

20TH EDITION

WYCHWOOD

CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE * 29 - 31 MAY 2026

Village Green

**WORKSHOPS,
ACTIVITIES
AND SHOWS**

SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES

FRI DAY

A JUST FOR ADULTS

K MAINLY FOR KIDS

E FOR EVERYONE

MOUNTAINSIDE

1-2pm

BEE INSECT-AZING JUNK JODIE **K**

Buzz with Junk Jodie and Bobby Bee to explore the importance of gardens and insects. Spark creativity and meet with recycled friends like Greyson Grasshopper, Leonardo Lady Bird and Betsy Butterfly! Get ready to be inspired to transform junk into Toys! Bee Insect-AZING encourages imaginative play including singalongs, dancing, and a Junk-TASTIC craft activity where you will create your very own Bobby Bee to take home and buzz around!

2-3pm

EPIC INDIAN ADVENTURE **E** SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT

A narrative for all ages 'An Epic Indian Adventure' retells the Ramayana, following the journey of Rama and Sita. A riot for the senses, filled with colour, music and storytelling. It explores the themes of migration, journeying, identity and belonging. "A multi sensory delight"

3-4pm

WILD-ERFUL WARRIORS **K** JUNK JODIE

Embark on a Wild-ERFUL adventure with Junk Jodie and Dexter Dear! Meet their recycled friends, Elena Eagle and Oscar Otter. Learn how to take care of wildlife and get inspired to create toys from junk and bring them to life with your imagination! Wild-ERFUL WARRIORS encourages imaginative play including singalongs, dancing, and a Junk-TASTIC craft activity where you will create your very own Bobby Bee to take home and buzz around!

4-6pm

OPEN MIC SESSION **A** NEEMUS

Neemus Presents... is excited to be back at Wychwood Festival again this year! We are an inviting Open Mic platform open to all musicians with a mission to bring artists together to share their talent and creativity. Whether you're a seasoned professional or just starting out, we welcome everyone to join us in celebrating the power of music. Come and connect with fellow musicians, enjoy the vibrant atmosphere and be a part of a community that values collaboration and artistic expression. We can't wait to see you there!

HILLSIDE

12-2pm

CIRCUS WORKSHOP **E** SOLO CIRCUS & CIRCUSKAOS

Always a favourite for all ages - have a go at juggling, plate spinning, diabolo, unicycle, hula hoop and lots of other circus skills under the guidance of two internationally renowned performers who will also be showing you their skills over the weekend.

2-3pm

CHI CHI FIT KIDS **K** CHI CHIFIT

ChiChi Musical Theatre Dance Fitness combines fitness with a mixture of dance steps from the incredible world of Musicals! We will offer a fantastic range of routines for kids, to get involved with over the weekend at Wychwood! So get moving and tick your dance fitness box by experiencing these incredible sessions whilst we are at this year's festival. We will feature tracks from The Greatest Showman! Mufsa, Waitress, Hamilton, Six, The Sound of Music, Grease and so so many more!

3-5pm

CIRCUS WORKSHOP **E** SOLO CIRCUS & CIRCUSKAOS

THE MEADOW

12-2pm

BUSKERS **E**

Hear the best of local music talented while soaking up the atmosphere of The Village Green.

2-3pm

SILLY SCIENCE SHOW **K**

Putting the fun back into science, Silly Stasia and Bonkers Bertie deliver their hi-energy, interactive super fun family show. Inspiring young minds and igniting a passion for learning about the wacky world we live in. With daring demo's and extraordinary egg-speriments they will dazzle and amaze you.

3-4pm

SILLY SCIENCE SLIME **K**

Make your own tub of sensory slime straight after the show. Is it a solid or a liquid? Test your slime, exploring it's properties and thinking scientifically!

4-5pm

OUT THE BOX **E**

Out of the Box is a multi-award-winning family show delighting audiences across the UK; an hour of joyful chaos, jaw-dropping skill, and irresistible fun.

Fresh from five-star success at the Edinburgh Fringe and being named Best Family Show at Brighton Fringe, Darryl J Carrington transforms everyday objects into extraordinary adventures. A toothbrush stars in a balancing act, a string sparks a heist, and a tea party lands on someone's head!

With over 20 years of circus and clowning experience, Darryl's silent comedy blends world-class juggling, inventive physical theatre, and heartwarming audience interaction. His humour transcends age and language, captivating children, parents, and grandparents alike.

5-6pm

SAMBA DRUMMING WORKSHOP **E** OLA SAMBA

Try your hand at the drumming of the Rio Carnival with Olá Samba. Learn a fun set of material on authentic Brazilian percussion instruments taught by expert tutor, David Walter, and put it all together into a mini 'performance' at the end of the session! Expect loud drums, big smiles, and a fun challenge.

HOWLIN' PETE'S

1-2pm

OUT THE BOX **E**

Catch Darryl Carrington's Show on the big stage - perfect for the whole family.

OUTDOORS

12-1pm

SAMBA DRUMMING PERFORMANCE **E** OLA SAMBA

The Olá Samba Bateria brings the rhythms of Brazilian carnival to Wychwood. Expect a high-energy, brightly coloured performance on 100% acoustic percussion from the Rio Carnival. A local group and a crowd favourite sure to get you dancing.

1-5pm

DROP IN DRUM WORKSHOP **E** DRUMRUNNERS

Drum Runners are back with some great new songs and rhythms that they call "Riffems". Join in and learn uplifting rhythms and play on recycled instruments (like the bike wheel drums and colourful drum tubs). Learn to sing along with original songs or even create your own songs.

FIERY JACK'S

1-5pm

GAMES EMPORIUM **E**

Fiery Jack has spent well over a decade choosing the most wonderfully engaging board games and parlour games and recreating cultural games from all over the world for the Games Emporium! Come and play!

SATURDAY

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MOUNTAINSIDE

9-11am

OPEN MIC SESSION NEEMUS A

11-12pm

CIRQUE DU FLIM FLAM FLEA E
SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT

Focus on Professor Filibuster's fantastic, ferocious, febrile fleas as they flick, flip and fall in this fabulous funny feature. All ages welcome " Completely bonkers"

12-1pm

SEA SHANTIES & PIRATE GAMES FOR KIDS K
SALTBURN SMUGGLERS

Join Keith & Kate from the Saltburn Smugglers to sing shanties with pirate games in an hour of smuggling fun! In the heart of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, where rugged cliffs meet the North Sea's whispers, the Saltburn Smugglers are rekindling a legacy. Founders Keith & Kate Ayling run shanty and songwriting workshops all across the UK bringing the joy of singing and songwriting to thousands every year.

1-2pm

LAUGHTER YOGA A
ANNA SEMLYEN

Laughter fills your cup with giggles. Play short drama scenarios aimed to get you chuckling with laughter leader Anna Semlyen. Come be silly and loud. We initiate laughter. Be willing to play along as, for example, a pantomime villain and it soon turns into real laughter - infectious, easy and healthy breathwork exercise that's enormous fun. Everyone can laugh and all are welcome.

2-3pm

LINDY HOP A
GLOSTER SWING DANCE

Twice the UK Lindy Hop Champions, husband and wife team Gary & Sara Boon have been teaching swing dance for over 25 years and have featured on the Sky TV show Got to Dance. They will bring to Wychwood festival authentic American swing dancing which is a partner dance based on the 'Lindy Hop'. It's fun & easy to learn and suitable for older children (accompanied) & adults. Comfy casual clothes & low heeled shoes are best. Remember to bring a drink.

3-4pm

BABY BEATLES SINGALONG K
BUNGALOW BILL

Join Bungalow Bill on a magical mystery tour to an octopus's garden in a yellow submarine! FAB!! We'll sing hits by The Beatles, and everyone can join in, with bells and shakers, clapping, singing and dancing our way through a Beatles adventure.

4-5pm

BELLY DANCE SYREN E

Join Syren Alternative Belly Dancers for a Family-Friendly Belly Dance Workshop filled with music & movement! This upbeat session introduces the beautiful art of belly dance in a relaxed and welcoming environment. No experience needed — just bring your smiles and get ready to shimmy! Learn fun, easy-to-follow moves. Coin belts provided to wear during the session. Belly dance is a fantastic way to build confidence, improve coordination, and enjoy quality time together.

HILLSIDE

9-10am

YOGA FOR ADULTS A
JANEROTHERY

Morning Yoga is a great way to start the day at a Festival. Suitable for everyone, and all ages, it is about safely sharing some stretches, breath work, gratitude, reflection and relaxation.

10-11am

MOVEMENT AND POETRY E
EMMA CLOWSLEY

Emma Clowsley is an awarding winning poet and performer, using poetry to explore relationships, boundaries & stereotypes with movement to bring words to life on the stage. Emma offers a workshop which explores how movement & poetry fit together & how they can inspire each other. There will be word games, improv, performance skills & movement.

11-12pm

UKULELE EDI JOHNSTON E

If you want to play an instrument but it seems a long way to go before you can play anything, or you have a ukulele lying around but it's always out of tune and you can't seem to get a tune out of it... come along and UKE CAN PLAY! We'll learn some basic chords & strumming patterns together - come & have a go!

12-2pm

CIRCUS WORKSHOP E
SOLO CIRCUS & CIRCUSKAOS

2-3pm

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE FOR BEGINNERS A
ADE JOWITT-THRALL

Join me in an interactive workshop to learn the basics of British Sign Language (BSL). You will be shown how to sign the alphabet and encouraged to sign along. Then go on to fingerspell your name and sign some basic questions.

3-5pm

CIRCUS WORKSHOP E
SOLO CIRCUS & CIRCUSKAOS

THE MEADOW

11-2pm

BUSKERS E

1-2pm

PROFESSOR STRANGE K

With colourful Victorian flair, Professor Strange weaves a strange world of magic, circus and fantasy that makes for a hugely original and energetically entertaining show for family audiences. Jaws will drop, Flabber will be gashed and everybody will be amazed at the truly impossible feats that this crazy character magician performs.

2-3pm

FIERY JACKS FAMILY SHOW E

Fiery Jack is a high-energy circus showman, magician, and master of magnificent mischief. Blending daring spectacle with outrageous comedy, he keeps audiences giggling and gasping in equal measure. With bold tricks, big personality, and a wink of playful eccentricity, this is street theatre at its most entertaining.

3-4pm

POP! BUBBLE SHOW E
FRENETIC ENGINEERING

Bubbletastic Frenetic Engineering bring their POP! 80'S BUBBLE PARTY Bringing joy to all ages, a riot of bubbles for the kids and a whole load of fun for everyone with the retro soundtrack. Yes this one is not just for the kids, it's for the big kids to relive their youth! Dancing and smiles guaranteed! The world can be too serious these days, forget that and get popping!

4-5pm

SAMBA DANCE SELVA ROMERO E

Selva is a samba dancer and experienced teacher and loves performing and spreading her love for samba and Brazil. She will be teaching the samba step and a short lively sequence guaranteed to put you in a good mood! Suitable for teens and adults, wear comfortable shoes and bring water!

5-6pm

SAMBA DRUMMING WORKSHOP
OLA SAMBA

HOWLIN' PETE'S

0:30-11:30am

POP! BUBBLE SHOW E
FRENETIC ENGINEERING

Don't miss this amazing family show on the big stage.

OUTDOORS

12-4pm

TRAPEZE DROP IN WORKSHOPS K
ORLY ROSE

Workshop participants can try climbing, spinning and flipping upside down on aerial apparatus. Prepare to test your strength and defy gravity, flying through the air with strength, fluidity and grace! Workshops are suitable for complete beginners upwards. (Recommended minimum age is 5).

FIERY JACK'S

10-5pm

GAMES EMPORIUM E

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11-12pm

PIRATEPHENALIA **K**
SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT

Prepare to pirate! Set sail with the Piratephenalia show. Participate in seriously silly songs, spontaneous stories and reckless rumbustious romps. Suitable for all ages. "My kids loved it!"

12-1pm

BELLY DANCE WORKSHOP **E** SYREN

1-2pm

SEA SHANTIES FOR ADULTS **A**
SALTBURN SMUGGLERS

A session for adults with Keith & Kate from the Saltburn Smugglers to sing classic and new shanties and discover the vocals of your inner pirate!

2-3pm

SINGALONG AND GAMES SESSION! **K**
COME TO MY PARTY

Join the fun for a high-energy, feel-good session packed with favourite songs, big singalong moments, and plenty of laughter! With lively games, audience participation, and music that gets everyone clapping and joining in, this is the perfect way to bring friends and families together. Whether you're ready to belt out a tune or jump into the action, there's something for everyone — come along and be part of the party!

3-4pm

POCO DROM ACOUSTIC **E**

POCO DROM present a chilled-out acoustic interpretation of their wild and wonderful glitter punk world that will have the whole family singing along together. Expect songs about rainbow pandas, melancholy unicorns, lobsters and neurodivergent rabbits, mixed in with random chat and stories about family life.

4-5pm

OPEN MIC SESSION **A**
NEEMUS

HILLSIDE

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YOGA FOR ADULTS **A**
WITH JANE ROTHERY

10-11am

CHI CHI FIT KIDS **K**

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BUNGALOW BILL

2-4pm

CIRCUS WORKSHOP **E**
SOLO CIRCUS & CIRCUSKAOS

4-4.30pm

PREPARE FOR PARADE **E**

4.30-5pm

PARADE **E**

THE MEADOW

10-12am

BUSKERS **E**

12-1pm

MAGIC KERRY! A FUN AND INTERACTIVE MAGIC SHOW! **K** COME TO MY PARTY

Get ready for laughs, gasps and silly surprises! Magic Kerry brings a high-energy, laugh-out-loud magic show packed with mind-blowing tricks, interactive fun, and plenty of audience participation. With comedy, charm and a sprinkle of festival sparkle, this is a feel-good performance that will have children wide-eyed and grown-ups just as amazed. Don't miss the magic — it's fun for the whole family!

1-2pm

FIERY JACKS FAMILY SHOW **E**

2-3pm

BELLY DANCE PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOP **E** SYREN

3-4pm

HULA HOOP **ANGIE MACK** **E**

Angie Mack Hula hoop extraordinaire brings you her Hoops, Hoops and More Hoops Show.

Everything you ever wanted and never needed to know about hula hooping!

From the death-defying stunt hooping to the weird and wonderful world of mini hoop madness and the dazzling glitz of the circus hula hoops. Witness the jaw-dropping giant 6ft hula hoop all the way up to the multi-hooping, confetti-exploding, human tower of uncertainty!

Angie Macks' hooptastic, interactive comedy show is jam packed with highly skilled hula hoop tricks, iconic music, and a whole lot of heart and if that's not enough the show finishes with the opportunity for you all to join the team, get up and have a hoop.

4-4.30pm

OLA SAMBA PERFORMANCE **E**

4.30-5pm

PARADE **E**

HOWLIN' PETE'S

10:30-11:30

POCO DROM ELECTRIC **E**

POCO DROM return with their high-voltage family rave guaranteed to supercharge your festival morning. Expect to bounce along to original electro bangers as bubbles, foam, and confetti explosions fill the air. Described as 'The Flaming Lips for kids', their energetic, positive vibes will have you smiling all day.

OUTDOORS

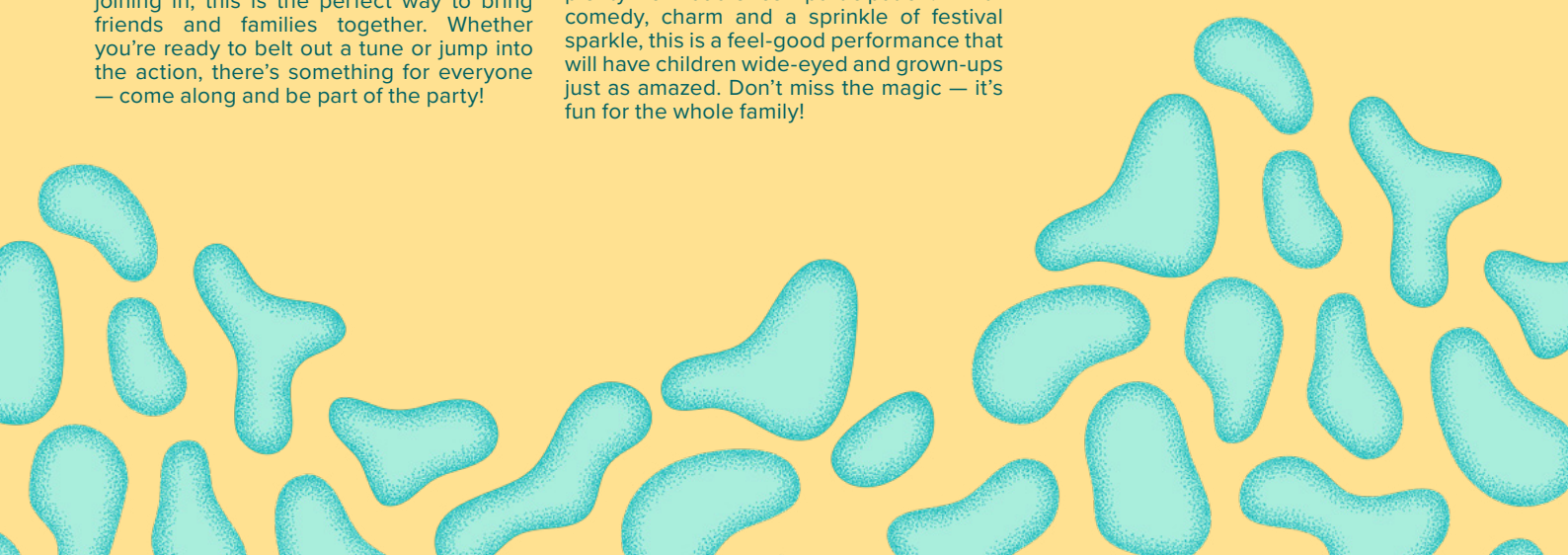
11-3pm

TRAPEZE DROP IN WORKSHOPS **K**
ORLY ROSE

FIERY JACK'S

10-5pm

GAMES EMPORIUM **E**



THE FOREST

DROP IN ARTS, CRAFTS & TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

A rolling programme of activities for all ages that includes making, creating, drawing, music making, painting, science experiments and more. Try lino printing, make a keyring or enamelled jewellery, create a groovy painted record, try your hand at screen printing, experiment with sound and much more. Different sessions each morning and afternoon.

OPENING TIMES

FRIDAY: 2-5PM | SATURDAY: 10-1PM & 2-5PM | SUNDAY 10-1PM & 1:30-4:30PM

NECKLACES HELENSIMONE TEXTILES

These God Eye Necklaces are easy to make and can be a part of your festival look!

BEAUTIFUL BARGELLO DARNIT WORKSHOPS

A fun and accessible form of stitching using straight stitches and a wide mesh. Make keyrings, brooches and more!

MEXICAN STICK WEAVING DARNIT WORKSHOPS

Make fantastic and addictive to make decorations with yarn and sticks.

KUMIHIONO BRAIDING DARNIT WORKSHOPS

Create brilliant bracelets with a fun Japanese braiding techniques.

CELEBRATORY CRAFTS SPARE ROOM ARTS

Twenty years of Wychwood Festival deserves something spectacular — so we're throwing a birthday party bursting with colour, creativity and festival spirit! Help us bring the celebration to life as we design and make fabulous party hats, swirling sticks and a bold piece of giant collaborative artwork that will take centre stage in Sunday's parade. Whether you're a seasoned maker or just love a bit of eco glitter and glue, this is your chance to be part of something joyful, playful and wonderfully Wychwood.

Expect laughter, imagination, and a shared sense of celebration as we create something magical together.

WOOLCRAFTING AMY FREEMAN ARTSTUFF

Crochet artist/yarn bomber and craftivist Amy Freeman Artstuff will be delivering various woolcrafting activities to support both beginners and seasoned knitters, crocheters and weavers to enjoy some well-being activities while experimenting with new artforms and ways of working with yarn while meeting and making alongside fellow woolcraft fans.

ORIGAMI MONSTER BOOKMARKS CURTY CREATES

Bring a monster to life using colourful paper, card and other fun accessories. It can be used as a corner bookmark or go further and create a body to scare your family and friends!

BLEEPHAUS

Bleephaus is an adventure playground for sound, noise & accidental music. We provide opportunities for creative play in using a wide range of music technology, from analogue synthesisers to cheap circuit-bent toys, from handmade experimental devices to equipment you can pick up to play with at home.

HAIR CROWNS CURTY CREATES

Create a fabulously-fringed hair crown, using colourful card and other accessories to wow other festival goers!

COMIC ART NAMES CURTY CREATES

Draw your own name in the style of a comic, using colourful card and abstract shapes — you can take this away to mark your territory at home!

GET CREATIVE CRATE STUFF

Get creative with Crate Stuff, turning crates of junk into headdresses and instruments, tent decorations and jewellery. There will be colours & hammers, string and scissors. Let your imagination run & see what great stuff you can create from the recycling bin!

WEATHER STATION SALARIC ARTS

Make your own weather recording equipment, investigate weather patterns, and create your own weather diary with Cuddly Science and Salaric Crafts!

BUBBLE TROUBLE SALARIC ARTS

Have you ever wondered what causes the rainbow swirls on bubbles? Or the fizz in fizzy drinks? Join us for some bubble trouble, where we will explore the fascinating world of bubbles and create bubble-inspired art works...

ENAMELLING MEDLEY ARTS

Glass enamel powders and beads will be used to create a fired design on a copper shape. This can then be turned into Jewellery of your choice, necklace, badge, earings or keyring.

CRAFTS CUTE CRAFTS

Our sessions at Wychwood are full of fun and creativity. We make all of our activities accessible and you can go into detail or keep it simple. Take a memory of Wychwood home with you.

SCREEN PRINTING FAR OUT WORKSHOPS

Come and design your own stencil which can be screen printed either onto paper or a fabric bag - there is a small charge for the bags.

CARTOONS NEIL SMITH ILLUSTRATION

Pull up a chair, grab a pen and paper and follow Neil's lead as he shows you how to doodle cartoon animals, monsters and people using simple, easy to draw shapes. WARNING: These sessions will contain silliness.

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS LAURA KENT

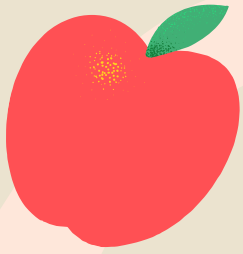
Add to your festival look with a funky friendship bracelet. There will be a wide selection of coloured thread to choose from and beads too. The braids you create can look good on your wrist or ankle or be clipped in your hair if you prefer!

GIANT COLOURING IN

Take a moment of peace and do some colouring in, working together to fill in the whole sheet.

BUILDING BLOCKS SALARIC ARTS

Join Cuddly Science and Salaric Crafts to let your imagination go wild with magnetic building kits, Lego, and giant soft play blocks. Learn about architecture and engineering while having fun!



Barbara's **STORYBOX**



**AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS APPEARING
ACROSS THE WEEKEND**

FRIDAY

13:00

**SIMON MOLE
POETRY PIZZA**

14:00

**LUCY ROWLAND
MAGPIE AND THE
SPARKLING WORDS**

15:00

**JO COTTERILL
STARLIGHT STABLES**

16:00

**SMRITI HALLS
BEST DOG EVER**

SATURDAY

10:00

**DUNCAN BEEDIE
A HOLIDAY FOR BEAR**

11:00

**PHILP ARDAGH
BUNNIES IN A ROCKET**

12:00

**STEVE COLE
ASTROSAURS**

13:00

**HARRY WOODGATE
THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE**

14:00

**MATT OLDFIELD
& SETH BURKETT
FOOTBALL G.O.A.T.**

15:00

**SOPHY HENN
HAPPY HILLS**

16:00

**BARBARA'S STORY
BOX SPECTACULAR**
FEATURING A
MAGNIFICENT LINE-UP
OF FESTIVAL AUTHORS
AND ILLUSTRATORS
PAST AND PRESENT

SUNDAY

10:00

**CHAZ & ANTONY
KIDS CRAFTS**

11:00

**TIM EWINS &
BETH BRIDGER
CLIPPA AND CLAWZO**

12:00

**TOM PERCIVAL
SQUIRREL & DUCK**

13:00

**RACHEL BRIGHT
THE TURTLE WHO
TURNED THE TIDE**

14:00

**SERENA PATEL
PIA'S PET CLUB**

15:00

**GARETH P JONES
CHICKEN VS EGG**

