE
<i>Ian Gouge: Crash</i>	1pm	The Cellar at The Curzon	Poetry in performance	 PWYC
<i>Beached</i>	1.30pm–2.30pm	Ripon Cathedral	Mini puppet show every 20 mins	 PWYC
<i>Twisted Tales for Terrible Children</i>	2.30pm	The Cellar at The Curzon	Storytelling for bigger kids	 PWYC
<i>The Hare and the Moon</i>	2.30pm–3pm	The GreenHouse, North Street	5-minute suitcase puppet show	FREE
<i>The House that Jack Built</i>	3pm	Little Ripon Bookshop	High-energy hand puppets	FREE
<i>Beached</i>	3.30pm–4.30pm	Ripon Cathedral	Mini puppet show every 20 mins	 PWYC
<i>Kate Fox Bigger on the Inside</i>	5pm	Ripon Arts Hub	Spoken word & stand-up meets memoir	
<i>Overblown!</i>	8pm	Ripon Arts Hub	Comic sketches & music – community event	

2023 AT A GLANCE continued

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

<i>Puppets for Breakfast</i>	9.30am	The Unicorn Hotel (Wetherspoons)	Breakfast-time puppet show	 PWYC
Street Entertainment	10am–3pm	Market Place	In partnership with Little Bird Artisan Market	FREE
Family Events	10am–4pm	Ripon Spa Gardens	Open-air theatre, music and community fun	FREE
<i>Seastorm in a Teacup</i>	10.30am–11am	Ripon Spa Gardens	Theatre, music & puppetry for little ones	FREE
Drama at the Workhouse	10.30am–3.30pm	Workhouse Museum	Theatre, history & workshops	
<i>Steve Bonham Stumbling Over Eden</i>	11am	Claro Lounge	Brunch-time travel tales and music	 PWYC
<i>Seeing Red</i>	11am, 12.30pm, 2pm	Ripon Spa Gardens	Puppet retelling of Little Red Riding Hood	FREE
<i>Wonderland of Games</i>	11.30am–12.30pm 2.30pm–3.30pm	Ripon Spa Gardens	Interactive family theatre and games	FREE
<i>Noah's Arc</i>	12 noon–12.30pm	Ripon Spa Gardens	Bible story theatre from Open the Book	FREE
Circus Skills	12.30pm–2.30pm	Ripon Spa Gardens	Drop-in session with The Fire Man Dave	FREE
<i>A la Puppet Carte</i>	1pm–1.45pm 3pm–3.45pm	Ripon Spa Gardens	Three sets of tricycle-powered puppet shows	FREE
<i>Where is Mrs Christie?</i>	2pm	Ripon Arts Hub	One-woman theatre show	
<i>Dream of the Sea</i>	3.30pm–4.15pm	Ripon Spa Gardens	Theatre, laughs and special effects	FREE
<i>Robin Hood</i>	6pm (gates open 5.15pm)	NT Fountains Abbey	Fast-paced, open-air family theatre	



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5pm | Ripon Arts Hub

Kate Fox Bigger on the Inside

Poet and comedian Kate Fox once thought receiving a positive diagnosis for autism had as much a chance of happening as a female Doctor Who. As such, since the Doctor's 13th incarnation (played by Jodie Whittaker) in 2018, Fox's life has changed quite a bit.

Blending stand-up and spoken word with personal memoir and her warm performance style, Kate looks at neurodiversity through the theme of Doctor Who. Taking us through the ways the iconic sci-fi show has shaped her view of the world, she shines a light on how our ideas of normality need an update and how we are all Bigger on the Inside.

Kate is a stand-up poet and broadcaster, a regular voice on Radio 4 and a 'gentle activist' for the voices of Northerners, the working class, women and the neurodiverse.



£10 (£8)

8pm | Ripon Arts Hub

Overblown!

The thirteenth coolest place to live in the UK? Join our team of well-meaning residents attempting to sell the charms of our unique city and demonstrate community cohesion in action. Nothing goes quite to plan as local farmers, pub quizzers and pantomime dames come together in comic chaos.

An evening of sketches and musical numbers provide a flavour of Ripon like you've never tasted before. Stay Awhile Amid its Ancient Charms, just beware of the locals!



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Pop-up Events

VARIOUS VENUES 9.30am-3.30pm



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The Little Bird Artisan Market

LITTLE BIRD

The Festival teams up with Little Bird Artisan Markets to bring you colourful characters, music and puppetry throughout the day. Watch out for the Have A Go Pirates, Monsieur Monsieur the Mime Artist, The Queen of Hearts and The Mad Hatter mingling with buskers and community performers.

10am-3pm Market Place **FREE**



Puppets for Breakfast

Hazelsong Theatre presents *The House that Jack Built* - a high-energy puppet show for children and families. Come and watch the two bungling performers try to control their wayward puppets popping up in all the wrong places. They are going to need help to stop everything falling apart...

Age guide 3+

9.30am Front room **PWYC**
at The Unicorn Hotel
(Wetherspoons)

(Also Saturday 3pm **FREE**
at Little Ripon Bookshop)



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Drama at the Workhouse

Following on the success of last year's *Jubilee at the Workhouse*, the museum will once again come alive with Victorian characters based on real lives.

Explore the Workhouse corridors, immerse yourself in its history and hear tales from within the cloistered walls. Learn the stories of those you meet or chance upon, but don't get on the wrong side of the Matron!

Find out if you'd like to play a part in next year's festival as a community performer, maybe be inspired to join the lovely group of volunteers or just come along and experience a day in the life of a Victorian Workhouse.

Cost of admission gives access to all three museum sites and optional 2-hour drama workshop for ages 12+ at 10.30am or 1pm.

10.30am–3.30pm Workhouse Museum

Usual admission charges apply



Steve Bonham Stumbling Over Eden

Based upon Steve's much-loved book of the same name, *Stumbling Over Eden* is a one-hour show that combines story and song to celebrate the adventurer, explorer and vagabond within us all. From the notion of freedom and the beauty of the trail to the joy of travelling companions and the meaning of home. Not just the story of an eccentric journey from the top of the Atlas Mountains to the Sahara desert, but an invitation to explore just what is adventure?

Combine with brunch for a perfect Sunday morning.

11am Claro Lounge PWYC

Family Events in Ripon Spa Gardens

10am–4pm



Seeing Red

A modern retelling of the Little Red Riding Hood tale, full of red-related surprises, a pinch of feminism and a mini mob of original puppet characters, all crammed into one large, furry suitcase! A 25-minute show from expert puppeteers Frolicked.

Age guide 5+ **11am, 12.30pm, 2pm**

Seastorm in a Teacup

A mermaid is an amazing gift for a young adventurer. But what do you do when it just won't stop growing? Little people will love Hoglets' original tale about finding friendship in an epic adventure of mystery and magic.

Age guide 3–7

10.30am–11am



**FREE
EVENTS**

Wonderland of Games

Join Rhubarb Theatre as you shrink into the gardens of the Queen of Hearts, get knotted up in the Alice-themed twister, go crackers with the croquet and become champions of the chequers board. An interactive experience combining street theatre, family games and weird and wonderful walkabout characters.

11.30am–12.30pm, 2.30pm–3.30pm



Noah's Arc



School assembly favourites *Open the Book* present a pop-up open-air theatre version of the famous Old Testament story in front of the bandstand. Let's hope the deluge remains imaginary.

Age guide 4+ **12 noon–12.30pm**

Circus Skills with The Fire Man Dave

Have a go with juggling balls or clubs, plate-spinning, diabolo, hula hooping and more. A great way to spend some time before the next show begins!

Drop in from 12.30pm–2.30pm



A la Puppet Carte



On the menu is not one, not two, but three pop-up puppet stages built onto the backs of electric tricycles. Each mobile stage is a show full of surprises, fun and heart-warming stories of friendship and a sense of home. Presented by Thingumajig Theatre.

Suitable for all ages.

1pm–1.45pm & 3pm–3.45pm



Dream of the Sea

The adventure of a lifetime turns into a disaster! But when a friendly whale shows our fisherman the truth of the sea, his life is changed in ways he could never have imagined.

Filled with energy, effects, laughs and sound, Strange-Twig Theatre shows the wonders of a world below the waves.

3.30pm–4.15pm



PLUS LOCAL PERFORMERS INCLUDING...

Happy Dancers • **Trinity Singers** • **Ripon Charity Pantomime Group** • **Ripon U3a Ukulele Band** • **Cricket on the Hearth** • **Trinity Handbells**



2pm | Ripon Arts Hub

£12 (£10)

Where is Mrs Christie?

Agatha Christie was one of the greatest and most prolific thriller writers of all time. In 1926, she was at the centre of a mystery as perplexing as any of her fiction, sparking one of the biggest and most extensive police hunts in history. Her crashed car was discovered in Surrey with the famous author missing. She was presumed dead by many but, eleven days later, found staying at a luxury hotel in Harrogate. The author claimed that she remembered nothing of the events. Neither the press nor the police believed her....

Did she lie, or was it really amnesia? Was it a publicity stunt or was there a darker secret behind the disappearance? As in every good thriller, all will be revealed!

Find out the fascinating truth in a stellar performance by Liz Grand.

Written and directed by Chris Jaeger. Presented by On a Role Productions

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6pm (gates 5.15pm) | NT Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal

Robin Hood

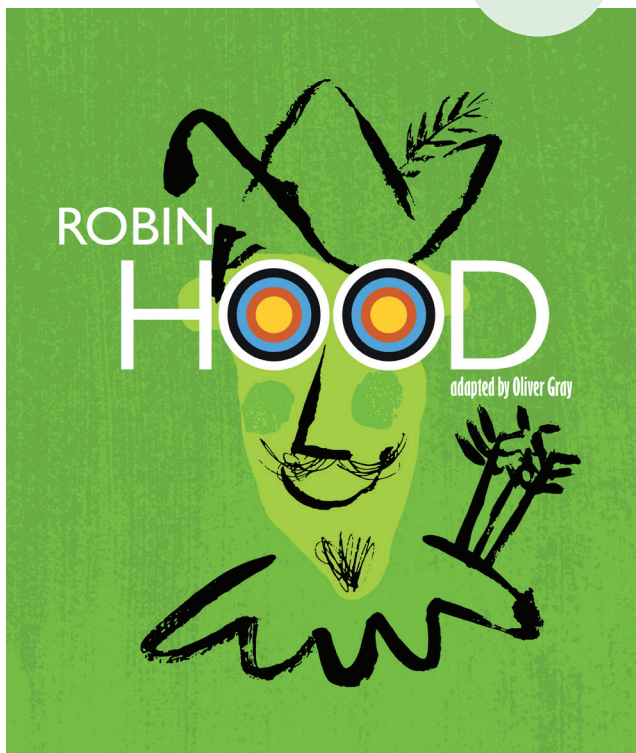
Open-air
theatre

Illyria's latest action-packed production for all the family delivers huge laughs, daring adventures, and well-deserved revenge!

With good King Richard away at war, the rich and powerful will lie, cheat, and break every rule to seize power. And they're ready to play dirty! Luckily, so is the swashbuckling Robin Hood and his team of misfit rebels. Together, they plot to bring down the corrupt Sheriff of Nottingham, the scheming Prince John, and every single greedy villain they meet along the way.

It's a fast-paced heist for all ages - and Robin Hood never misses a target.

Bring a blanket and a picnic as Illyria swoop in for another unforgettable evening of open-air theatre in suitably medieval surroundings.



£16 (£10); family ticket £50



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Sunday 1 October, 6pm | Ripon Arts Hub

An Audience with Barrie Rutter OBE



£18

"Barrie Rutter is one of the reasons why there are so many amazing theatre companies in the greater north nowadays – he is a genuine trail blazer."

Alan Lane, Artistic Director, Slung Low

For one night only, Barrie Rutter, OBE and founder of the ground-breaking theatre company Northern Broadsides, visits Ripon.

With over 50 years of experience on stage and screen, Barrie has had a fascinating career which has taken him to China, India, Brazil and Skipton Cattle Market with all points in-between.

His belief that the Northern voice was a vibrant sound to embrace the energy of Elizabethan England led to the creation of one of the most successful companies in British theatre. A recipient of the 2003 Sam Wanamaker Award, Barrie joins us for this very special evening as he shares his wealth of memories and his passion for language and the theatre.

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Booking Information

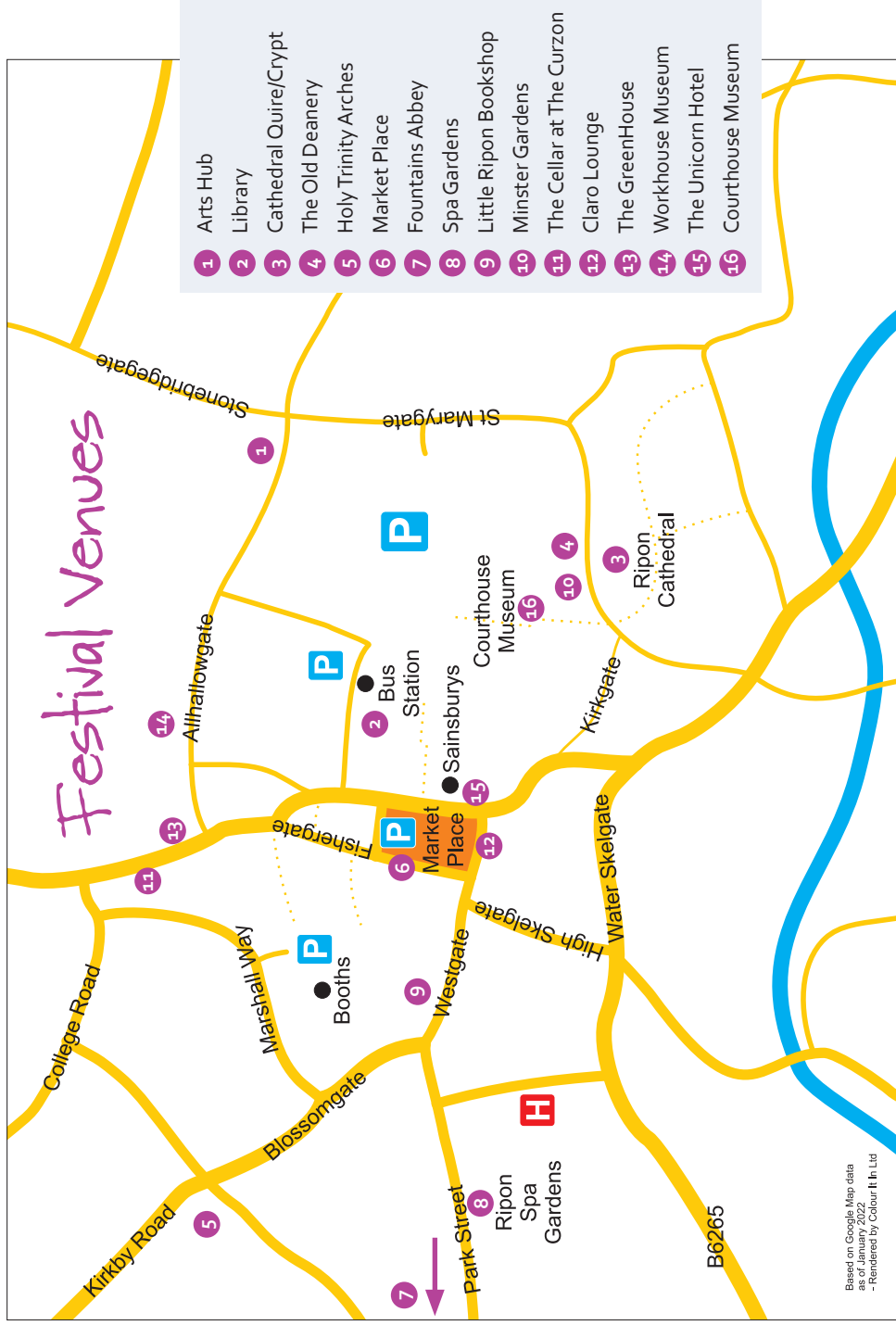
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If you have any queries or additional ticketing requirements, please email boxoffice@ripontheatrefestival.org.

- We may alter the programme in the event of unforeseen circumstances
- Advance booking is advised for all ticketed events
- Seats are not numbered in any of our venues
- At ticketed events, everyone needs a ticket except infants (under 2)
- Concession eligibility varies – see individual events when booking
- Doors open at least 15 minutes before the start time
- Please either print your ticket or bring it on your phone or tablet
- Tickets may be available at the door, email boxoffice@ripontheatrefestival.org to check
- We cannot offer refunds, so please check your booking carefully before confirming
- Some FREE events have limited capacity and will be bookable to secure a place

Accessibility: Our venues are accessible to wheelchairs, except The Cellar at The Curzon.

Festival Venues





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