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All performers, artists and workshop facilitators (see biographies pages 11–15 & 21–25 and fringe events pages 4–6) • **Poet Laureate:** Debbie Rolls • **Festival Books Ambassador:** Jenna Warren (Book Corner) • **Performers for prize-winning plays, songs and stories** (see page 12) • **Writers, performers, artists & directors:** 'Around the Moors in 80 Hours' (see page 17) and 'Ironstone Tales' (see page 27). Also Whitby Museum Archive, Staithes Museum Archive and Ryedale Folk Museum Archive for access to **archive material** during the scriptwriting process, as part of 3-Minute Arts' community workshops. • **Judges, Short-listers & Admin for 3-Minute Arts' Writing Competition:** Maggie Rich, Lydia Reid, Martin Vander Weyer, Lisa Williams, Helena Fox, Maddy Prior, Sarah Dew, Angela Hannaford, Georgia Briggs, Flora Franklin, Eileen Till, Michèle Hopley, Steve Chance, Lis Leigh, Nicola Chalton, Pascal Thivillon • **Open Mic on the Moors:** Wayne Stephens, Jed Day • **Arts, Crafts & Books Fair organisation:** Jenna Warren (Book Corner), Ruby Marsden, Liz Druce, Steve Chance, Nicola Chalton, Pascal Thivillon • **Family Folklore & Nature Afternoon:** Jane Robinson, Mark Barber, Jackie Gabbitas, Richard Blindell, John Roberts, Nicola Chalton, Finn Varney, Barbara Anderson, Trish Hill, Sally Granger (REConnect), Alan Ayres, Dimitri Vandebroek, Harriet Stripling, Eileen Till, Jenny Quigley, Sarah Garside, Rebecca Hoare, Nicky Bamford, Sandra Goody, Jason Upton, Paul Lambert, Rosa Lass and other Chief Sprites, Carol Wilson, Margaret Marsland, Esk Valley Camphill Community, North York Moors National Park • **3-Minute Arts Direction, Steering, Assistance:** Maggie Rich, Nicola Chalton, Pascal Thivillon, Faye Marosif, Daniel Marosif, Helena Fox, Wendy de Silva, Steve Smith, Jason Upton, Sandra Goody, Chris Padmore, Debbie Rolls, Jenna Warren, Liz Druce, Barbara Anderson, Jonathan Reid, Mark Barber (Esk Valley Camphill Community), Emma Healey, Paul Wood, Anna Downes, Jenny Quigley, Eileen Till, Rob Smith • **Sound & Lights, Stage Management:** Glenn Brown, Steve Smith, Jason Upton, Simon Williams, Pascal Thivillon, Phil Langham, Nicola Chalton, James Parker • **MC:** Angela Hannaford, Barbara Anderson, Sandra Goody, Paul Lambert, Suzanne Elvidge, Giulia Kessous, James Parker, Jenny Hill • **Photography:** Fay Gillanders, Rex Elston, Nicola Chalton • **Marquees & Decoration:** Lizzie & Andy, Esk Valley Theatre, Mike Dowson, Steve Smith, Sophie Lyth - North York Moors National Park, the Marosif family • **Catering & Bar:** The Supper Club – Lizzie & Andy • **Venues:** Robinson Institute, Glaisdale Head Methodist Church, Lealholm Ley Hall, Loftus Library, Studio Glaisdale, Bow Bridge Community Meadows, Wibury House, The Earthbeat Centre, PCC Glaisdale Church for rehearsals

WELCOME TO MINI ARTS FESTIVAL 2026

The inclusive, accessible community arts festival set in and around the North York Moors is back!

This year, a vibrant **Festival Fringe Week** (pages 4–6) offers a wide range of accessible, family-friendly workshops across the North York Moors, Coast & Cleveland, leading up to a lively **Festival Weekend** in Glaisdale (pages 7–27).

We hope you enjoy the Festival!

The Festival Team



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3–Minute Arts

3-Minute Arts CIC is a non-profit organisatiion running national creative writing competitions in drama, story and song; an annual MINI ARTS FESTIVAL showcasing prize-winning work and local artists; and other events and workshops through the year. We aim to build healthy, creative communities through participation in the arts.
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FRINGE EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

23–29 MAY

IMPROVE YOUR COMPOSITION – PHOTOGRAPHY WALK WITH JO BOOTH

Sat 23 May • 11am–1pm • Loftus



Jo is a local photographer, having recently graduated from Teesside University and currently studying a Masters in Fine Art. Her work has been published locally and regionally. She has come to 'art' late in life, after a long career of working in education and community development.

'WRITING THE BAY', CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH SUZANNE ELVIDGE

Sat 23 May • 5.30–7.30pm • Wibury House, Robin Hood's Bay



Suzanne Elvidge writes about unheard voices in the blurry spaces in between fact and fiction. *Dancing in Heaven*, which celebrates the women behind the scenes in the 1980s HIV/AIDS crisis, was published in December 2025. (www.thehouseofcorrection.com)

TAI CHI WITH NICKY BAMFORD

Sun 24 May & Mon 25 May • 11.30am–12.30pm • Ley Hall, Lealholm

Nicky has studied the Shaolin Form, her teacher was a 31st Generation



Shaolin Lay Monk, his before 30th Generation, and so on, back to the creation of the Monastery in China. Nicky specialises in the Qi Gong (the healing arm of Tai Chi) and the 'Eight Brocades' or Gongs (a rough translation being 'skills').

CLOG DANCING WITH EILEEN TIL & ANNA DOWNES

Mon 25 May • 2–4pm • Ley Hall, Lealholm



Often described as a blend of tap and line dancing, Clog dancing involves using the feet as a percussive instrument to match music, providing a comprehensive workout. Eileen Til & Anna Downes from Glaisdale Cloggers have danced with many clog-dancing teams around the UK.

CAPOEIRA TASTER WORKSHOP WITH PETER KELLEY

Mon 25 May • 7.15–9.15pm • The Earthbeat Centre, Saltburn-by-the-Sea



Capoeira is a traditional Afro-Brazilian art-form incorporating song, dance, acrobatics, martial arts and theatre. Learn some introductory moves with Peter Kelley.

FAMILY FOLKLORE & NATURE AFTERNOON

Sat 23 May • 2–4.30pm • Bow Bridge Community Meadows, Castleton

The Community Earth Project & 3-Minute Arts welcome you to celebrate local folklore and a new community nature project in this beautiful riverside meadow and woodland near Castleton in the Esk Valley.



2–3.30PM

- **Welcome...** 'Chief Sprites' offer gifts and show you to our various activities... Refreshments available during the afternoon.
- **Rhubarb Competition**
- **Maypole Dancing**
- **Become a Woodland Sprite:** decorate a willow crown with foraged materials + faceprinting
- **Fairy Boat-making:** decorate a cork fairy boat and attach a line of poetry written on a leaf as a sail
- **Collective Poem**: contribute a line of poetry for a collective poem 'Esk Words: Seedflow'
- **Woodland Percussion Instruments:** make instruments from wood and foraged materials; learn percussion for our Procession Chant
- **Tai Chi:** Join in some outdoor Tai Chi
- **Displays:** Find out about Community Earth Project nature plans for the site, local history and metal detecting

2.30PM

- **Orchard Storytelling**
- **Site Tour**: Full site

3PM

- **Site Tour**: Wildflower meadow
- **Pageant Song:** Learn a song for our Orchard Pageant

3.30PM

- **Fairy Boat Launch:** Watch the launch of the Fairy Boats into the river

4PM

- **Folklore Procession** along the River led by the Green Man & May Queen to the Orchard Area. You are welcome to join Patchwork and the Chief Sprites in a song and percussion.

4.10PM

- **Green Man & May Queen Pageant:** Gather in the Orchard Area for a lively 10-minute performance filled with charm and folklore, led by the Green Man and his May Queen. Join voices in a song to celebrate the future Community Orchard, and add rhythm with vibrant percussion, followed by a joyful Maypole dance. Don't dash off before the Green Man himself reveals the winners of the Rhubarb Competition!



DRUMMING WITH CLARE EYEINGTON

Tue 26 May & Wed 27 May • 10am–12 noon Ley Hall, Lealholm



Have fun learning rhythm patterns and timing, co-ordination and independence, and how to create instruments from recycled materials.

CIRCUS SKILLS & TRAPEZE WITH CLARE EYEINGTON

Tue 26 May & Wed 27 May • 1–3pm Ley Hall, Lealholm



Have fun improving balance, coordination, agility and motor skills. Juggling balls, diabolos and flower sticks, basic, safe manoeuvres and tricks on the trapeze, excellent for flexibility and conditioning!

OUTDOOR (PLEIN AIR) PAINTING/DRAWING WITH KARIN LITTLEWOOD

Thu 28 May & Fri 29 May • 10am–1pm & 2–5pm • Studio Glaisdale





Karin Littlewood loves to take a sketchbook or piece of paper out for a walk on the moors. In this half-day workshop she shares some of her quick and effective techniques for capturing a landscape, the mood of a stormy sky – and the feeling of being at one with your surroundings. Morning session: how to use watercolours and pencils for instant results. Afternoon session: how oil pastels can be used to create a sense of being in the landscape. These sessions are designed for enjoyment and exploration of the landscape, and are aimed at a full range of abilities.

FESTIVAL WARMER CONCERT

Fri 29 May • 7–8.30pm • Glaisdale Head Methodist Church

A relaxed and intimate folk, roots and jazz acoustic concert in the historic Methodist chapel in Glaisdale Dale. **Patchwork** sing in harmony with original arrangements of traditional and contemporary folk songs, many featuring the local area; **Jason Upton** is a local singer-songwriter with an eclectic range of material, all in his own inimitable style; **Glenn Brown** is a highly versatile and accomplished jazz guitarist and multi-instrumentalist.







PERFORMANCE DAY

SAT 30 MAY • 10AM–11PM • **Robinson Institute, Glaisdale**

A warm welcome to our Performance Day showcasing prize-winning new writing from our national competition in drama, story and song, alongside music, spoken word, dance and drama from around the area.

SEE TIMINGS OVERLEAF

DAYTIME SESSION

Be ready to move between the Hall and Gazebos to catch your favourite performances!

Launching our Daytime Session at 10am we welcome back **Alix Lillie's Young Musicians** in the Hall, alongside **Adrian Hopley** performing in the Gazebo.

Drama, storytelling and song run throughout the day: be among the first to experience **award-winning 3-minute plays, stories and songs** from this year's writing competition, presented in both the Hall and Gazebos.

Alongside this, enjoy a wide veriety of live music with **Hawsker Village Band**, **Sue Conroy**, **Jason Upton, Steve Smith**, **Sleights Guitar Band**, **Juliet & Tadge Szestak**, **Becky Foord**, **Halcyon Days**, **Mandy Woods**, **Jen Stevens**, **Dodgy Jammers**, **Angela Harland & Keith Alan** and the **Eskuladdies**.

Also, a **Green Man & May Queen Pageant**; **Poetry sessions** led by our Festival Poet Laureate Debbie Rolls; and clog dancing with **Glaisdale Cloggers**.

To round off the day, don't miss our Community Play ***Around the Moors in 80 hours*** (see pages 16-17)

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES FOR ALL ...

- **Take part in Circus Skills, Drumming and Capoeira** mini workshops
- **In the Art Tent, create your own Vesak Lanterns** with Wendy da Silva and Sandra Goody; try **Facepainting** with the Marosif family; or make a **Wildflower Windmill** and contribute a line of poetry for a collective poem with REConnect.
- **Steady Tunes Session** with Eileen Till
- **Spoken Word Session** (poetry, drama, storytelling). All welcome to participate or just come and listen.

FOOD & DRINK

Bring a picnic or enjoy the delicious range of fresh homemade food and drink at the Cafe, provided by Lizzie & Andy from **The Supper Club Cafe**.

EVENING SESSION

Relax and refuel in the two-hour gap between daytime and evening sessions (why not stroll to a local pub)... and prepare for a mega evening of fabulous bands: **Fast Katz, Mandy Woods, Indigo** and **The Classix.** (see page 18)

DAYTIME SESSION

MAIN HALL

10.00 **Alix Lillie's Young Musicians**

10.50 Prize Winning Drama: ***The Inheritance of Horace*** by Millie Whale

Prize Winning Story: ***Salt*** by Sara Muldowney

11.05 **Capoeira Showcase** with Peter Kelley

11.30 **Glaisdale Cloggers**

11.55 **Prize-winning & Shortlisted songs** • MC Angela Hannaford
Sue Conroy, Alix Lillie, Steve Smith, Jason Upton, Paul Cornwall, Mandy Woods, Angela Harland & Keith Alan

12.35 **Poetry** hosted by Debbie Rolls, Festival Poet Laureate

12.50 **East Cleveland Voices** led by Timothy Edwards

1.15 Prize-winning Drama: ***Hide*** by Neil Walden

Prize-winning Story: ***The Silver Thread of Fryup Dale*** by Barbara Raw

1.35 **Green Man & May Queen Pageant**

2.00 **Poetry** hosted by Debbie Rolls, Festival Poet Laureate

2.15 Prize-winning Drama: ***Potholes*** by Stephen Smith

Prize-winning Story: ***Sarala Devi and the Matter of the Sky*** by Susmita Mukherjee

2.30 **Dodgy Jammers**

3.00 **Angela Harland & Keith Alan**

4.00 ***Around the Moors in 80 hours*** – Community Play (approx. 1 hour)

MINI WORKSHOP & STORYTELLING TENT

11.00 **Circus skills mini-workshop** led by Clare Eyeington

11.35 **Drumming mini-workshop** led by Clare Eyeington

12.10 **Capoeira mini-workshop** led by Peter Kelley

12.45 **Steady Tunes Session** led by Eileen Till • all welcome to join in or come and listen

2.30 **Spoken Word Session** (poetry, drama, storytelling) • all welcome to join in or come and listen

GAZEBO STAGE

10.00 **Adrian Hopley**

10.30 **Hawsker Village Band**

11.00 **Sue Conroy • Steve Smith**

11.30 Prize-winning Story: ***Sarala Devi and the Matter of the Sky*** by Susmita Mukherjee

Prize-winning Drama: ***Potholes*** by Stephen Smith

12.00 **Paula Ryan**

12.30 Prize-winning Story: ***Salt*** by Sara Muldowney

Prize-winning Drama: ***The Inheritance of Horace*** by Millie Whale

12.45 **Juliet & Tadge Szestak**

1.15 **Becky Foord**

1.45 **Halcyon Days**

2.25 **Jen Stevens**

2.40 Prize-winning Drama: ***Hide*** by Neil Walden

Prize-winning Story: ***The Silver Thread of Fryup Dale*** by Barbara Raw

3.15 **Eskuladdies**

ART TENT

ALL DAY

- **Art Workshop – Vesak lanterns** led by Wendy de Silva & Sandra Goody
- **Wildflower Crafting, Planting and Collective Poem** with REConnect Project
- **Crafting for Creative Fingers** with Emma Walker NYMNP
- **Facepainting**

EVENING SESSION

MAIN HALL

7.00 **Fast Katz**

– **Mandy Woods**

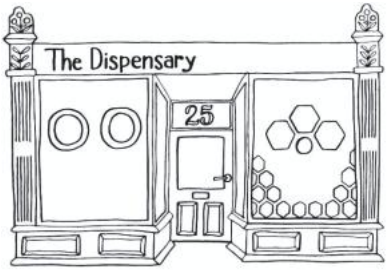
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– **The Classix**



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ALIX LILLIE'S YOUNG MUSICIANS

Alix is a peripatetic music teacher for Esk Valley primary schools and a gifted musician. She will be showcasing her talented pupils at the start of the festival, an occasion guaranteed to pack the house out and tug at heart strings.

GLAISDALE CLOGGERS

Glaisdale Cloggers was formed in 2021 by Eileen Till and Anna Downes who have danced with teams around the UK for many years. The group regularly performs at folk festivals and concerts. Their dances feature a range of styles from Lancashire–Irish to Northumberland and Music Hall.

DEBBIE ROLLS

Debbie is the Mini Arts Festival Poet Laureate. She will be presenting some of her own poetry and hosting two poetry sessions for poets to perform their own poems. Debbie was Writer in Residence for the Crossing the Tees library festival (2023) and her writing is regularly published in national and regional publications. She runs a creative writing group in Loftus.

EAST CLEVELAND VOICES

Led by Timothy Edwards, this choir from Loftus has a beautiful sound and harmonies, and always adds charm to the Festival.

DODGY JAMMERS

The Dodgy Jammers is a seven-piece band formed late in 2024 from a group of friends who came together to jam. They play a wide variety of covers, from blues to soul to jazz and anything else they fancy – the main focus is to play music they enjoy.

ANGELA HARLAND & KEITH ALAN

Angela and Keith are a relatively newly formed vocal/guitar singer-songwriting duet based in Barnard Castle. Their musical genre is commonly described as country/contemporary folk with a blend of teasing rhymes and heartfelt harmonies. Their sets consist of a mixture of well-known covers and self-penned songs.

ADRIAN HOPLEY

Adrian is a life-long musician, song-writer and regular performer with


Hawsker Village Band

3-MINUTE ARTS 2026 WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

DRAMA

Hide, by Neil Walden
Performed by Beryl Nairn and Heather Linnley

Potholes, by Stephen Smith
Performed by Stephen Smith and Jason Upton

The Inheritance of Horace, by Millie Whale
Performed by James Parker, Nicola Chalton, Sandra Goody and Pascal Thivillon

STORY

Salt, by Sara Muldowney
Read by Heather Linnley

Sarala Devi and the Matter of the Sky, by Susmita Mukherjee
Read by Debbie Rolls

The Silver Thread of Fryup Dale, by Barbara Raw
Read by Timothy Edwards

SONG

Brand New Day
Written and performed by Keith Alan and Angela Harland

Miniature Hot Dog Blues
Written and performed by Mandy Woods

Tea and Biscuits
Written and performed by Paul Cornwall

accordion at the Duke of Wellington Pub, Danby. His many local songs about the moors and dales have been collected and published.

HAWSKER VILLAGE BAND

Hawsker Village Band, led by Sue Rowland, plays in the style of the old village bands that existed in every community in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. They perform well-known folk tunes and dances arranged for all instruments.

SUE CONROY

Sue is a singer/songwriter guitarist. Her repertoire ranges from feisty protests with a strong, social conscience to dreamy, lyrical ballads capturing her love of the outdoors and includes comedy songs and others inspired by local landscapes, landmarks and histories.

STEVE SMITH

Steve is a musician, songwriter and regular performer at The Duke of Wellington pub in Danby. He recently found a passion for writing poetry in local dialect.


Juliet & Tadge Szestak

photo © Brian Cockayne


Becky Foord


Glaisdale Cloggers

JASON UPTON

Jason is a regular performer at The Duke of Wellington pub in Danby. Jason's music is eclectic. He specialises in playing songs that nobody knows or admits to liking.

SLEIGHTS GUITAR BAND

Led by Phil Smith, the band brings together musicians from the community and performs popular songs, with opportunities for audience participation.

JULIET & TADGE SZESTAK

Though scientists by trade, Juliet and Tadge have enjoyed words and music since childhood. Many bands, choirs and gigs later, they now write and record for fun at home in Cheshire.

HALCYON DAYS / PAUL CORNWALL

Paul from Sussex and Dave from Middlesbrough have been writing and performing together for seven years. More recently joined by New York State-born Christina who added her vocals and fiddle to the mix. They perform a mix of whimsical, humorous and poignant original songs and have now recorded their first album.


Dodgy Jammers


Halcyon Days


Jen Stevens

BECKY FOORD
Singer, songwriter, mother, Yorkshire lass ... 'Beautiful chilled folk music with sweet melodies' ... 'A beautiful voice, enchanting songs...'

JEN STEVENS

Jen is a singer-songwriter and pianist known for her powerful vocals, expressive piano playing, and emotionally honest songwriting. Blending elements of folk, pop, soul, and subtle classical influence, her music pairs strong melodic writing with thoughtful, finely crafted arrangements.

ESKULADDIES

Miles Keith, Chris Milns, Phil Stonehouse & Noel Baumber will entertain you with upbeat songs! Come prepared to sing along...

CLARE EYEINGTON

Clare will show you how to have fun learning rhythm patterns and timing, or how to juggle balls, diabolos and flower sticks while improving balance, coordination, agility and motor skills.

EILEEN TILL

Eileen is a multi-instrumentalist, clog dancer, music hall singer and entertainer. Eileen and partner Phil Langham create opportunities for others to get involved in music, including a slow tunes folk music group and various bands around the Whitby area.

WENDY DE SILVA

Wendy is an artist, architect and co-owner of the new Studio Glaisdale, which is also hosting a series of workshops during this year's Festival (and more to come during the year!) For more information email: wendy@chancedesilva.com

SANDRA GOODY

Sandra, based in Glaisdale, has a very thorough arts education which she's trying to forget – regular 'Jill of all trades but likely mistress of none' – she likes giving it a go and can tolerate mess and mistakes.

TIMOTHY EDWARDS

Timothy is a trained storyteller and will be telling us some traditional folk tales.

He is also choir director for East Cleveland Voices.

SUZANNE ELVIDGE

Suzanne, based in Whitby, writes about unheard voices in the blurry spaces in between fact and fiction. She will be performing some of her monologues.

RECONNECT ART & NATURE/FOLKLORE PAGEANT

Sally Granger and Helen Hornby will be leading creative nature, poetry and art activities. Sally will also be May Queen alongside Green Man, aka Finn Varney, in our Festival Folklore Pageant, joined by Patchwork singers and creator of Fairy boats, Jane Robinson.

EMMA WALKER

Emma is the Engagement Officer for REConnect at the North York Moors National Park Authority, reconnecting communities to nature. She will be presenting creative hands-on activities for children.





ALSO DURING THE DAY...

ART TENT

• **Art Workshop:** We are celebrating light in all its forms. During May, light features in celebrations across the world, including the South Asian tradition of Vesak (Buddha); we will be making joyful **Vesak lanterns**.
• **Wildflower Crafting and Planting**: join the River Esk Connect (REConnect) Project to make a Wildflower Windmill and plant pollinator friendly seeds for your garden. If you arrive early, you can also contribute a line to our **Collective Poem** Esk Words: *Seedflow*.

• **Crafting for Creative Fingers**
With Emma Walker from the North York Moors National Park

• **Facepainting**
Join the Marosif family for facepainting fun.

MINI WORKSHOP & STORYTELLING TENT

• **Circus Skills:** a fun half-hour taster session for all ages at 11am led by Clare Eyeington.

• **Drumming Skills:** a fun half-hour taster session for all ages at 11.35am led by Clare Eyeington.

• **Capoeira:** try out this traditional Afro-Brazilian art-form. A half-hour session at 12.10pm led by Peter Kelley. (Showcase in hall at 11.05am.)

• **Steady Tunes:** all welcome (any instrument) to join this tune session at 12.45pm led by Eileen Till.

• **Spoken Word:** an informal session of poetry, mini drama and storytelling at 2.30pm with Suzanne Elvidge, Jenny Hill and others.


AROUND
THE
MOORS
IN 80 HOURS

AROUND THE MOORS IN 80 HOURS

SAT 30 MAY • 4PM • Robinson Institute, Glaisdale

An original play with songs written and performed by community players. Co-production Everwitch Theatre / 3-Minute Arts.

Phileas Fogg and Passepartout return – this time racing across the mystical and perilous North York Moors in just 80 hours. Beginning in Staithes, they journey into a land of dark legend, where ancient paths echo with the stories of the Pannierman and a vanished way of life. Can they survive the Moors... and win their wager?

THE PLAYERS

Nicola Chalton – Staithes woman, Jack-o-lantern, Fairy Queen
Sandra Goody – Landlady, Jack-o-lantern, Bride, Fairy
Karen Joiner – Fishwife, Fairy
Giulia Kessous – Smuggler, Jack-o-lantern, Betty Strother, Bridegroom, Fairy
Paul Lambert – Passepartout
India Russell – Lad, Fairy
Steve Smith – Joey the Pannierman
Pascal Thivillon – Phileas Fogg
Jason Upton – Fisherman, Black Dog, Hangman, Pedlar

DIRECTED BY

Helena Fox – Everwitch Theatre

MUSICIANS

Barbara Anderson
Trish Hill

SONGS

Pannierman – Steve Smith
Jack-o-lantern – Nicola Chalton (arr. Barbara Anderson)
The Hangman – Jason Upton
Stay With Us – Nicola Chalton (arr. Barbara Anderson)
Eighty Hours Have Passed Away – Sandra Goody (lyrics) Barbara Anderson (music & arr.)





SCENERY & PROPS

Wendy de Silva
The Players

THANKS TO

Studio Glaisdale, Helmsley Arts Centre, Moira Ferguson and Colin Harrison. Also Whitby Museum Archive, Staithes Museum Archive and Ryedale Folk Museum Archive for access to archive material during the scriptwriting process, as part of 3-Minute Arts' community workshops.

Around the Moors in 80 Hours **will be performed again at Whitby Museum on Friday 5 June – 2pm. Admission by donation, booking essential: whitbymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/**

EVENING CONCERT

SAT 30 MAY • 7–11PM • Robinson Institute, Glaisdale

Relax and refuel in the two-hour gap between daytime and evening sessions (why not stroll to a local pub)... and prepare for a mega evening of fabulous bands and musicians.


Fast Katz


Indigo


Mandy Woods


The Classix

photo © Brian Cockayne

FAST KATZ

A bit folky, a bit bluesy, a bit of pop, The Fast Katz play a varied mix of genres. Their live performances are known for providing 'musical merriment'

MANDY WOODS

Based in Somerset, Mandy has had a nomadic life in music and has performed her songs of hope, heartbreak, humour and highway on both sides of the Atlantic.
She is now a two-time winner in our song-writing competition!

INDIGO

Four women who love singing and arranging an eclectic mix of contemporary, pre-loved and some self-penned songs. From blues to muse, funk to fuse.

THE CLASSIX

Jon, Bob, Wayne, Dorothy and Col play the hits you know and the memories you love: a mix of classic pop & rock favourites from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and beyond! They'll make the night a classic.

ARTS, CRAFTS & BOOKS FAIR

SUN 31 MAY • 10AM–3PM • **Robinson Institute, Glaisdale**

Local artists will showcase their work and offer demos, while Book Corner of Saltburn hosts book talks and readings – a great chance to meet and be inspired by makers, artists and writers.

Music and poetry at lunchtime with Fylingdales Folk Choir, Glenn Brown and Charlotte Oliver. Feel free to join the Open Mic on the Moor in the gazebo.

EXHIBITORS

MAKE YOUR OWN MINI ARTS FESTIVAL POT, USING A POTTER'S WHEEL





Father and son team, **Claude and Louis Frere-Smith**, make a range of stoneware, porcelain and Raku pots, at their Saltburn Pottery. They run regular classes at the pottery, undertake commissions, demonstrations and exhibitions. They are also part of #northyorkshireopenstudios26

CLAY AND POETRY HABITATS

Craft your own textured habitat and write a poem! Around the sheer walls of Whitby Harbour are a series of textured concrete panels. They are placed there to attract marine plants and creatures to make their homes, bringing more life to the town's intertidal zone. **Join the River Esk**





Connect (REConnect) Project and local poet, Charlotte Oliver, to craft your own textured habitat and write an accompanying poem.

CLEVELAND FIBRE ARTS



Have a go at stick-weaving to make a bracelet. At 11am, **Heather Waring will give a talk and demonstration on 'Rags to Rugs'.** Come and learn about spinning, weaving, carding fleece, making Yorkshire buttons and felting.

ARTS, CRAFTS & BOOKS FAIR AT A GLANCE

GAZEBO STAGE

From 10am **Open Mic on the Moors** – music and spoken word (see page 25)

MAIN HALL

From 10am **Make your own Mini Arts Festival pot** at the Potter's Wheel • Saltburn Pottery stall

Craft in clay a textured habitat and **write a poem** • REConnect stall

Make a bracelet • Cleveland Fibre Arts stall

Artist and maker demos at various stalls

Paintings, hand-made items, cards available for purchase at various stalls

10.30–1.00 **Author Talks** • 'Book Corner' stall (see page 23)

10.30–10.50 **Drawing mini workshop** with Liz Druce • cafe area

11.00–11.20 **'Rags to Rugs'** with Heather Waring – talk and demo • Cleveland Fibre Arts stall

11.30–12.00 **'Experimental Drawing'** with Louise Garrett – try different mark-making using charcoal • cafe area

1.00 **Fylingdales Folk Choir**

1.35 **Charlotte Oliver, poet**

1.45 **Jazz guitar - Glenn Brown**

2.00–2.30 **Writing mini workshop** with Julie Noble • cafe area

2.00–2.50 **Author Talks** • 'Book Corner' stall (see page 23)

2.50 Meet in front of Robinson Insitute for **Ironstone Railway Walk**

AND TO COMPLETE THE DAY IN STYLE…

10.00–11.30 & 1.00–2.30 **Make Your Own Illustrated Folk Tale** with Karin Littlewood • Studio Glaisdale (see page 25)

3.00–4.00 **Ironstone Railway Walk** • from Robinson Institute to Glaisdale Head Methodist Church (see page 26)

4.15–5.45 **Farewell Concert & Tea** • Glaisdale Head Methodist Church (see page 26) featuring…

Ironstone Tales • Glaisdale Head Methodist Church a short play/reading bringing to life Glaisdale's little-known Ironstone Era (see page 27)

The Marigolds • harmony singing with Gill, Rowena & Faye

LARCHFIELD COMMUNITY CRAFT STUDIOS



Wide range of nature-based crafted and recycled items for sale. Camphill Village Trust's creative therapy programme includes work in textiles, weaving, printmaking, ceramics, woodwork, and willow and cane weaving, with items made by adults with learning and other disabilities. www.camphillvillagetrust.org.uk

SARAH K TEW (STEW STUDIO)



Local landscape artist and architect, Sarah paints outdoors in all weathers. She works directly from local surroundings and will have **a selection of original landscape paintings for sale**.

LIZZIE HALEY



Lizzie works in mixed media, experimenting and making lots of big happy messes which usually get cut up, rearranged and stuck together again to somehow capture the essence, joy and magic of the natural world. **Lizzie will be selling framed originals, unframed prints and greeting cards.**

LINDA MARSHALL



Linda has recently moved to Lealholmside and loves to craft! **She will have a project on the go at the stall and will be happy to briefly demo** to any interested people to give an insight into the process.

LOUISE GARRETT

Based in Goathland, Louise paints and draws from life using a variety of materials and subjects. Her interest in observation is paramount. Her work evolves, often through a process of reworking an image many times in an

ALSO DURING THE DAY...

INDOOR STAGE

1.00-1.30pm
Fylingdales Folk Choir
Fylingdales Folk Choir from Robin Hood's Bay has thirty-plus members who sing a mix of traditional folk and contemporary songs in glorious four-part harmony, arranged and directed by Gillian Edwards.

1.35pm
Charlotte Oliver, poet
Charlotte writes poetry for adults and children. Her first full collection, *Nothing Happens but Everything Happens*, will be published by Valley Press in Oct 2026.

1.45pm
Jazz guitar with Glenn Brown
Glenn Brown, life-long musician, highly accomplished jazz guitarist, multi-instrumentalist and regular band player in the Whitby area and further afield. Expect an eclectic mix delivered in style.

OUTSIDE GAZEBO STAGE

10am-1pm
Open Mic on the Moor with Wayne Stephens & Jed Day – see page 25

FOOD & DRINK

With Lizzie & Andy from
The Supper Club Cafe



attempt to create a cohesive image with a lively and interesting surface. **At 11.30am, Louise will be giving an 'Experimental Drawing' mini-workshop in the Cafe area.** Try different mark-marking using charcoal in many different ways.
www.louisegarrettart.com

JEAN BOWKER

Jean lives in Aislaby and creates collaged artwork from recycled material saved from old clothes, sheets, duvet covers, curtains and towels all too worn to pass on. She will be working on a collage at her stall during the day.

LIZ DRUCE

Artist, maker, singer and Supper Club Cafe co-owner. At 10.30am Liz will be giving a Drawing Mini Workshop in the Cafe area.

JULIE NOBLE



Julie is a Whitby writer of various genres and has won a Northern Writers' Award, Arvon Gold Dust and the Moniack Moor Two Roads Award. At 2pm Julie will be giving a Writing Mini Workshop in the Cafe area.

BOOK CORNER WITH JENNA WARREN

Jenna, owner of Book Corner in Saltburn, is our Festival Books Ambassador. She brings a curated selection of locally inspired titles. Her independent bookshop offers a wide range for adults and children, with a strong focus on folklore and local interest. Join Jenna at the Book Corner stall for Book Talks with local authors, plus a chance to meet and chat, including with Jenna herself.

AUTHOR TALKS AT BOOK CORNER STALL

10.30am–1pm and 2–2.50pm

10.30am
JENNA WARREN



Jenna will discuss her new novel *The Hometown Bookshop*, a gentle seaside story of unlikely partners – outgoing actress Charlotte and grumpy traditionalist Greg – running a bookshop together. She'll share the inspirations behind her writing, including her own experience as a bookseller. Her previous novel, *The Moon and Stars*, is also published by Fairlight Books.

10.45am
MIKE EDWARDS



Mike is a writer from Teesside. He has performed poetry and spoken word at venues and events across the UK. He has an MA in Creative Writing from Northumbria University and has worked as a freelance writer in schools, prisons and community venues. His debut Middle Grade book *Riverskin* was published by Walker in 2025, with a second standalone book *Voice in The Flames* coming June 2026.

11am
STEPHEN CHANCE



Stephen Chance: a writer, architect and musician born in Redcar. His novel, *The Alum Maker's Secret* was listed for a Bridport Prize. His second novel *Feldman in Love* was published in 2026. He and Wendy de Silva have set up Studio Glaisdale, a community art studio. Chance de Silva architects is notable for its collaborations with artists and musicians.

12.15pm
CHARLOTTE OLIVER

Charlotte writes poetry for adults and children. A New Northern Poet (2023), she is one of The Poetry Society's Poets in Schools. Her first full



collection, *Nothing Happens but Everything Happens*, will be published by Valley Press in Oct 2026.

12.30pm
CAROL WILSON



Carol grew up in North Yorkshire but subsequently spent may years in Norfolk where she taught and raised her family. Returning to the north in 2000 to take up a primary school headship she ran a botany club for some of the older children. Since retirement she has been running botany classes and sessions in the field for beginner botanists of all ages.

12.45pm
JENNY HILL



Jenny, originally from Cornwall, has lived in Whitby for 12 years. Trained as a singer, she has also worked as an artist and Parish Priest. Jenny's fourth collection of poems, recently published by Esk Valley Press, will soon be heard in a video selection on new label 'Innocent Murmurs' at https://innocentmurmurs-music.org/

2pm
MARK HADLETT



Previously a working artist/songwriter, Mark began his fascination with writing in 2020. Finding the process quite addictive, he started to publish novels based locally. *Invisible* and *Medium* are paranormal mysteries set in the 1960s. *The Middlesbrough Merlin* is a thriller set in 1946. *Highwayman* includes ghosts and creatures of folklore, set in 1691.

2.15pm
SUZANNE ELVIDGE



Suzanne writes about unheard voices in the blurry spaces in between fact and fiction. *Dancing in Heaven*, which celebrates the women behind the scenes in the 1980s HIV/AIDS crisis, was published in December 2025. (www.thehouseofcorrection.com)

2.30pm
CARMEN MARCUS



Carmen lives and write in Saltburn. Her debut novel *How Saints Die* was published with Harvill Secker 2017 and Vintage 2018 and won New Writing North's Northern Promise Award in 2018.

OPEN MIC ON THE MOORS

SUN 31 MAY • 10AM–1PM • **Robinson Institute, Glaisdale**

• Festival Gazebo

If you can play an instrument, sing a song, tell a story or a joke, recite poetry or enjoy watching others doing this, then **Wayne Stephens & Jed Day** invite you to come along to the 'Open Mic on the Moors'. Book a slot (07802 175854 or 07951 564497) or just turn up on the day!



MAKE YOUR OWN ILLUSTRATED FOLK TALE

SUN 31 MAY • 10–11.30AM & 1–2.30PM • **Studio Glaisdale**



• 5-minute walk from The Robinson Institute

A workshop for ages 4–104! Renowned author and illustrator **Karin Littlewood** uses storytelling and music to guide you to create an illustrated 'story chain'. Inspired by her classic picture book of friendship across the world, Karin will read the story of 'Immi' in her hands-on workshop, showing you quick and easy drawing techniques so you can create your own wonderful illustrations of people, animals and landscapes. Every picture really does tell many stories, so come on a visually amazing adventure and see where it takes you. This workshop (*two sessions to choose from*) is fun for everyone, absolute beginners are particularly welcome. It will suit anyone between the ages of 4 and 104. All materials provided. Drop in or book: www.3-minutearts.uk/maf-booking/

IRONSTONE RAILWAY WALK

SUN 31 MAY • 3–4PM • **Meet outside Robinson Institute**

• From Robinson Institute to Glaisdale Head Methodist Church

Meet at 2.50pm outside the Robinson Institute for a guided walk with **John Roberts** along the route of the historic Ironstone Railway to Glaisdale Head Church. You will arrive in time for ***Ironstone Tales*** (page 27) and **The Marigolds** – our **Farewell Concert & Tea**. Or you can just return the way you came. The route is approximately 1 mile each way, over uneven moorland tracks with uphill and downhill sections.

The walk follows the open-air section of the nineteenth-century ironstone narrow-gauge railway, where cuttings and embankments can still be seen. Horse-drawn wagons once carried ironstone from Postgate Mine behind Glaisdale Head Church to blast furnaces on the east side of Glaisdale. Although few traces remain of Glaisdale's short-lived ironstone industry (c.1862–1876), this route offers a fascinating glimpse into its industrial past.

Part of the railway – not included on the walk – once ran beneath the village through a now-blocked tunnel. It then crossed the River Esk gorge on a trestle bridge, to reach the blast furnaces at Glaisdale's Ironstone Works.

FAREWELL CONCERT & TEA

SUN 31 MAY • 4.15–5.45PM • **Glaisdale Head Methodist Church**

Join us in this historic Methodist chapel in Glaisdale Dale for our final event featuring ***Ironstone Tales***: Glaisdale's little-known Ironstone Era – a short play, performed with scripts in hand, dramatising real and imagined events during the rise and fall of Glaisdale's ironstone industry (with music and soundscape).

Followed by **The Marigolds**, the popular harmony singing trio, Gill, Rowena and Faye, known for their outstanding harmonies and arrangements.

We will draw the Festival Fundraiser Raffle and finish off with a shared tea provided by the Chapel community (donations).


The Marigolds

IRONSTONE TALES – PRESENTED BY CAPS & CAPERS

Sun 31 May • 4.15pm • Glaisdale Head Methodist Church

Glaisdale's little-known Ironstone Era – a new short play performed with scripts in hand, dramatising real and imagined events during the rise and fall of Glaisdale's ironstone industry (with music and soundscape).



CAST
Nicola Chalton
Jason Dillon
Sandra Goody
Paul Lambert
Heather Linnley
Pascal Thivillon
Jason Upton

MUSICIANS
Barbara Anderson
Tony O'Donnell

WORDS & SOUNDSCAPE
Nicola Chalton

DIRECTED BY
Pascal Thivillon

Prelude
A visitor arrives in Glaisdale

The Promise, 1865
A future forged in Iron!

Sheer Optimism, 1866
Astonishing reports from Glaisdale Iron Works!

Papering over the Cracks, 1868
News most alarming in the *Whitby Gazette*!

New Recruit, 1870
Aye, I'm off up Postgate tomorrow morn. First shift...

The Realisation, 1871
Sir, the future of these works is uncertain.

The Inquest, 1873
Verdict: Accidental Death

Postcript
Johnny Lad! – is that you?

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The Raffle will be drawn during our Farewell Concert, Sun 31 May. Please purchase raffle tickets from Festival Ticket Sellers or online at https://3-minutearts.uk/mini-arts-festival Thank you for your support!

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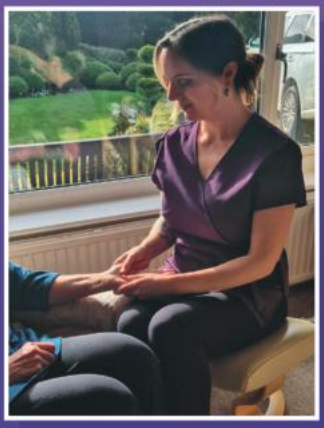
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