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WHAT'S ON IN NEWCASTLE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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YOU'RE IN NEWCASTLE



YOUR FORTNIGHTLY GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON

Well, we've wittered on about it for enough issues now – Christmas is finally here! In this issue you can calm your festive woes with a few handy hints on what to do over the holiday period (if you haven't got enough to do!). We advise putting your feet up with a cuppa, looking over the wonderful collection of events and happenings in Newcastle this fortnight, and then forget all about the wrapping and cooking and get out there amongst it!

Christmas carol concerts abound, as you'd expect, but you can also enjoy a noisier night out at many venues across the City – we like the look of the O2 Academy's Classic Rock Legends nights at the end of December.

And once the festive season's over and done with, enjoy the fireworks in Newcastle's city centre and on the Quayside for an explosive end to a great year. See you in 2013!

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LET US LEAD YOU THROUGH THAT TRICKY PERIOD BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WHEN NO ONE REALLY KNOWS QUITE WHAT TO DO! HEAD INTO TOWN FOR SOME SHOPPING (THE SALES WILL HAVE STARTED!) OR RELAX WITH A DRINK AND SOME ENTERTAINMENT



BOXING DAY DO

Newcastle's latest plush bar Livello on Dean Street is hosting the most 'adult friendly' party on Boxing Day (it isn't filthy, we've checked). In association with Grey Goose, The Bohemian Ball is in aid of the very worthy Sunshine Fund, a charity that helps provide much needed equipment to children with disabilities.

The night itself is all about glamour, beauty, freedom, truth and, rightly so at this time of year, love. Ahhh!

With DJs and live acts, it sounds like a top way to dance off the Christmas weight early. Doors open at 8pm and the party closes at 3am. Tickets £10 in advance, £15 on the door.

barlivello.co.uk

THE STAND NEW YEAR'S SPECIALS

THE STAND COMEDY CLUB ARE HOSTING A SIX NIGHT RUN OF NEW YEAR SPECIALS, WITH THE LIKES OF GAVIN WEBSTER, SIMON DONALD, JOHN SCOTT, DANA ALEXANDER AND MARTIN MOR ATTEMPTING TO TICKLE YOUR FUNNY BONE. IT'S A SURE FIRE WAY TO KEEP THE MERRIMENT GOING BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR, WITH SHOWS STARTING ON THURSDAY 27TH DECEMBER UNTIL TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY.

WWW.THESTAND.CO.UK



NEW CHRISTMAS MENU AT ELECTRIC EAST

For a big twist on the traditional Christmas menu, South East Asian restaurant Electric East have begun serving a new Christmas menu. With the likes of breaded turkey escalopes Kapitan curry, sweet potato and root vegetable pave and a Christmas pudding creme brulee, it's something a little different in the run up to Christmas, and something imaginative from one of Newcastle's finest restaurants.

electric-east.co.uk

KATHERINE JENKINS @ THE SAGE

Record-breaking multi-platinum selling mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins is heading to The Sage backed by the National Symphony Orchestra on Friday 21st December.

With an evening of Christmas Classics, the world's most successful mezzo-soprano is sure to fill The Sage with those beautiful vocals and powerful orchestra. thesagegateshead.org

POETRY & PHOTOGRAPHY COME TOGETHER

A new book by Sheree Mack, The Lit & Phil's writer in residence, and photoartist Andrew Belshaw is to launch on Tuesday 18th December at The Lit & Phil on Westgate Road. The Abstraction of Verse combines poems and imagery working together - some poems inspired from Andrew's photographs, and some photographs inspired by Sheree's poetry, it's collaboration in its purest form.

With a wide range of topics covered, from dancing to the joys of great sex, this 60 page coffee table book has depth and beauty.

www.litandphil.org.uk

QUICK QUESTION

WHICH NEWCASTLE CELEBRITY WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE A MAKEOVER?

I'd love to give Cheryl Cole a makeover. Take her back to her chavvy roots!

AMY GOODALL, 20, DURHAM



HABIT RETURNS FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

One of the biggest club nights in Newcastle returns for a one off special on Thursday 27th December.

Habit is keeping to its original form, with no guest DJ's, and this one-off event is going to be a simple and true party in its 'rawest form', so say the promoters.

Open from 11pm at World Headquarters, it's a night not to be missed, or repeated.

To get on the guest list and ensure free entry, head over to their website clubhabit.co.uk

JOOLS HOLLAND & HIS RHYTHM & BLUES ORCHESTRA

The great lover of music Jools Holland is heading to Newcastle City Hall on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd December.

With his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra behind him, his show has developed into one of the most popular tours in the UK and his foot stomping, feel good style makes these nights to remember.

newcastlecityhall.org

QUICK QUESTION

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE ANNUAL EVENT IN NEWCASTLE?

The ice-skating rink at the Centre for Life! It's so Christmassy and really gets me in the holiday spirit!

CLIVE JOHNSON,
32, WHITLEY BAY



THE BORROWERS NORTHERN STAGE ARE PUSHING OUT THE BOAT FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOWING OF THE BORROWERS, WITH AN INCREDIB SET AND THE HEART-WARMING STORY OF THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE BORROWERS AND 'HUMAN BEANS'. WITH PUPPETS, LIVE MUSIC AND POSTAGE STAMP POSTERS IT'S A SURE FIRE TREAT TO GET THE KIDS GIGGLING AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS, AND RUNS UNTIL SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER.
WWW.NORTHERNSTAGE.CO.UK

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VICTORIA CARLIN

@ameliesoleil

Cabaret artist and magic dragon's assistant. Live Theatre's guest blogger for December

So, what does a guest blogger for a theatre do?

By bringing a new voice to an established blog, it's a more individual view of the theatre scene from a new perspective

Why do you think something like this is important to your average theatre-goer?

Live Theatre appeals to every type of theatre goer, by inviting guest bloggers to report back on events it opens debate and feedback

What sort of things are you going to be turning your blogging eye on this December?

First up is the Broken Christmas Cabaret on Wednesday 12th and more cabaret from Rock & Doris on 15th

Why did Live seek you out for this particular role?

I live in London & work in cabaret, I'll be home for winter. I came through Live's youth program so when they asked for bloggers, I said yes!

Away from Live, what other Xmas treats are you looking forward to in NE1?

Christmas markets for sure, general comedy office party watching and whatever's planned at Monument. Can't wait!

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS



This year's New Year celebrations are set to be the biggest yet, with the Winter Carnival returning to the region and the added value of a spectacular firework show right on the Quayside as the bells ring in the New Year.

The parade, starting off from Monument at 5pm, is a family friendly romp through the streets of Newcastle, and with this year's theme drawing on Norse mythology and

Viking folklore (including a Viking Longship dragged up through Northumberland Street) it's sure to be a bizarre spectacle.

Carol Bell, head of culture and major events at NewcastleGateshead initiative (NGI), said: "We're very proud to host one of the biggest New Year's celebrations in the country here in NewcastleGateshead. "Year on year we've seen the event grow to include hundreds of local

community performers, arts groups and volunteers. Our long time collaborators, and producers of the Winter Carnival, Walk The Plank, have created another brilliant event for all the family to enjoy.

"Approximately 40,000 people attended last year's Winter Carnival and we hope to see more of the same as we welcome in 2013." The route, leaving from Monument at 5.15pm, will head up

IF YOU'RE HEADING OUT THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE, HERE'S A SELECTION OF THE BEST PLACES TO HAVE A GREAT NIGHT

COPTHORNE HOTEL

For something a little different, The Copthorne are hosting a drinks reception, four course dinner and a disco for £69 – or for £279 per couple you can stay at the Copthorne and get brunch the following morning.

www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/copthornenewcastle

THE SLUG & LETTUCE

It's free entry to the Slug & Lettuce's Masquerade Ball, and with drinks offers on too you might actually not go bankrupt in 2013, handy.

www.slugandlettuce.co.uk

THE HILTON

A New Year's Diamond Ball, where one lucky attendee will win a £1,000 diamond! This is a black tie event including a four course meal and a late night snack and entertainment from The Paul James Band. Tickets £99 per person.

www.hilton.co.uk

UNO'S

Uno's are keeping their prices fixed for New Year, with a free glass of bubbly to bring in the New Year – so it's actually cheaper than a normal night!

www.unotrattoria.co.uk

THE NEW ROPE STRING BAND AT THE SAGE

Expect the hilariously unexpected with The New Rope String Band, Python-esque slapstick and a proper fun night that's a little bit different.

www.thesagegateshead.org

CHASE

It's another masquerade ball, but with Chase you've got fire eating stilt walkers thrown in too! You can book a table for £10, and get a free bottle of bubbly.

www.chasenewcastle.co.uk

40,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED LAST YEAR

Northumberland Street with a bit of a diversion through John Dobson Street to St Mary's Place and onto the Civic Centre for a fireworks finale at 6pm.

The parade, made up of hundreds of local residents, starts with Odin's wolves prowling the streets and Thor's hammers keeping the beat going and the marching drums booming, and with the Kinsmen's fire dancers leading a flaming Viking Longship, it'll be sure to heat you up a little bit.

There's still a sprinkle of North East traditions though, so it's a heady mix of old and new – and best of all, it just sounds fun!

This year though, the fireworks are a double whammy affair – with the Civic Centre at 6pm, and then on the stroke of midnight the Quayside will be lit up for all the bars and restaurants filled with revellers.

Carol Bell said: "With so many people staying in town to celebrate the arrival of 2013, we wanted to extend some of the carnival celebrations. A short firework display will take place on the NewcastleGateshead Quayside at midnight for those people enjoying New Year in venues and attractions like The Sage Gateshead, Pitcher & Piano and The Slug & Lettuce."

QUICK QUESTION

WHAT FILM WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMADE IN NEWCASTLE?

Pulp Fiction! Imagine the iconic dance being remade in Sam Jacks!

**CLARISSA THOMAS,
29, ROWLANDS GILL**

MY TOP FIVE

CHLOE FRENCH 20, NEWCASTLE

TOP 5 FASHION CRIMES

Kitten Heels – There are no circumstances that these should be worn. Ever.

Matching Tracksuits – Especially those pink and white ones. A* star for co-ordination, F for fashion sense.

Ugg Boots – Especially fake ones and especially when people can't walk in them.

Crop Tops in Winter – It's snowing, why do you need to have your midriff on show?

Pauls Boutique – It's not designer, it's not nice and no your bright pink PVC bag does not go with those Uggs!



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NAME: Phil Steele

VENUE: Eldon Square Shopping Centre

POSITION: General Manager

TELL US ABOUT YOU: My career in retail has spanned almost thirty years, and for the last two and a half years I've been at the helm of one of the country's largest city centre shopping destinations, Eldon Square. I'm married to Carole, an avid Sunderland supporter, who coerced me into buying a season ticket before she agreed to getting married! This agreement remains a deal-breaker after twenty-five years of marriage. We have two children, Andrew, 23 and Julia, 20.

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT: Fishers in Leith, Edinburgh is one of my favourites, serving expertly cooked fish dishes, I'm also enjoying the new Marco Pierre White restaurant in Hotel Indigo in Newcastle – the best steak I've tasted in years!

INSPIRATIONAL CHEF: I am a fan of Jamie Oliver, as much for his campaign to encourage the UK to improve eating habits and have a healthier diet as for his fresh and organic style of cooking. I did try my hand at one of his 15 minute recipes recently – but it took me almost an hour. Jamie must have helped in his kitchen!

FAVOURITE BAR: The Crab & Lobster in Asenby in North Yorkshire. It's really a bar/restaurant, and a fabulous traditional thatched pub serving great beer and great food. The Quayside's Crown Posada is a firm favourite for its wide selection of real ales.

LAST WINE YOU DRANK: Definitely from a bottle, I remember that! Guess you can tell I'm not a wine snob! I do like New World wines, so my preferences would probably be South African or New Zealand, but it would have to be bad for me not to drink it.

FAVOURITE CITY: Has to be New York, partly because of the exuberance of the city that aims to be the biggest and the best and likes to shout about it!

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**NEWCASTLE FOOTBALL PUNDIT,
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It was Larry Grayson who destroyed the magic. For younger readers, Larry was a light entertainment performer from the 70s (the 1970s I may add, in case my grey hair looks like a powdered wig from the 1770s), and he made Louis from Pineapple dance studios look like Jason Statham. A popular show he presented was the Generation Game, whereby the Beeb managed to unload all the unwanted staff going away presents, in the guise of prizes. Naturally there was a Xmas special, and the guests this particular year were ABBA, the biggest stars west of Jupiter. Larry simpered on their arrival “They’ve given up their Christmas to be with us,” when clearly the show had been recorded in July. This led to the current phenomena of everything from cookery shows, to fly-on-the-wall drear-a-thons having Xmas specials as well. I could understand it if it were Songs Of Praise, but sticking a Santa hat on Jamie Oliver (I would prefer something more metallic) doesn’t make it special. The quality of TV at Xmas is appalling, as TV execs finally shake the barrel and a dead fly falls out. They’re all wintering in Gstaad of course, so why should they care we’re stuck with a Bond film so old he uses a bow and arrow, and ‘Christmas with that bird from Emmerdale’? The only upside to Xmas tele is the extra football, and Millie Clode from Sky Sports News sitting tantalisingly close to the studio mistletoe. It hasn’t got the childlike magic of days of yore, believing ABBA would spend Christmas Day in a West London TV studio just for me, but it makes me happy, which is what it’s about, surely? Merry Christmas to you, and I won’t spoil it by saying I wrote this in August.



There’s plenty of places in Newcastle offering tantalising Christmas dinners over the festive period. Here we’ve picked a few – some with a twist, some for value, and others just because they seem luxurious. Make sure you book as soon as you can though, there’s a lot of demand!

PAN HAGGERTY RESTAURANT

A traditional Christmas menu, with prawn cocktails and roast chicken, as well as starters of roast breast of woodcock pigeon, cauliflower and vanilla panacotta and mains of roast duck breast. It’s a twist on the traditional and sounds delicious.

www.panhaggerty.com

BLACKFRIARS

The medieval hall has all the traditional trimmings in a three course meal for £27 at lunchtime and dinner for £30.

www.blackfriarsrestaurant.co.uk

THE LIVING ROOM

It’s high quality great food at the Living Room, with a Christmas lunch from £18.50 or dinner for £28.50 for three courses. Their set menu has a wide choice and a welcoming atmosphere.

www.thelivingroom.co.uk

THE VERMONT HOTEL

Turkey, stuffing and a posh hotel setting from £34.50 a head. Nice and fancy!

www.vermont-hotel.com

THE PITCHER AND PIANO

Two courses for £19.95, three for £24.95 – there’s a mix of traditional and non-traditional, but it all sounds good to eat!

www.pitcherandpiano.com

THE FORTH HOTEL

Two courses for £16, 3 for £19 – this one’s a bargain. Some incredible sounding food at a low price. Can’t get much better than that.

www.theforthnewcastle.co.uk

MARCO PIERRE WHITE STEAK HOUSE

A bit of a pricier dinner, but Marco does pride himself on value, as for £75 a head you get four courses and canapés and champagne on arrival – plus it’s one of the top restaurants in Newcastle. A stretch, but that doesn’t mean it isn’t value for money.

www.mpwsteakhousenewcastle.co.uk

BABUCHO

A very good restaurant down the Quayside, Babucho are offering a proper Sunday Roast, with two courses for £12.95 or three for £16.95.

www.babucho.co.uk



What better way to get into the festive spirit than to indulge in a Christmas film! The Tyneside Cinema are dusting out the old favourites this December, with a range of films for all the family to enjoy. Now, in our house, it's just not Christmas until everyone's bawled their eyes out after watching It's A Wonderful Life, so why not make a

spectacle of yourself at the pictures too, with screenings from Friday 14th December, and a Special Night Of Good Cheer on Sunday 23rd which includes a screening of the film in the wonderful surroundings of Tyneside's Classic Circle followed by live music from the Maine Street Trio in the Tyneside Bar. The kids can enjoy a host of their

(and your) favourite festive films including Home Alone (Tuesday 18th), everyone's favourite – The Muppets Christmas Carol (Saturday 15th until Saturday 22nd), The Nightmare Before Christmas gets the 3D treatment on Thursday 20th and Scrooge sees the errors of his ways from Friday 21st until Sunday 23rd. Talking of Scrooge, there's free films in the Tyneside Bar every week, with screenings of Scrooged (Tuesday 18th), Gremlins (Thursday 20th) and Elf (Friday 21st).

It's not all about the films though, as the Tyneside also have a Christmas Quiz on Wednesday 19th, where you can test your knowledge of the festive season; while the big kids can enjoy Mr Drayton and his Record Player as musos count down their favourite Christmas singles (Thursday 20th). Plus, it wouldn't be Christmas without a good ol' carol concert, and you can enjoy Newcastle's Male Chorus for free on Saturday 22nd. www.tynesidecinema.co.uk



DEAN STREET




MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER

LIVELLO & GREY GOOSE

Present the most stylish & adult friendly party this Boxing Day. Wednesday 26th December sees the unmissable launch of 'The Bohemian Ball' at Livello. Make sure that you're ready to party by the ideals of beauty, freedom, truth and above all things love. Get your 'playfully' glamorous outfit together and dancing shoes ready to hit the star-lit floor and make some everlasting memories in Newcastle's most stylish and lavish venue. Our resident DJs will be spinning tunes with accompaniment from the best live music in the Northeast.

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KID-ANTICS



ANNA-MARIA STEEL

'Tis the season to be jolly...and shop for our little darlings! Where to go in NE1 for those all important Christmas toys? For little ones, head to the Early Learning Centre (18 Blakett Bridge, Eldon Square Shopping Centre) for an extensive range of branded toys as well as own label toys. Check out the great discounts too.

Older children will appreciate anything from Grainger Games (11 Nun Street) a one-stop shop for new and used PC, Playstation3, Xbox360 and Nintendo Wii consoles and games.

You could spend a whole day on the third floor of Fenwick (39 Northumberland Street) browsing the toys, having lunch in the Northside Diner, and visiting Santa's grotto. Here you will also find the Build-a-Bear Workshop and a concession of Grainger Games.

Our other department store, John Lewis (Eldon Square) has a well stocked toy department who will price check and match any other high street retailer. Shop here for the popular Micro-Scooters and interesting stocking fillers.

Finally Argos (111 Northumberland St & St George's Way, Eldon Square) offers value, choice and convenience. Admit it - how many of us use the catalogue for Christmas inspiration?! I certainly do. Seasons greetings to you all.

IAN ANDERSON'S CHRISTMAS SHOW @ ST NICHOLAS' CATHEDRAL



Leader and flautist of British rock band Jethro Tull Ian Anderson will be performing a very special Christmas concert on Friday 14th December at St Nicholas' Cathedral in Newcastle. Scottish singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Ian Anderson was the man who introduced the flute to rock music, and has played more than 3,000 concerts, in over 40 countries over four decades.

Each year Ian does a few charity shows and this year St Nicholas' Cathedral is proud and honoured to be hosting his latest Christmas event. All proceeds from the show will be going to support the Cathedral's fabric and work.

Ian will be supported on the night by Kathryn Tickell, the foremost exponent of the Northumbrian pipes and Bob Fox, singer and guitarist of traditional songs from the North East.

The Christmas show will be a mixture of rock, folk and traditional elements that will reflect the building's use as a sacred and historic space. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £25 and are available from The Sage Gateshead's website.

www.stnicholascathedral.co.uk

THE GRUFFALO WITH NORTHERN SINFONIA ORCHESTRA



On Friday 28th December The Sage Gateshead will be screening the hugely acclaimed films *The Gruffalo* and *The Gruffalo's Child* and for the first time ever they will be accompanied by the award-winning Northern Sinfonia orchestra, who will play French composer Rene Aubry's enchanting songs.

The Gruffalo is a children's book by Julia Donaldson that tells the story of a mouse's walk in the woods, on his way he encounters several dangerous animals who all intend to eat him. The cunning mouse tells each animal he has plans to dine with his friend, a Gruffalo, a monster which is half grizzly bear and half buffalo. The mouse believes that there is no such thing as a real Gruffalo, until he actually encounters one.

Accompanied by Newcastle's chamber orchestra, The Northern Sinfonia, this collaboration is one not to be missed and is certainly something for all the family.

Under its music director Thomas Zehetmair, Northern Sinfonia cover a wide range of music to a spine-chilling standard.

www.thesagegateshead.org

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE LISTINGS GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE THIS FORTNIGHT

ART

PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS

Northern Spirit: 300 Years of Art from the North East. This major new permanent display will showcase nationally and internationally-important work by artists and makers from the North East. *Laing Gallery, New Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.tnmuseums.org.uk/laing

18th and 19th Century Collection. The gallery's most important works are displayed in this beautiful gallery. *Laing Gallery, New Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.tnmuseums.org.uk/laing

Sixty Glorious Years. A new exhibition that celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and shows how the region has changed. *City Library, Book Gallery, Princess Square, Newcastle.* www.newcastle.gov.uk

Paul Noble Marble Hall. Turner Prize 2012 nominee, Paul Noble's installation at the Laing Art Gallery includes his large-scale Villa Joe wool tapestry that is the centrepiece of Paul Noble Marble Hall display. *Laing Gallery, New Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.tnmuseums.org.uk/laing

UNTIL WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Working, Void. Having grown up in a mining community before working as a miner during 2006, Guy returned this year to spend several months researching and documenting an open cast mine in Ashington. Working, Void will present a new two-channel video installation that explores an industry that continues to tread water, one constantly caught up in romantic propaganda, political misinformation and continual geopolitical conflicts. This work challenges preconceptions of mining and miners, surveying the imposed mindset of monotony, elements of social geologies and lineage. *New Bridge Space, Northam House, 12 Newbridge Street West, Newcastle.* www.thenewbridgeproject.com

UNTIL SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Igloo. By Sally Underwood and Roxy Walsh. Boundaries between the architectural, spatial and temporal fluctuate to playfully blur traditional distinctions between sculpture and painting. In Igloo, wall painting may become the backdrop for a sculpture and a sculpture may play host to a painting. *Globe Gallery,*

Blandford Square, Newcastle. www.globegallery.org

You Are Here & That Is Something. By Ben Jeans Houghton and the Globe research team. Fact and fiction merge as lost memories are remembered by buildings, stories and people. New narratives emerge as the world of dreaming meets our perceptions of realities. *Globe Gallery, Blandford Square, Newcastle.* www.globegallery.org

Unsung Heroes. Australian superstar-in-waiting Anthony Lister's exhibition *Unsung Heroes* features impressionist portraits of after-party revellers, dominated by a red, black and white colour palette. Hedonistic yet elegant, the canvases exemplify Lister's poetic treatment of highbrow and lowbrow themes, and old masters-meet-street art painting style. *The Outsiders, Newcastle Quayside.* www.theoutsiders.net/exhibitions

UNTIL SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY

Bojan Fajfric. The first solo exhibition in the UK of Yugoslav-born Bojan Fajfric includes the major work *Theta Rhythm 2010*. A film and installation, it examines the intersection between personal and collective memory. *BALTIC Centre For Contemporary Art, Gateshead.* www.balticmill.com



UNTIL SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY

Zoe Walker & Neil Bromwich. For *The Encampment of Eternal Hope*, artists Zoe Walker and Neil Bromwich will create a colourful sculptural garden with hybridised inflatables and tent-like structures adapted from their *Siege Weapons of Love* project, to be presented alongside a campfire of TVs and an artist film. *BALTIC Centre For Contemporary Art, Gateshead.* www.balticmill.com

UNTIL WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY

Over The Hills. An exhibition exploring landscape using different media. Showcasing work by Anja Percival, Sara Jane Palmer and Joanne Bourne from the North East, Lois Hopwood and Ian Williams from Wales and James Bourne from Denmark. These six artists are linked by the explorations of their urban and rural landscapes, responding to atmosphere and the imprint of human journeys on the world around them. Using painting, photography, printmaking and ceramics, their individual approaches are brought together, celebrating the human experience of the landscape. *Newcastle Arts Centre, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.newcastle-arts-centre.co.uk

UNTIL SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY

Futureland Now – Reflections On The Post-Industrial Landscape.

What role can contemporary photographic practices play in reflecting the issues of our time? *Futureland Now* is an exhibition of the photography of John Kippin and Chris Wainwright which addresses concerns current in both local and global society, whilst reflecting on the unresolved issues of the past. Their large scale photographic landscapes explore the postmodern period of uncertainty and change. *Laing Gallery, New Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.tnmuseums.org.uk/laing

UNTIL END JANUARY 2013

Home & Away: North East Sport & The Olympics. The rich sporting history of the North East will be celebrated in this new exhibition at Discovery Museum. Drawing on a range of objects and images, the exhibition will include sports played and followed in the region over the last 200 years as well as the stories of local sportsmen and women who have travelled away to take part in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. *Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle.* www.tnmuseums.org.uk/discovery

Chronicle Photos Through The Ages. Celebrating the history and heritage of the North East through the lens of the Evening Chronicle. *Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle.* www.tnmuseums.org.uk/discovery

UNTIL SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Nick Fox: Nightsong. In *Nightsong*, visual representations of longing are explored through an examination of pictorial and symbolic narratives drawn from a hybrid of artifacts,

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mythologies and timeframes.

Vane, First Floor, Commercial Union House, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle. www.vane.org.uk

UNTIL FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Cornish In Paris: Watercolours, Drawings & Sketches. In 1966 Norman Cornish was invited by Tyne Tees Television to make a documentary about his impressions of Paris. During the week that he was there, the film crew recorded Norman as he made various sketches of the people and places he visited. In this small but compelling

collection of sketches and watercolours Cornish is shown at his best depicting individual characters, busy street scenes, cafe bars and restaurant interiors.

University Gallery, Northumbria University, Sandyford Road, Newcastle. www.northumbria.ac.uk/universitygallery

Frans Widerberg: Dreamer In A Landscape. Using a limited palette of red, blue and yellow, Widerberg conjures a light which sometimes evokes the aurora borealis and at others a nuclear incandescence. This blazing primordial luminosity is as present in his ostensibly calm watercolours of Liguria, in northern Italy, as it is in his more dramatic

scenarios. *University Gallery, Northumbria University, Sandyford Road, Newcastle. www.northumbria.ac.uk/universitygallery*

UNTIL SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Framing Icons: Pre-Nineteenth Century Paintings From The Hatton Collection. A selection of pre-nineteenth century treasures from the Hatton Collection, shown for the first time in many years after conservation funded by Newcastle University and the Friends of the Hatton. Focussing on religious themes, the paintings include a superb Descent From The Cross after Daniele da Volterra, an intriguing Lamentation after Hugo van der Goes, a pair of panels from a fifteenth century Florentine altarpiece and two important seventeenth century Lombard paintings: a characteristic St Francis In Ecstasy and The Drunkenness Of Noah, a major work by Camillo Procaccini. *Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University. www.ncl.ac.uk/hatton*

UNTIL WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

Mary Webb. A retrospective exhibition of works exploring colour and form through bold abstract paintings and prints spanning five decades in various media from the artist's archive. Mary Webb has been exploring colour and form through bold abstract paintings and prints for almost five decades. Inspired by travel and landscapes, this retrospective exhibition examines Webb's work in relation to the modernist tradition through painting, print and collage, as well as material from the artist's archive. *Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University. www.ncl.ac.uk/hatton*

UNTIL SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Jim Shaw: The Rinse Cycle. BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art will present a major exhibition of the Los Angeles-based artist Jim Shaw in autumn 2012. Born in Michigan in 1952 and part of a ground-breaking group of artists that graduated from CalArts in the late 1970s including Mike Kelley, Tony Oursler and John Miller, Shaw has one of the most distinctive visual imaginations of his generation. *BALTIC Centre For Contemporary Art, Gateshead. www.balticmill.com*

UNTIL SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

Painted Faces. Painted Faces is an exhibition inspired by the recent acquisition of work by internationally renowned contemporary painter Marlene Dumas, and which depicts the talented singer-songwriter Amy Winehouse. This exhibition expands upon one of the main themes of Dumas' work; the

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OUR PICK OF THE BEST EVENTS TAKING PLACE THIS FORTNIGHT

KIDS

Rainbow Magic Weekend. Flutter down to Seven Stories for two days of dazzling fairy fun. Pick your fairy name, make a special fairy and fashion a gorgeously glamorous garland fit for any fairy princess. Plus join in with magical story times about all your favourite fairy friends at 11.30am and 2pm. *Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th December at Seven Stories, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle. www.sevenstories.org.uk*

ART

Framing Icons: Pre-Nineteenth Century Paintings From The Hatton Collection. A selection of pre-nineteenth century treasures from the Hatton Collection, shown for the first time in many years after conservation funded by Newcastle University and the Friends of the Hatton. Focussing on religious themes, the paintings include a superb Descent From The Cross after Daniele da Volterra, an intriguing Lamentation after Hugo van der Goes, a pair of panels from a fifteenth century Florentine altarpiece and two important seventeenth century Lombard paintings: a characteristic St Francis In Ecstasy and The Drunkenness Of Noah, a major work by Camillo Procaccini. *Until Saturday 9th February at Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University. www.ncl.ac.uk/hatton*

STAGE

Boulevard's Christmas Extravaganza. An evening of superbly scintillating and slightly saucy entertainment, with a mixture of comedy, dance and rousing musical numbers. *Until Saturday 12th January at Boulevard Show Bar, Churchill Street, Newcastle. www.boulevardnewcastle.co.uk*

TALKS & WORKSHOPS

From Scarcity To Abundance: Free Thinking Our Future. Instead of focusing on the scarcity of food, fossil fuels and economic resources and repeating the fearful predictions that everything is running out, Dr Christopher Warburton Brown, Research Coordinator, The Permaculture Association will focus on the abundance of what we have and how we can use this in reshaping our future. *1.30pm. Saturday 15th December at BALTIC Centre For Contemporary Art, Gateshead. www.balticmill.com*

ONE-OFF EVENTS

Pick Of The Flicks Movie Quiz. To celebrate the release of new blockbuster Life Of Pi in 3D, Newcastle City Library will be hosting a movie quiz to test your knowledge of the silver screen. So if you know your Bond from your Brando and your West Side Story from your Westerns, then this is the quiz for you. *6.30pm, £2. Wednesday 19th December at Newcastle City Library, Princess Square, Newcastle. www.newcastle.gov.uk*

relationship between art and female beauty. Dumas' 'Back To' 2011 will be shown alongside other works on paper from the collection. *Laing Gallery, New Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.tvmuseums.org.uk/laing

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WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Game | Over Student Night: Wiggy (Dirty Pop), James Hughes (Vice City), 10.30pm, £5. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

90's Hip Hop House Party, 11pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

Rebel. Digital, Times Square, Newcastle. 0191 261 9755

Rhythm Section Featuring Big Ron XL & Guests. *Apartment Luxe Bar, Collingwood Street, Newcastle.* www.apartment-luxebar.com

Quids>In, 10.30pm, £1. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Dirty Pop, 11pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Elektrika. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.youfutureisdigital.com

Fabulicious Fridays, 10pm, £4/£5. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

Future Boogie feat. Smoove & Tim Shaw, 11pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

Jukebox, 11pm. *The Other Rooms, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.theotherrooms.com

Lively Up Xmas Party feat. Squire Of Gothos & Ed Cox, 11pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

The Bunker, 10pm, £3. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

The Club over 2 floors: Resident Steven Dunn, Paris, James Vargas, James Cummings, Wayne C McDonald. *Apartment Luxe Bar, Collingwood Street, Newcastle.* www.apartment-luxebar.com

World HQ Uplifting Grooves, 11pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Blush: Chris Schrouder, 10pm, £5. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

Dreamboys Show, 6.30pm, £29. *Tiger Tiger, The Gate, Newcastle.* www.tigertiger-newcastle.co.uk

Hoo Har! feat. DJs Steve & Simon, 11pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

L87 & Pegz, 11pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

Liam Carty, Paris, James Vargas, Steve Dunn. *Apartment Luxe Bar, Collingwood Street, Newcastle.* www.apartment-luxebar.com

Love. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* 0191 261 9755

Propaganda, 11pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Rock @ LYH feat. DJ Mel, 8pm. *LYH, Northumberland Road, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

World HQ Uplifting Grooves, 11pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com



SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Rhythm Factory, 10pm, £3. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

B.I.T.E. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.youfutureisdigital.com

Monday Night Reggae, 10pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Skates. *Northumbria University Students Union, Sandyford Road, Newcastle.* www.mynsu.northumbria.ac.uk

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Game | Over Student Night: Wiggy (Dirty Pop), James Hughes (Vice City), 10.30pm, £5. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

End Of The World Party, 11pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

Rebel. Digital, Times Square, Newcastle. 0191 261 9755

Rhythm Section Featuring Big Ron XL & Guests. *Apartment Luxe Bar, Collingwood Street, Newcastle.* www.apartment-luxebar.com

Quids>In, 10.30pm, £1. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Dirty Pop, 11pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Fabulicious Fridays, 10pm, £4/£5. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

Future Boogie feat. Smoove & Tim Shaw, 11pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

Goodreef Xmas Party feat. John OCallaghan, Giuseppe Ottaviani, Heatbeat, Solis & Truby, £14. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.youfutureisdigital.com

Jukebox, 11pm. *The Other Rooms, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.theotherrooms.com

The Bunker, 10pm, £3. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

The Club over 2 floors: Resident Steven Dunn, Paris, James Vargas, James Cummings, Wayne C McDonald. *Apartment Luxe Bar, Collingwood Street, Newcastle.* www.apartment-luxebar.com

World HQ Uplifting Grooves, 11pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Blush: Chris Schrouder, 10pm, £5. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

Dreamboys Show, 6.30pm, £29. *Tiger Tiger, The Gate, Newcastle.* www.tigertiger-newcastle.co.uk

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Hoo Har! feat. DJs Steve & Simon, 11pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

L87 & Pegz, 11pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

Liam Carty, Paris, James Vargas, Steve Dunn. *Apartment Luxe Bar, Collingwood Street, Newcastle.* www.apartment-luxebar.com

Love. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* 0191 261 9755

Propaganda, 11pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Rock @ LYH feat. DJ Mel, 8pm. *LYH, Northumberland Road, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk



World HQ Uplifting Grooves, 11pm, *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Rhythm Factory, 10pm, £3. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER

B.I.T.E. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.youfutureisdigital.com

Monday Night Reggae, 10pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Motion & Sample feat. Guti Live, Darius Syrossian, Leon, 10.30pm, £10. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.youfutureisdigital.com

THURSDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Habit feat. Scott Udberg & Mark Johnson, 11pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

Rebel. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* 0191 261 9755

Rhythm Section Featuring Big Ron XL & Guests. *Apartment Luxe*

Bar, Collingwood Street, Newcastle. www.apartment-luxebar.com

Quids>In, 10.30pm, £1. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Dirty Pop, 11pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Fabulicious Fridays, 10pm, £4/£5. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

Future Boogie feat. Smoove & Tim Shaw, 11pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

Jukebox, 11pm. *The Other Rooms, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.theotherrooms.com

The Bunker, 10pm, £3. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

The Club over 2 floors: Resident Steven Dunn, Paris, James Vargas, James Cummings, Wayne C McDonald. *Apartment Luxe Bar, Collingwood Street, Newcastle.* www.apartment-luxebar.com

Turbulence vs Grenade. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.youfutureisdigital.com

World HQ Uplifting Grooves, 11pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Blush: Chris Schrouder, 10pm, £5. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

Box Presents Residents Night, 11pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

Dreamboys Show, 6.30pm, £29. *Tiger Tiger, The Gate, Newcastle.* www.tigertiger-newcastle.co.uk

Hoo Har! feat. DJs Steve & Simon, 11pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

L87 & Pegz, 11pm, free. *Head of Steam, Neville Street, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

Liam Carty, Paris, James Vargas, Steve Dunn. *Apartment Luxe Bar, Collingwood Street, Newcastle.* www.apartment-luxebar.com

Love. *Digital, Times Square, Newcastle.* 0191 261 9755

Propaganda, 11pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Rock @ LYH feat. DJ Mel, 8pm. *LYH, Northumberland Road, Newcastle.* www.theheadofsteam.co.uk

World HQ Uplifting Grooves, 11pm, *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

Rhythm Factory, 10pm, £3. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER

WHQ Presents Uplifting New Year's Eve Groove, 10pm. *World Headquarters, Carloli Square, Newcastle.* www.welovevhq.com

TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY

Skates. *Northumbria University Students Union, Sandyford Road, Newcastle.* www.mynsu.northumbria.ac.uk

WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY

Game | Over Student Night: Wiggy (Dirty Pop), James Hughes (Vice City), 10.30pm, £5. *Bambu Nightclub, Units 3 & 4, Grainger Quarter, Newcastle.* www.bambunewcastle.co.uk

COMEDY

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

THE STAND CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FEAT. Vladimir McTavish, Steffen Peddie, Katie Mulgrew, Alfie Joey, 7pm, £12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

THE STAND CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FEAT. Vladimir McTavish, Steffen Peddie, Katie Mulgrew, Alfie Joey, 7pm, £12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Brendan Dempsey, Dominic Woodward, Quincy, 6.30pm. *Hyena Comedy Club, Leazes Lane, Newcastle.* www.thelyena.com

THE STAND CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FEAT. Vladimir McTavish, Steffen Peddie, Katie Mulgrew, Alfie Joey, 7pm, £12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Brendan Dempsey, Dominic Woodward, Quincy, 6.30pm. *Hyena Comedy Club, Leazes Lane, Newcastle.* www.thehyena.com

THE STAND CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FEAT. Vladimir McTavish, Steffen Peddie, Katie Mulgrew, Alfie Joey, 7pm, £12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk



Simon Donald

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

F*ckwits, 1pm, £5. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

GAVIN WEBSTER'S NORTHUMBRIAN ASSEMBLY - CD Launch Party, 7pm, £6. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Steffen Peddie's Chat Show Thing, 7pm, £3. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

EVENING CHRONICLE'S SUNSHINE FUND FUNDRAISER FEAT. Mike Milligan, Lost Voice Guy, Jonny Pelham, Cheish Merryweather, 7pm, £5. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

RED RAW FEAT. Chris Brooker, Lee Kyle, 7pm, £2. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Daliso Chaponda, Erick McElroy, Mike Milligan, 6.30pm. *Hyena Comedy Club, Leazes Lane, Newcastle.* www.thehyena.com

THE THURSDAY SHOW FEAT. Zoe Lyons, Andrew Stanley, Chris Brooker, Gareth Waugh, Jo Caulfield, 7pm, £8. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER

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THE FRIDAY SHOW FEAT. Zoe Lyons, Andrew Stanley, Chris Brooker, Gareth Waugh, Jo Caulfield, 7pm, £10. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Daliso Chaponda, Erick McElroy, Mike Milligan, 6.30pm. *Hyena Comedy Club, Leazes Lane, Newcastle.* www.thehyena.com

THE SATURDAY SHOW FEAT. Zoe Lyons, Andrew Stanley, Chris Brooker, Gareth Waugh, Jo Caulfield, 7pm, £15. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

GAVIN WEBSTER'S NORTHUMBRIAN ASSEMBLY FEAT. Andrew Stanley, Chris Brooker, 7pm, £6. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

THURSDAY 27TH DECEMBER

NEW YEAR SPECIAL FEAT. Gavin Webster, Simon Donald, John Scott, Steffen Peddie, 7pm, £12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER

NEW YEAR SPECIAL FEAT. Gavin Webster, Simon Donald, John Scott, Dana Alexander, Martin Mor, 7pm, £12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk



Gavin Webster

SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER

NEW YEAR SPECIAL FEAT. Gavin Webster, Simon Donald, John Scott, Martin Mor, 7pm, £12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

NEW YEAR SPECIAL FEAT. Gavin Webster, Simon Donald, John Scott, Dana Alexander, Martin Mor, 7pm,

£12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER

David Hadingham, Mike Newall, Sally Anne Haywood, 6.30pm. *Hyena Comedy Club, Leazes Lane, Newcastle.* www.thehyena.com

NEW YEAR SPECIAL FEAT. Gavin Webster, Simon Donald, John Scott, Martin Mor, 7pm, £12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY

NEW YEAR SPECIAL FEAT. Gavin Webster, Simon Donald, John Scott, Dana Alexander, Martin Mor, 7pm, £12. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY

RED RAW FEAT. Matt Reed, Seymour Mace, 7pm, £2. *The Stand, High Bridge Street, Newcastle.* www.thestand.co.uk

FILM

TYNESIDE CINEMA, PILGRIM STREET, NEWCASTLE.
0845 217 9909
tynesidecinema.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Up There (6.15pm)
BRINGING IN BABY: It's A Wonderful Life (11am)

STARTS THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey



It's A Wonderful Life

STARTS FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

It's A Wonderful Life

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

PIXEL PALACE: Datarama (7.30pm)
TYNESIDE BAR FREE FILM WEEK: Too Cool For School Week (9.10pm)

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

The Muppet Christmas Carol

LISTINGS

CHILDREN'S FILM CLUB: Arrietty (10.30am)
METROPOLITAN OPERA LIVE VIA SATELLITE: Aida (5.55pm)

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

The Muppet Christmas Carol
BOOK CLUB: The Hobbit 2D (1.30pm)
BOLSHOI BALLET LIVE VIA SATELLITE: The Nutcracker (3.30pm)

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

SILVER SCREEN: Golden Screen (11am)



TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Home Alone (8.35pm)
TYNESIDE BAR FREE FILM WEEK: Christmas Crackers (9.10pm)

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Die Hard
BRINGING IN BABY: The Hobbit 2D (11am)

STARTS THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Life Of Pi 2D & 3D

THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

The Nightmare Before Christmas 3D (8.55pm)
TYNESIDE BAR FREE FILM WEEK: Christmas Crackers (9.10pm)

STARTS FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Scoogie (Fri 21-Sun 23)
Laurence Anyways

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER

TYNESIDE BAR FREE FILM WEEK: Christmas Crackers (9.10pm)

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

CHILDREN'S FILM CLUB: Muppets

Christmas Carol (10.30am)

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

When Santa Fell To Earth (1.30pm)
It's A Wonderful Life plus Night Of Good Cheer (8.10pm)

WEDNESDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Babette's Feast

THURSDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Holy Motors
The Reel Rock Film Tour 2012 (8.35pm)

STARTS FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Midnight's Children

FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Holy Motors
Beasts Of The Southern Wild

SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Beasts Of The Southern Wild
Untouchable (Sat 29 & Sun 30)
CHILDREN'S FILM CLUB: Tangled 2D (10.30am)

STARTS 30TH DECEMBER

Babette's Feast
Untouchable

WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY

BRINGING IN BABY: Life Of Pi 2D (11am)

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KIDS

PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS

Planetarium. Featuring the latest technology using high tech LED projectors and offering a choice of films and educational programmes featuring Sea Monsters, Fragile Planet, Earth Moon & Sun, Seasonal Stargazing, Infinity Express and Dawn Of The Space Age. *Great North Museum: Hancock, Barras Bridge, Newcastle.* www.tvmuseums.org.uk/greatnorthmuseum

EVERY DAY

Story Times. Everyone enjoys a good story, so sit back, relax and enjoy Seven Stories' resident storytellers to hear your favourite stories old and new. 11.30am & 2pm. *Seven Stories, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle.* www.sevenstories.org.uk

FRIDAY 14TH & MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Maisy Christmas With Maisy Mouse. Celebrate Christmas with Maisy and friends and join in with songs, games and stories in this magical festive event. Ages 5 and under. **11am & 1pm.** *Seven Stories, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle.* www.sevenstories.org.uk

SATURDAY 15TH & SUNDAY 16TH, FRIDAY 21ST UNTIL SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

The Seven Stories Santa Experience. Visit Seven Stories this holiday season for a magical Christmas experience unlike any other. Write your letter to Father Christmas in Santa's Study surrounded by original illustrations and manuscripts from some of the UK's best-loved Christmas stories. Visit the Elves in their workshop and make beautiful Christmas crafts to take home before settling down to hear enchanted stories about all your favourite characters. *Seven Stories, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle.* www.sevenstories.org.uk

Father Christmas At Seven Stories.

Visit Santa's Grotto and meet Father Christmas in a captivating festive event that all the family will enjoy. 11am & 1.30pm. *Seven Stories, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle.* www.sevenstories.org.uk

SATURDAY 15TH & 22ND DECEMBER

Santa Visits Life. Santa visits Life within the Young Explorers Zone, 11am-12pm, 2pm-3pm. *Centre For Life, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.life.org.uk

UNTIL SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Reading Group. Enjoy reading? Want to meet new friends? This friendly reading group is for children aged between 8 and 11. 2pm-3pm. *Newcastle City Library, Princess Square, Newcastle.* www.newcastle.gov.uk

MONDAY 17TH, 24TH & 31ST DECEMBER

Little Bears Club. A club for under 5s and their parents/carers with lots of fun, rhymes, songs and stories. **10am-10.30am.** *City Library, Princess Square, Newcastle.* www.newcastle.gov.uk

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

City Homework Club. Grid Club homework club is based on an award winning website with more than 500 fun learning activities for children aged 5 to 12. 4pm-5pm every Tuesday in term time only. *Newcastle City Library, Princess Square, Newcastle.* www.newcastle.gov.uk

UNTIL SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Hatton Art Cart. Enjoy Hatton Gallery's free art cart at the Gallery, packed full of art activities for children and young people every day throughout the school holidays. 1.30pm-3.30pm. *Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University.* www.ncl.ac.uk/hatton

SATURDAY 29TH & SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

Rainbow Magic Weekend. Flutter down to Seven Stories for two days of dazzling fairy fun. Pick your fairy name, make a special fairy and fashion a gorgeously glamorous garland fit for any fairy princess. Plus join in with magical story times about all your favourite fairy friends at 11.30am and 2pm. *Seven Stories, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle.* www.sevenstories.org.uk



UNTIL SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY

4D Motion Ride: Sleigh Ride. Santa has an unfortunate accident just before midnight on Christmas Eve, Blitzen the reindeer and Bobo the elf are drafted in to help deliver the presents. *Centre For Life, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.life.org.uk

UNTIL FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY

In The Dark Science Theatre. Laser light and shadow show. Discover that light travels in straight lines and how polarizing sunglasses create weird and wonderful effects. *Centre For Life, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.life.org.uk

UNTIL MAY 2013

A Squash And A Squeeze: Sharing Stories With Julia Donaldson. Find out how Julia Donaldson wrote such modern classics as *The Gruffalo*, *Princess Mirror-Belle* and *The Troll* and explore original artwork by her many illustrators. *Seven Stories, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle.* www.sevenstories.org.uk

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WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Little Angels, SKIN, Chrome Molly, 7pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk



Status Quo, 7.30pm, £37.50. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead* www.thesagegateshead.org

Students At The Sage, 4pm & 8.30pm, £5 or £7.50 for both performances. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead* www.thesagegateshead.org

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Beppe Gambetta, 1.10pm, free. *King's Hall, Armstrong Building, Newcastle University.* www.ncl.ac.uk/events/kings-hall

Ezio, 8pm, £12.50. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead* www.thesagegateshead.org

Northern Sinfonia: Pastoral, 7.30pm, £26-£10. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead* www.thesagegateshead.org

Student Performances feat. Helen Edwards, The Teacups, Matt Campbell, 4pm, free. *King's Hall, Armstrong Building, Newcastle University.* www.ncl.ac.uk/events/kings-hall

The Famous Class, This Year's Winner Is, Disclosure, 6pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Archie Brown & The Youngbucks, 8pm, £12. *Live Theatre, Broad Chare, Newcastle.* www.live.org.uk

Carols & Capers 2012: Maddy Prior & The Carnival Band, 7.30pm, £25-£15. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead* www.thesagegateshead.org

Epica, 6.30pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Ian Anderson, Kathryn Tickell, Bob Fox, 7.30pm, £25. *St Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle.* www.stnicholascathedral.co.uk

Ian Shaw & Sector 7, 8pm, £16.50. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead* www.thesagegateshead.org

Newcastle University Symphony Orchestra feat. Mark Edwards, 7.30pm, £9/£5. *King's Hall, Armstrong Building, Newcastle University.* www.ncl.ac.uk/events/kings-hall

Susan H Duo, 8pm, free. *Living Room, Grey Street, Newcastle.* www.thelivingroom.co.uk

The Collichon Ensemble present Music In 18th Century London feat. Naomi Barker, John Treherne, John Finnon, 7.30pm, £8/£7. *The Lit & Phil, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.litandphil.org.uk

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Andre Rieu, 8pm, £40. *Metro Radio Arena, Arena Way, Newcastle.* www.metroradioarena.co.uk

Ceremony Of Carols, 7.30pm, £10/£8. *St James' United Reform Church, Northumberland Road, Newcastle.* www.northernpraeclassica.org.uk

Claypath, 8pm, free. *Living Room, Grey Street, Newcastle.* www.thelivingroom.co.uk

Folkworks: Norma Waterson & Eliza Carthy And The Gift Band, 8pm, £19.50-£15. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead* www.thesagegateshead.org

Slade & Sweet, 7.30pm, £26.50-£24.50. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead* www.thesagegateshead.org

Smooove & Turrell, 7pm, £15. *Hoochie Coochie, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle.* www.hoochiecoochie.co.uk

The Bootleg Beatles, 8pm, £26.50-£22.50. *Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road, Newcastle.* www.newcastlecityhall.org

Vendetta, Chaos Asylum, 6.30pm. *O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

The Glenn Miller Orchestra: In The Christmas Mood, 7.30pm, £23-£21. *The Sage Gateshead,*

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www.thesagegateshead.org

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Acoustic Circus, 9.15pm. Tyneside Cinema, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle.
www.tynesidecinema.co.uk

Katatonía, Alcest, Junius, 7pm.
O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.
www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Winter Choral Celebration, 7pm,
£5. The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square,
Gateshead. www.thesagegateshead.org

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Acoustic Circus Open Mic Night,
9pm, free. Bob Trollops Pub, Sandhill,
Newcastle Quayside

Christmas Massed Brass Bands,
7.30pm, £14.50. The Sage Gateshead,
St Marys Square, Gateshead.
www.thesagegateshead.org

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Class of 77 feat. From The Jam, The Blockheads, Boomtown Rats, 7.30pm,
£28. The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square,
Gateshead. www.thesagegateshead.org

Dudemas Celebrations...Forget Xmas, 7pm, free. Hoochie Coochie, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle. www.hoochiecoochie.co.uk

The Saw Doctors, 7pm. O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.
www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Christmas With The Rat Pack,
7.30pm, £29.50-£23.50. The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead.
www.thesagegateshead.org

Pointless View, 7pm. O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.
www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Claypath, 8pm, free. Living Room, Grey Street, Newcastle. www.thelivingroom.co.uk

Folkworks: Crows' Bones – A Folk Ghost Story For Christmas, 8pm,
£14.50-£12. The Sage Gateshead,
St Marys Square, Gateshead.
www.thesagegateshead.org

Jools Holland & Special Guest Roland Gift, 8pm, £34.50-£28.50.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road,
Newcastle. www.newcastlecityhall.org

Katherine Jenkins: An Evening Of Christmas Classics, 7.30pm,
£65-£27.50. The Sage Gateshead,
St Marys Square, Gateshead.
www.thesagegateshead.org



FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Northern Sinfonia: The Gruffalo, 2pm & 5pm, £18 (family ticket £60).
The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead www.thesagegateshead.org

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Jools Holland & Special Guest Roland Gift, 8pm, £34.50-£28.50.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road,
Newcastle. www.newcastlecityhall.org

Susan H Duo, 8pm, free. Living Room, Grey Street, Newcastle.
www.thelivingroom.co.uk

The Woodlums, Six Nowt, The Ska Toons, 6.30pm. O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.
www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Northern Sinfonia: The Snowman,
2pm & 5pm, £15 (family ticket £50).
The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square,
Gateshead www.thesagegateshead.org

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Northern Sinfonia: The Snowman,
11am & 2pm, £15 (family ticket £50).
The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square,
Gateshead www.thesagegateshead.org

WEDNESDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Open Mic Night, free. G Casino,
St James Boulevard, Newcastle.
www.grosvenorcasinos.com/local-casinos/newcastle

THURSDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Classic Rock Legends: Bon Jovi Forever, Ozzborn, Motley Crew, Nightrain, K.I.S.S., 7pm. O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.
www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Folkworks: Jez Lowe's Geordie Christmas List, 2pm, £10. The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead
www.thesagegateshead.org

The Mayfair Christmas Reunion,
11pm. O2 Academy, Westgate Road,
Newcastle. www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Classic Rock Legends: Powerage, Maiden England, Black Rose, Whey Aye Zed, Heavy Load, 7pm.
O2 Academy, Westgate Road, Newcastle.
www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Norman Jay, 8pm, £10. Hoochie Coochie, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle.
www.hoochiecoochie.co.uk

Val & Mike, 8pm, free. Living Room, Grey Street, Newcastle.
www.thelivingroom.co.uk

SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Susan H Duo, 8pm, free. Living Room, Grey Street, Newcastle.
www.thelivingroom.co.uk

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

Folkworks: Towards Twelfth Night Taffy Thomas & Friends, 7.30pm,
£65-£27.50. The Sage Gateshead,
St Marys Square, Gateshead.
www.thesagegateshead.org

Rob Heron & The Teapod Orchestra – Sunday Stomp!,
7pm, free. Hoochie Coochie, Pilgrim Street,
Newcastle. www.hoochiecoochie.co.uk

Swing Bridge Sisters, 3pm, £14.
The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square,
Gateshead. www.thesagegateshead.org

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Claypath, 8pm, free. Living Room, Grey Street, Newcastle. www.thelivingroom.co.uk

Hoochie Hogmanay With Hannabiell, 8pm, £10. Hoochie Coochie,

Pilgrim Street, Newcastle.
www.hoochiecoochie.co.uk

New Year's Eve Celebration feat. The New Rope String Band, 2pm, 4pm & 9pm, £35. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead.* www.thesagegateshead.org

The Sage Gateshead New Year's Eve Celebration feat. 1974 Abba Tribute And The Sing Together: Abba Choir, 9pm, £40. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead.* www.thesagegateshead.org

TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY

Acoustic Circus Open Mic Night, 9pm, free. *Bob Trollops Pub, Sandhill, Newcastle Quayside*

Northern Sinfonia: New Year Viennese Gala, 3pm & 7pm, £32-£10. *The Sage Gateshead, St Marys Square, Gateshead.* www.thesagegateshead.org

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UNTIL 29TH DECEMBER

The Borrowers. The Borrowers is the extraordinary story of some rather small, very clever folk who run into trouble when 'human beans' work out what they're up to. The classic story will be brought to spectacular life on Northern Stage's main stage, with puppets, live music and straight-talking charm. An adventurous, heartwarming Christmas treat for children aged 7+ and their bigger 'human beans'. Various times, £24-£12.50. *Northern Stage, Barras Bridge, Newcastle.* www.northernstage.co.uk

UNTIL SATURDAY 5TH JANUARY

The Little Detective Agency And The Case Of The Festival Thief. A Christmas treat for curious little ones and their confused grown ups. Meet the

Little's. A big sister and her baby brother. They are at Granny's house for the Christmas holidays. It's what they always do at Christmas. Staying with granny is the best. She lives near the beach and a mysterious sounding place called Smugglers' Cove (smugglers are a sort of pirate, says his big sister). When they stay with granny they sleep in a room called The Attic – it is has a window in the ceiling, is brilliant for hide and seek and has the biggest dressing up box ever, perfect for playing stories. Their favourite ones are detective stories, looking for clues, using a magnifying glass and catching the baddies. This Christmas it turns out that granny is involved in a real life mystery, one that is confusing the adults a lot. It looks like only The Little Detective Agency will be able to solve the case and save their family. 10.30am & 1.30pm. *Northern Stage, Barras Bridge, Newcastle.* www.northernstage.co.uk

UNTIL SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY

Robin Hood And Babes In The Wood. Northern Panto Company brings Robin Hood to the Mill Volvo Tyne Theatre. Our hero Robin attempts to outwit the evil Sheriff of Nottingham, as well as robbing from the rich to give to the poor, and freeing the unfortunate babes in the wood and their hapless nanny, and also trying to romance Maid Marion along the way! All with the help of his motley crew of Merry Men. *Mill Volvo Tyne Theatre, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.millvolvotyne theatre.co.uk

UNTIL SATURDAY 12TH JANUARY

Pantomanias. It's a fantastic time of year to go on stage, try on Pantomime costumes and take a trip to Aladdin's cave. To book a private Pantomania or for more information, call the Learning and Studio Department on 0191 244 2508. £60 per group (max 30 participants). *Theatre Royal, Grey Street, Newcastle.* www.theatreroyal.co.uk

Boulevard's Christmas Extravaganza. An evening of superbly scintillating and slightly saucy entertainment, with a mixture of comedy, dance and rousing musical numbers. *Boulevard Show Bar, Churchill Street, Newcastle.* www.boulevardnewcastle.co.uk

UNTIL SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY

Aladdin. Theatre Royal favourites Clive Webb, Danny Adams and Chris Hayward return in another unmissable show packed with genies by the lamp-load, an abundance of laughs, spectacular sets and stunning costumes! 2pm & 7pm. *Theatre Royal, Grey Street, Newcastle.* www.theatreroyal.co.uk

TALKS & WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Gallery Talk: Conserving & Framing Icons. Join the Hatton Gallery for a talk by Ana Flynn, Tyne & Wear Museums Painting Conservator, and Rob Airey, Keeper of Art at Hatton Gallery. They will give a talk about the year long conservation project of a group of the Hatton's 'Old Master' collection which has been funded by the Friends of the Hatton Gallery and Newcastle University. The paintings will feature in the forthcoming Framing Icons exhibition. 6.30pm, free. *Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University.* www.ncl.ac.uk/hatton

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

The Inaugural Honigmann Shakespeare Lecture. A history of greed in Shakespeare and others, with professor Gordon McMullan, Kings College, London. 6pm, free. *The Lit & Phil, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.litandphil.org.uk

Seven Stories Tours: Meet The Archivist. Did you know that Seven Stories is custodian of a nationally important archive of children's literature, illustrations and manuscripts? Find out the history of Seven Stories, view rare and unseen treasures from the collection and take part in a unique 'white glove' experience with some of the highlights from Seven Stories' archive. This special Christmas tour includes a hot chocolate and mince pie. 1.30pm, £10. *Seven Stories, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle.* www.sevenstories.org.uk

THURSDAY 13TH, TUESDAY 18TH, THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Soap Box. Step up on The Encampment Of Eternal Hope Soap Box and help shape a better world. BALTIC welcomes diggers, dreamers, survivalists, optimists, pessimists, slackers, thinkers, doers, creatives, philosophers, alternative life stylers, environmentalists, freeganers... *BALTIC Centre For Contemporary Art, Gateshead.* www.balticmill.com

FRIDAY 14TH, 21ST & 28TH DECEMBER

Salsa-Amor. Salsa lessons and dancing for all levels every Friday night, 7.30pm until late. £6. *Black Swan Bar & Venué, Newcastle Arts Centre, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.salsa-amor.co.uk www.newcastle-arts-centre.co.uk

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

From Scarcity To Abundance: Free Thinking Our Future. Instead of

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focusing on the scarcity of food, fossil fuels and economic resources and repeating the fearful predictions that everything is running out, Dr Christopher Warburton Brown, Research Coordinator, The Permaculture Association will focus on the abundance of what we have and how we can use this in reshaping our future. 1.30pm. *BALTIC Centre For Contemporary Art, Gateshead.* www.balticmill.com

Writing Workshop. With Sheree Mack, 10am-1pm, £5. *The Lit & Phil, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.litandphil.org.uk

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Two Eight Six Launch. Clive Ashman launches Two-Eight-Six. Two Newcastle lawyers escape for their annual trip to Italy's fabled road race, driving car 286. The action moves to 286AD. The number binds them across two separate eras. 7pm, free. *The Lit & Phil, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.litandphil.org.uk

The Abstraction Of Verse – Book Launch. The first collaboration between ArtCafeProject creator and photoartist Andrew Belshaw and Newcastle's Literary & Philosophical Society's writer in residence, poet and publisher Sheree Mack. Joyous, occasionally difficult and always touching on somebody's life somewhere in the world, this collection of poems examine a huge range of subject matters from life in Trinidad, dancing to jazz music, great sex and the joys of family. Comprising of 24 original abstract photographic images and 24 pieces of exquisite poetry, the book is a high quality coffee table publication that has depth and gorgeous aesthetic. Special readings from the book by Sheree Mack will take place at the launch, as well as a book signing. *The Lit & Phil, Westgate Road, Newcastle.* www.litandphil.org.uk

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER & TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY

SalSeduce. A great salsa experience every Tuesday night. We cater for absolute beginners through to advanced dancers. With great atmosphere and cheap drinks it is guaranteed to kick start your week. Every Tuesday Night, 7pm. £6. *Madisons Bar, Leazes Lane, Newcastle.* 07862 249846

Shared Reading Group. Meeting on a weekly basis to read aloud and talk about short stories and poems and novels. 6pm-7.45pm. *Newcastle City Library, Princess Square, Newcastle.* www.newcastle.gov.uk

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Apocalyptic Choir Practice. Calling all choir and choral singers, please get in touch if you'd like to get involved in this

special choir. *BALTIC Centre For Contemporary Art, Gateshead.* www.balticmill.com

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Teenage Writing Group. Professional writer Carina Rodney runs fortnightly sessions aimed at writers aged 13 to 19. A great opportunity for young people to come together to share work with others and get feedback. *Newcastle City Library, Princess Square, Newcastle.* www.newcastle.gov.uk

ONE-OFF EVENTS

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Newcastle Eagles vs Guildford Heat 6.30pm, tip off 7.30pm. *Sport Central, Ellison Road, Northumbria University, Newcastle.* www.nusportcentral.com

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Soul & Motown Dinner. Join G Casino for dinner and a show – Christmas 3 course meal, coffee and mince pies, after dinner shot of Baileys, gaming tuition and gaming voucher all for just £27pp. *G Casino, St James Boulevard, Newcastle.* www.grosvenorcasinos.com/local-casinos/newcastle

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Pick Of The Flicks Movie Quiz. To celebrate the release of new blockbuster *Life Of Pi* in 3D, Newcastle City Library will be hosting a movie quiz to test your knowledge of the silver screen. So if you know your Bond from your Brando and your West Side Story from your Westerns, then this is the quiz for you. 6.30pm, £2. *Newcastle City Library, Princess Square, Newcastle.* www.newcastle.gov.uk

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Newcastle Eagles vs Manchester Giants. 6.30pm, tip off 7.30pm. *Sport Central, Ellison Road, Northumbria University, Newcastle.* www.nusportcentral.com

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Hits Throughout The Decades Dinner. Join G Casino for dinner and a show – Christmas 3 course meal, coffee and mince pies, after dinner shot of Baileys, gaming tuition and gaming voucher all for just £27pp. *G Casino, St James Boulevard, Newcastle.* www.grosvenorcasinos.com/local-casinos/newcastle

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER

New Year's Eve Celebrations. Join G Casino for your New Year's Eve celebrations, where the casino will be transformed into *Cirque de Soleil*. *G Casino, St James Boulevard, Newcastle.* www.grosvenorcasinos.com/local-casinos/newcastle



UNTIL SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Skating@Life. Now in its 12th year, Skating@Life is an integral part of NewcastleGateshead's flourishing Winter Festival and offers skating sessions, lessons, parties and packages throughout its 15 week season. Special evening Rink and (4D Motion) Ride evening offer. See website for extended timetable and prices. *Centre For Life, Times Square, Newcastle.* www.life.org.uk

LAST WORD...

Well, the snow might not have arrived yet, but hopefully this little edition of NE1 will have felt like the seasonal festivities have finally started in earnest. If you've not started mentally picking out gifts for your loved ones then might we suggest having another flick through our pages and giving your head a good old shake.

But, just as quickly as the Christmas pudding is set ablaze do minds turn to the Only Fools & Horses Christmas special, we're already looking forward to the next instalment of this glossy land of wonderment we call NE1 magazine. Good girls and boys can expect to expect to be treated to a thorough run down of all the gyms, spas, fitness centres, swimming pools, and sources of alternative therapy we can find as you brace yourselves for the inevitable New Year resolution to get in shape. This will be the year you finally stick to it, right guys?

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