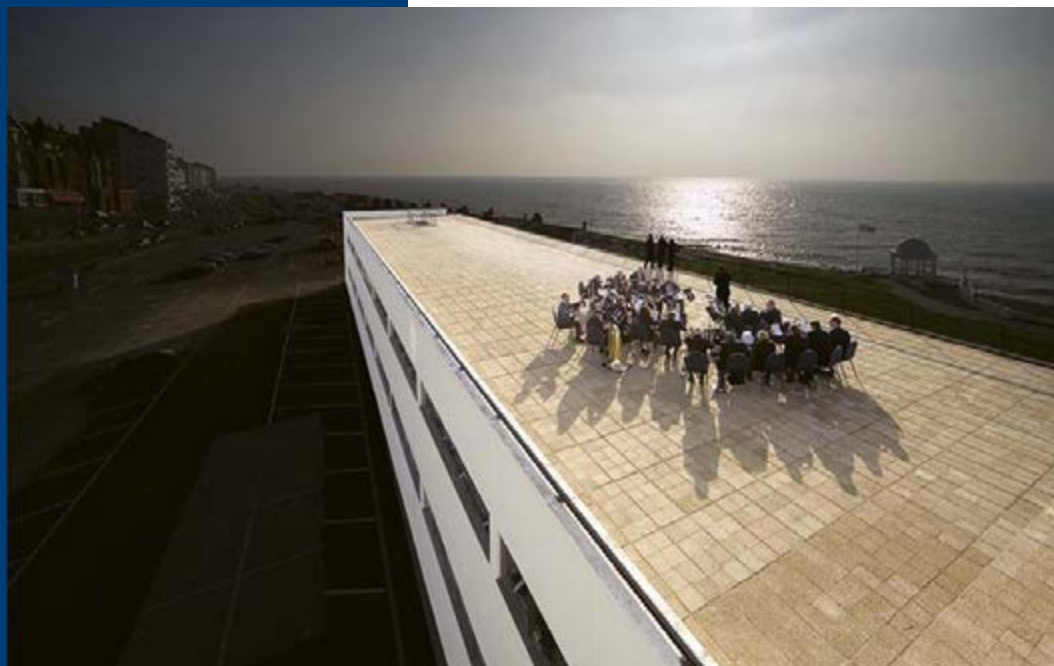


The Bexhill Festival of Music

4 June - 12 July 2026





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Welcome to the Bexhill Festival of Music 2026 - our 17th Annual Festival, celebrating Live and Local Music throughout the Town



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- This year's Festival includes a full variety of performers and musicians, professional and amateur, ranging from internationally and nationally renowned orchestras and performers down to individual musicians, all enjoying, playing and singing wonderful **Live Music**.
- It all kicks off this year with **Common Little Pop Choir** – a fun-seeking group of singers based in **The Wheatsheaf Pub** in **Little Common** – a location that is growing as venue for live music.
- At the centre of the Festival, on **Weds 17th June 2026** at the **DLWP**, you will find the **Schools Summer Big Sing**. This is where pupils and students from our local schools and colleges get to perform in this internationally renowned iconic building, accompanied by live professional musicians. This goes to the heart of one of the Festival's central aims – nurturing music with our young people. Huge thanks go to **Bexhill Lions** for their financial support and chaperoning duties at the Big Sing.
- **The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** are back in our Festival at the **DLWP** this year with no less than 3 performances planned – see inside for further details: one inside the Auditorium and two on the DLWP Outdoor Stage. Their superb musicians also will be involved in the **Free Family Fun Day** planned at the **DLWP** on **Sat. 4th July**.
- Our thanks extend also to **Bexhill Town Council** for their grant-aid this year, to our **Advertisers** who financially support the Festival with their sponsorship and, once again, to **Galloways** – our Accountants.
- To all our friends at the **DLWP**, thank you for your continued support over the years as a crucial partner in delivering Festival events.
- If you are unsure of a venue location – the centre-spread **Venues Location Map** – is there to help.
- Our **"Proms Night"** is back at the De La Warr Pavilion as the last night of our Festival, bringing it all to a rousing **Last Night of the Bexhill Proms!** Don't miss this Musical Celebration of Summer. Your attendance supports the finances of our Festival, as it is the biggest fund-raising event.
- We hope you will attend as many events as you can. Many are free to attend and many raise money for vital local and national charities.
- **Enjoy!**

Brian Beeston, Chairman
info@bexhillfestivalofmusic.co.uk

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4 JUNE
THURSDAY
7.30

FREE
EVENT

Common Little Pop Choir

Singing Pop Hits from all eras, we are a choir who do not take ourselves too seriously. We're a friendly and inclusive bunch and we welcome singers, people who have never sung before and those who never thought they would. Our emphasis is on having fun, both at concerts and at practice, and delivering songs that we enjoy performing and that the audience know and can sing along to. Our concert is FREE and we will be raising funds for Save The Children. New members welcome. No musical knowledge required. We are just a Common Little Pop Choir...from Little Common.



The Wheatsheaf, 2 Barnhorn Rd, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 4LR
Starts 7.30pm.

6 JUNE
SATURDAY
10.30

FREE
EVENT

St Peter's Church Coffee Concert with Daniel Hill

Local pianist, Daniel Hill, was born in Cornwall and educated at Wells Cathedral School and the Royal College of Music, London. He has performed at many prestigious venues around the world, including the Southbank Centre, Wigmore Hall and the NCH Dublin, as well as regularly broadcasting on BBC Radio 3, Classic FM and Radio France. He holds teaching positions at the Royal College of Music Junior Department and Charterhouse School.



St. Peter's Church, Church Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2HE

Coffee & Cake 10am, Concert begins 10.30am. Free event with donations in aid of the organ fund.

3-6 JUNE
WED-SAT
7.30

Bright Lights Theatre Company present Brightlights, Camera, Action !!

Welcome to our summer show, for a lively and entertaining journey through the world of television, film, and musical theatre, bringing together a variety of well-loved moments from both screen and stage. You can expect an evening packed with recognisable tunes, dramatic scenes, and high-energy performances that celebrate some of the most iconic entertainment of all time.



We are performing from the 3rd to the 6th of June 2026 at Little Common Methodist Church. Evening performances at 7:30pm. With its mix of music, drama, and nostalgia, Brightlights, Camera, Action! looks set to be a highlight of the local arts calendar and a fantastic opportunity to support homegrown talent. We look forward to welcoming you!

Little Common Methodist Church, 10 Church Hill Avenue, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 4SG

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 each, available from outlets Fox and Badger in Bexhill Town and Little Gem in Little Common.

7 JUNE
SUNDAY
7.00

FREE
EVENT

Rother Community Choir presents 'Raise Your Voice'

Join us for a high energy concert celebrating the evolution of pop music. Journey from the Beatles Story on to Classic Ballads, Disco and Glam Rock. You are guaranteed to be dancing in your seat!

St John's Church, London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3PD

Doors open 6.45pm. Tickets: £10, available from Records & Retro, Sackville Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3J; on the door or from choir members. Proudly supporting St Michaels Hospice and Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.



7 JUNE
SUNDAY
2.00

FREE
EVENT

'Quattro' Sax Quartet in the Bexhill Beach Garden

The Bexhill Beach Garden will be having its second anniversary on the 7th June. The garden was designed to enable the physically vulnerable and family members of our community to access the beach, and enjoy being close to the sea. It is an asset to the town, and is a very special community space. The garden demonstrates the wonderful flora and fauna found along our coastline, and how it contributes to the biodiversity of our planet. It also helps to reduce coastal erosion, and contributes to the wellbeing of everyone who uses the garden. 'Quattro', are a saxophone quartet who are delighted to offer an afternoon of music starting at 2pm. Refreshments available !! Let's hope it's a beautiful, sunny day, when the garden will be the ideal space to enjoy an afternoon of musical entertainment.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Bexhill Beach Garden, West Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1LA

Starts 2pm. Free outdoor event.



Serving the People of Bexhill

For a yearly membership of £30, clients have full access to all our services.

Introduction to self employed carers, domestics, gardeners, handyman and shoppers.

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For medical appointments and funerals anywhere in the South East. Suggested donation to Conquest Hospital £25.00* return (includes drivers waiting up to 2 hours). Our Community Car service also goes to Eastbourne Hospital £30.00 return and all Brighton hospitals £55.00 return.

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Minibus with tail lift to take clients anywhere in Bexhill for £9.50* return (escort free).

We also offer:

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*All prices / suggested donations current as of April 2024.



If you need help - contact us:

17 Western Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN40 1DU

t 01424 215116 **e** info@bexhillcaringcommunity.org

w www.bexhillcaringcommunity.org

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7 JUNE
SUNDAY
3.00-4.00



Ian Watt – Classical Guitar Recital

The Bexhill Classical Guitar Society is back this year and kicking off the festival with a recital by the multi-award-winning Scottish guitarist Ian Watt. Described by Classical Guitar Magazine as "a guitarist of outstanding skill and originality", he has performed concertos with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, City of London Sinfonia, and Scottish Philharmonic Orchestra, and his playing has been broadcast on BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio 3, BBC Radio Scotland, Classic FM, NDR Radio (Germany), and WSMC Radio (USA). The event is free to enter, with donations requested to help support the society. The event will last 45 minutes with no interval. For more details, please email akcgs@outlook.com.

St Barnabas Church, Sea Road, Bexhill-On-Sea, TN40 1JG

From 3pm–4pm. Tickets: Free entry, unreserved seating.

FREE
EVENT

7 JUNE
SUNDAY
7.30

The Sussex Concert Orchestra

Conducted by **Kenneth Roberts.**

Programme

Grieg - Norwegian Dances

Sibelius - Violin Concerto
(with Aysen Ulucan)

Tchaikovsky - Symphony No.4



Kenneth Roberts

St. Peter's Church, Church Lane, Bexhill TN40 2HE

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £17 on the door - £15 in advance, (Under 16 free).

From: <https://www.sussexconcertorchestra.org> Second Spin, Sackville Road.
01424-210894. Bookkeeper, 1a King's Road, St. Leonards. 07807 136641.

7 JUNE
SUNDAY
7.30

**Guy Masterson presents:
LUDWIG: Unfinished Business!**

His days numbered, relentlessly pounding the keyboard, knowing he will never hear his final creation, Ludwig stands up to the occasion, grabs the mic, and sets the record straight! Fusing monodrama, melodrama, stand-up and virtuosic classical piano, raconteur, Mike Hatchard, is directed by West End, Broadway and Olivier winner, Guy Masterson. Concert trained Hatchard plays both the music and the man (bearing a startling resemblance both in looks and character) revealing the tempestuousness, tenderness, frustrations, futility and humour.

**Bexhill Museum, Egerton Road,
Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3HL**

Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets £15 or £12 concessions at <https://wegottickets.com/event/696524>. Also available from the museum.



9 JUNE
TUESDAY
7.30

ContraBand Big Band - an Evening of Swing and Latin numbers

ContraBand continues to be a 17 piece big band playing swing jazz, latin and other styles of music. We have been in our current formation since Covid. We rehearse weekly and have enjoyed gigging last year both indoors and also outdoors on bandstands. We are delighted to be involved with the festival again and this year are raising money for The Parkinson's Foundation.

Town Square Social Club, 4-6 London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3JU

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets will be £7.50. Information from Ronnie Parker (bandleader) on 07973 703053. Tickets also available at the venue itself.



10 JUNE
WEDNESDAY
12.00-1.00

Bexhill Community Orchestra Open Rehearsal

FREE EVENT (18+) BCO invites orchestral players of any ability or experience to join us for an open rehearsal. We are an adult only orchestra. Our rehearsals are fun, mistakes are definitely allowed and we have the wonderful experience of playing together! Pop along and play or join us for a cuppa to watch the rehearsal.

St Marks Church Hall, Green Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS

From 12.00-1.00pm. For more information contact Lorraine Barry, bexhillcommunitymusic@gmail.com

**FREE
EVENT**



12 JUNE
FRIDAY
2.00

Ukrainian Culbaba Theatre Choir group

Culbaba Theatre is an Ukrainian amateur group dedicated to preserving and promoting Ukrainian traditions and rich cultural heritage.

We sing a wide selection of Ukrainian folk songs ranging from the 19th century to present day.

Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS

Starts 2pm. Free outdoor event.



FREE
EVENT

13 JUNE
SATURDAY
7.30

Bexhill Choral Society presents: "What makes French music French?"

With Kenneth Roberts, Bexhill Choral Society's Director of Music

What is it that gives French music that peculiar 'Frenchness'; that elusive, sensual quality which pervades so much of French culture and lifestyle? The question is considered via a light-hearted journey through the piano music of Debussy, Satie, Ravel, Faure, and Poulenc.

Little Common Community Centre, Shepherds Close TN39 4SQ

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from Second Spin, Sackville Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3JL (cash), choir members, ticketsource.co.uk/bcs or 0333 666 3366, or on the door. Booking recommended. Refreshments available.



Kenneth Roberts

Bexhillchoral.org.uk
Charity No: 285555



Gymnopédie No. 1

Bolero

Tempo di Bolero

14 JUNE
SUNDAY
12.00

The Wacky Band

The Wacky Band is a local Wind Band with over 30 amateur musicians of various ages and abilities who meet once a week to make merry music and play at local festivals, events and fêtes under the guidance of their lively conductor, Alun Francis. They have a vast and varied playlist so you will soon be humming along to a tune you know and love! The Wacky Band is playing to support the Bexhill Festival of Music.

On the Terrace, De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP
Starts noon. Free event. Phone Brian on 07843 412966 for details.

FREE
EVENT

14 JUNE
SUNDAY
2.30

FREE
EVENT

The F.O.G

The F.O.G are a five piece local band playing a lively mix of 60s/70s, Rhythm & Blues & Country. Together for the past 7 years, appearing at various local venues. Come and join us at the Albatross Club on Sunday.

Albatross RAFA Club, 15 Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS

Starts 2.30pm.



14 JUNE
SUNDAY
7.00



The Volya Voices Choir

There will be singing, dancing and Ukrainian food available at the interval. All the proceeds will go to buying essential medical equipment needed in Ukraine.

The Beulah Baptist Church, Clifford Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1QA

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets: Adults £10, Children £5. Tickets will be sold online through ticket source: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-volya-choir-east-sussex> and at the door on the day.

The Wacky Band



The Volya Voices Choir



14 JUNE
SUNDAY
12.30-3.30

Sussex Day Concert at Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand

FREE
EVENT

Sussex Day was first celebrated in Bexhill more than a century ago in 1917. Come along to the bandstand and enjoy Sussex Day 2026 with music by two of Bexhill's favourite local bands.

Albatross Ukulele Band - 12.30pm-1.30pm

The Albatross Ukulele Band based at the Albatross Club, Marine Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea, enjoy regular social meet-ups at the club and playing for fun to local audiences.

Bodiam Concert Band - 2.15pm-3.30pm

Bodiam Concert Band is a community wind band formed in the 1980s and now based in Hawkhurst. About 30 regular players meet weekly to rehearse a wide range of music under the direction of its conductor John Cornford. The repertoire it enjoys includes light classics, selections from stage and screen, traditional military band works and popular music past and present. The band performs at various events in Kent and East Sussex throughout the year and holds occasional concerts.

Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS



Bodiam Concert Band



17 JUNE
WEDNESDAY
5.00 & 7.00

Schools Big Summer Sing

Join students from Bexhill's schools and colleges raising their voices once again at the Bexhill Festival of Music Big Summer Sing, featuring a massed choir of Year 4 children and live band.

The Auditorium, De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP
Performances at 5pm and 7pm. Tickets: Adults £9 (Under 16s free admission). Box office 01424 229111. Book online at www.dlwp.com



17&18 JUNE
WEDNESDAY
& THURSDAY
7.30



Guy Masterson presents: LUDWIG: Unfinished Business!

His days numbered, relentlessly pounding the keyboard, knowing he will never hear his final creation, Ludwig stands up to the occasion, grabs the mic, and sets the record straight! Fusing monodrama, melodrama, stand-up and virtuosic classical piano, raconteur, Mike Hatchard, is directed by West End, Broadway and Olivier winner, Guy Masterson. Concert trained Hatchard plays both the music and the man (bearing a startling resemblance both in looks and character) revealing the tempestuousness, tenderness, frustrations, futility and humour.

Bexhill Museum, Egerton Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3HL

Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets £15 or £12 concessions at <https://wegottickets.com/event/696524>. Also available from the museum.

19 JUNE
FRIDAY
1.30-2.30



A 'Fipple flute' is an end blown flute provided with a fipple mouthpiece, such as the recorder or tin whistle.

Fipple Recorder Ensemble

Is a group of adults from Hastings who love playing recorders. Some have been playing since childhood while others have come back to this beautiful instrument after a break of many years.

Since October 2014 we have built a repertoire ranging from early music to arrangements of well known pieces. Other compositions have been written by modern day composers, especially for the recorder. Our repertoire uses recorders in harmony; sopranino, descant (soprano), treble (alto), tenor & bass.

Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS

Starts 1.30pm-2.30pm. Free outdoor event.

FREE
EVENT

20 JUNE
SUNDAY
7.00

St Peter's Choir Concert

Choral Concert with works by Palestrina, Stanford, Elgar, Vaughan Williams and local composers including Ruth Gipps.

St. Peter's Church, Church Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2HE

Starts 7pm. Free event with donations in aid of the organ fund.

FREE
EVENT

Mike Hatchard at Bexhill Museum



Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand



Francisco Correa

The Friday Singers



21 JUNE
SUNDAY
3.00-4.00

Francisco Correa – Classical Guitar Recital

The Bexhill Classical Guitar Society's second recital this season welcomes the Colombian guitarist **Francisco Correa**, who has been praised by Gramophone for his "eloquence" and by Soundboard Magazine for his "beautiful and expressive interpretation." Recognised for his captivating performances and versatility, Francisco has appeared as a soloist and chamber musician in over 20 countries across the UK, Europe, and South America. Recently, Francisco was named an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music (ARAM) in London for his significant contribution to the musical profession and to the guitar, in recognition of his distinguished career as a performer, recording artist, and cultural ambassador. The event is free to enter, with donations requested to help support the society. The event will last 45 minutes with no interval. For more details, please email akcgs@outlook.com.

FREE
EVENT

St Barnabas Church, Sea Road, Bexhill-On-Sea, TN40 1JG

From 3pm-4pm. Tickets: Free entry, unreserved seating.

26 JUNE
FRIDAY
11.00-12.30

The Friday Singers

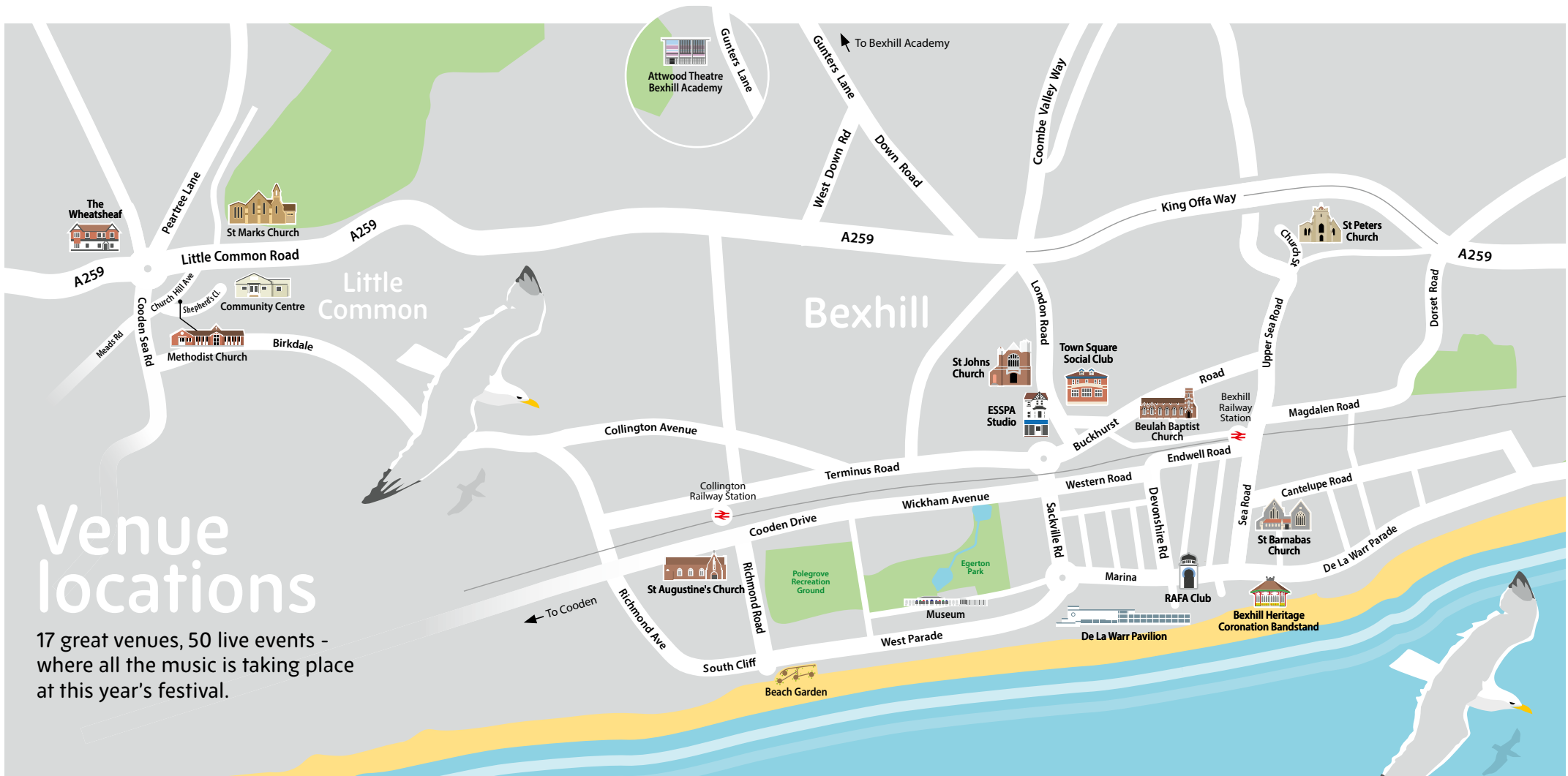
The Friday Singers, under the musical direction of **Roy Gregory**, will perform a concert of varied styles of music, featuring members of the choir in solos, trios, ensembles and personal anecdotes. A great variety of entertainment for your pleasure. *Roy was head of vocal studies at the famed Italia Conti Academy of Performing Arts in London, he worked with the Royal Opera and Ballet for many years and was vocal coach to many famous international actors, dancers and singers, including Placido Domingo, Pavarotti, The Two Ronnies and Barbra Streisand.*

FREE
EVENT

Admittance is free, but any donations to a leaving collection are welcomed in support of the Bexhill Festival of Music.

The ESSPA studio, 17 London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN36 3JR.

From 11am-12.30pm. The studio space is small to accommodate an audience as well as the choir, so please book in advance to secure a place. Ring 07802 217840 to check on availability on seating.



Venue locations

17 great venues, 50 live events - where all the music is taking place at this year's festival.

The Bexhill Festival of Music 2026
Live and local



26 JUNE
FRIDAY
2.00-4.00

FREE
EVENT

The Old Country Crows

With the latest line-up of Gary Virtue, Chris Pike, Craig Wild and Josh Hayward the band are looking forward to playing many shows and festivals in 2026. This is the 'Crows' debut show at the bandstand as part of the Bexhill Festival of Music programme 2026.

Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS
From 2pm-4pm. Free concert.



26 JUNE
FRIDAY
7.30

The Spinning Jenny Band Festival Barn Dance

Supporting St Michael's Hospice.

The Spinning Jenny Band combines musicians who originally played for Folk music and Morris Dancing. They are a popular band playing for barn dances, weddings, village fairs and parties.

Little Common Community Centre, Shepherds Close TN39 4SQ

Starts 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets £8 (£4 children) in advance from Colin 01424 215258 or Ken 07808 167308.



27 JUNE
SATURDAY
7.30

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra & De La Warr Pavilion Presents: **Symphonic Groove - The Ultimate Soul & Disco Party by the Sea**

Outside Performance on the De La Warr Pavilion Lawns

Get ready for an unmissable celebration of soul and disco music under the setting seaside sun! Celebrate the summer at the beautiful De La Warr Pavilion as the power of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra fuels the seminal sounds of iconic soul and disco tracks. Located just meters from the water's edge, there's room for the whole family to take in the sights and sounds of this memorable and groovy evening.

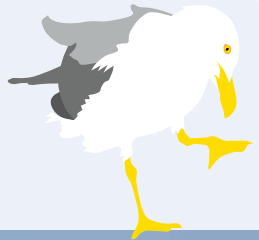
Get ready to Blame It on the Boogie, as this get-up-and-dance concert features irresistible songs by the artists who brought soul and disco music to new heights, such as Stevie Wonder, Donna Summer, Diana Ross, Jackson 5, Heatwave, Aretha Franklin, and more.

De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets at: www.dlwp.com/event/symphonic-groove.



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Partying on the DLWP outdoor lawns



**BEXHILL'S BIG
SUMMER SOUNDS**

27 JUNE
SATURDAY
8.00

Chill Factor

Chill Factor are a local live band bringing timeless music to life with their signature sound. Blending classic rock, blues, chilled and pop favourites from Fleetwood Mac and Santana to Van Morrison, Eric Clapton and The Beatles, their sets mix iconic hits with dance floor favourites to keep crowds singing and moving. Fronted by lead vocalist Lisa, alongside Phil on guitar, Hana on drums and Andy on keyboards, Chill Factor are regulars at The Wheatheaf and a well-loved part of the local live music scene, known for their warm, feel-good sound and strong connection with the crowd. Follow chillfactor4 on Facebook for upcoming gigs and updates. facebook.com/chillfactor4.

The Wheatheaf, 2 Barnhorn Rd, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 4LR
Starts 7pm.

FREE
EVENT

28 JUNE
SUNDAY
6.30

St Peter's Church Festal Evensong

Festal Evensong sung by St Peter's Choir. Music by Britten, Durufle and Mulet.

St. Peter's Church, Church Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2HE
Starts 6.30pm. Free event with donations in aid of the organ fund.

FREE
EVENT

30 JUNE
TUESDAY
7.15

Rother Community Choir Open Rehearsal

Join Rother Community Choir for a free open rehearsal & go from score to encore in one evening! Meet the choir & our MD's Hannah & Lorraine. Learn how to warm up your voice and unlock your fantastic voice. Contact Lorraine on rotherccmd@gmail.com

St Augustine's Church Hall, St Augustine's Close,
Cooden Drive, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3AZ

From 7.15pm-9pm. Free event.

FREE
EVENT



Chill factor

Rother Community Choir



2 JULY
THURSDAY
7.30

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra & De La Warr Pavilion present: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra play Tchaikovsky, Sibelius and Dvořák

In the De La Warr Pavilion Auditorium



Conductor Emilia Hoving

As part of their Bexhill summer takeover, The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra returns to the De La Warr Pavilion under the baton of Associate Conductor Emilia Hoving to perform Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with rising star Hana Chang. A work full of fire and ferocity, both soloist and orchestra have the chance to dazzle in one of the most enduring concertos of the violin repertoire.

Before that, there is a chance to hear Sibelius' stirring Finlandia. Written when Finland was part of the Russian Empire and struggling for independence, it swiftly became a rallying cry for the Finnish people and a symbol of patriotism across the world.

The Orchestra closes the concert with Dvořák's seminal work, Symphony No.9, 'From the New World'. Famous for its use in the iconic 1973 TV ad for Hovis, the music features echoes of the Native American and early African American folk traditions. The tune that runs throughout the piece so perfectly captures the flavour of the United States that it is often described as an original American folk tune.

De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets at: www.dlwp.com/event/royal-philharmonic-orchestra-play-tchaikovsky-sibelius-and-dvorak

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**BEXHILL'S BIG
SUMMER SOUNDS**

3 JULY
FRIDAY
2.00

Battle Ukulele Band

Join this 15 strong ukulele band for a fun afternoon of music and song, performing a range of hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's and more. Any donations to Battle Food Bank.

Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS

Starts 2pm. Free event.

FREE
EVENT

3 JULY
FRIDAY
7.30

The Band of the Royal British Legion (Bexhill and Little Common)

The Band of the Royal British Legion (Bexhill and Little Common), to give the full title, are delighted to be taking part in the Festival of Music once again for 2026. The band has a happy blend of ex-armed services and civilian musicians, who enjoy rehearsing together in Bexhill and are kept busy playing at events and concerts, some with a military or Royal British Legion connection and others purely supporting local events. The programme for the Festival concert includes an imaginative array of music, ranging from light classical, through West End musicals, to some catchy arrangements of 20th century hits, all selected by the band's Musical Director Martin Bunce AGSM.

Town Square Social Club, 4-6 London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3JU

Doors open 7.30, starts 8pm. Tickets are £3 and will be available on the door or in advance from the Club bar. The bar will be available to concertgoers.

4 JULY
SATURDAY
10.30

St Peter's Church Coffee Concert 2026, featuring Anna Tulchinskaya

The music of Bach and the French Romantics featuring violinist Anna Tulchinskaya.

St. Peter's Church, Church Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2HE

Coffee & Cake 10am, Concert begins 10.30am. Free event with donations in aid of the organ fund.

FREE
EVENT

Battle Ukulele Band



The Royal British Legion Band



Summer Concerts at St Peter's Church, 2026

Sat 2 May, 10.30am

Harry Broom, Cello recital - *Bach and English Romantic*

Sun 3 May, 6pm

Choral Evensong celebrating local composers including Ruth Gipps and Phoebe Gaskell

Sat 6 June, 10.30am

Daniel Hill - *Piano recital, Bach and German Romantic*

Sat 20 June, 7pm

St Peter's Choir Concert with works by Palestrina, Stanford, Elgar, Vaughan Williams and local composers including Ruth Gipps

Sun 28 June, 6pm

Festal Evensong, sung by St Peter's Choir. Music by Britten, Duruflé and Mulet

Sat 4 July, 10.30am

Anna Tulchinskaya, Violin recital - *Bach and French Romantic*

All concerts beginning at 10.30 are preceded with coffee & cake at 10am.

Concerts are free, with donations in aid of the organ fund.

St. Peter's Church, Church Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2HE



Bexhill Choral Society

Mendelssohn

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Saturday 2 May 2026 at 7:30pm
De La Warr Pavilion, Marina,
Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1DP

Soprano - Claire Filer
Mezzo - Louisa Hunter-Bradley
Tenor - Kristian Thorkildsen
Baritone - Peter Grevatt

The Sussex Concert Orchestra
Conductor: Kenneth Roberts

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Ticket prices: £22 and £19 (Friends of BCS £17 any seat, students and under-16s £7 any seat) from choir members, Second Spin Sackville Rd (cash only) or De La Warr Pavilion Box Office (+£1 online booking fee) dlwp.com

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4 JULY
SATURDAY
12.30

World Cup Concert at Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand

FREE
EVENT

Bula Brothers - 12.30pm-1.15pm

The Brothers Bula are Bexhill's finest purveyors of adventurous music! Having spent years honing their craft in a shed, the Brothers finally came outside and unleashed a heady concoction of explosive drumming, vintage TV themes, wailing sax and joie de vivre.



Bula Brothers

The 'Jolly Boys', Ticehurst Male Voice Singers - 1pm-1.30pm

The Jolly Boys, formed in 2023, are a group of like minded men who enjoy singing Sea Shanties, though they also cover a wide range of other styles including traditional folk, popular music, Christmas songs, Old Time Music Hall songs and other sing along material.

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Concert Band - 2.20pm-3pm & 3.20pm-4pm

The Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Concert Band is a symphonic wind band, based in Sevenoaks, Kent, with its players drawn from a wide area, and performs at a range of concert venues across the region. Their repertoire is selected to fit the different audiences for each concert. The music includes original works for wind ensemble to arrangements of orchestral pieces, musical theatre and film score repertoire, traditional military band items and light music of various styles.

Ian Hamilton Trio Blues - Starts 4.30pm

The Ian Hamilton Trio play an eclectic mix of folk music and America often with a unique twist.

**Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade,
Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS**

Concert starts 12.30. Free outdoor event.



Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Concert Band



4 JULY
SATURDAY
7.30

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra & De La Warr Pavilion present: **ABBaphonic - Celebrating the music of ABBA by the sea**

Outside Performance on the De La Warr Pavilion Lawns

It's ABBA like you've never heard it before: with the power of a full symphony orchestra, and the stunning beauty of a seaside backdrop. Whether you're a lifelong fan or introducing the next generation to the Joy of ABBA, this outdoor concert at the beautiful De La Warr Pavilion is the perfect summertime celebration for all ages. Costumes and dancing are highly encouraged, so grab your platforms, fish out your sequins, and shimmer by the setting sun!

Sing the night away to timeless chart-topping tracks: Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, Money, Money, Money, Take a Chance on Me, S.O.S., Voulez-Vous, Super Trouper, The Winner Takes it All, Fernando, Does Your Mother Know, Thank You for the Music, and many more – each heightened by powerhouse soloists and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's signature symphonic twist.

De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets at: www.dlwp.com/event/abbaphonic

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**BEXHILL'S BIG
SUMMER SOUNDS**

4 JULY
SATURDAY
7.30

Crescendo Choir

Crescendo is a mixed choir group with a wonderful variety of songs so something for everyone to enjoy on our first visit to the Festival. Our Choirmaster Debs Chambers will lead you through the evening with her characteristic repartee ably assisted by our very talented accompanist Stephen Page. Crescendo is also delighted to be joined by their guest performers, Radiant Brass, performing their sparkling brass arrangements.

St. John's Centre, Victoria Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3PD

Starts 7.30pm. Free event with donations kindly welcomed in support of a local charity. Interval refreshments.

As a very friendly community of singers we are always happy to welcome new members. Why not try us out with a couple of free rehearsals? We meet every Thursday at St. John's Centre, Victoria Road, Bexhill TN39 3PD at 7.30pm for 7.45pm - 9.15pm rehearsal. For more details contact our Chairperson lyn.stardust@gmail.com. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1DF9TXgDmN/>

FREE
EVENT

4 JULY
SATURDAY
10.00

Bexhill's Big Summer Sounds Presents: Mega Music Saturday

Arts and Crafts - Family friendly pop-up performances from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra - London Vegetable Orchestra - Orchestral Silent Disco - Instrument Surgery - Food Trucks.

Join Bexhill's Big Singalong - 3.30pm by the big stage

Bring your family and friends to sing ABBA's *Dancing Queen* live with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra!

One song, one huge community choir!

The De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP.

From 10am-4pm. Free event. Check website for timings - www.dlwp.com

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Crescendo Choir



Mega Music Saturday



Kianush Robeson



Bexhill Community Singers



5 JULY
SUNDAY
3.00-4.00

Kianush Robeson – Classical Guitar Recital

Once again, **The Bexhill Classical Guitar Society's** founder, **Kianush Robeson**, presents a programme of exciting repertoire for the classical guitar. Kianush is a multi prize-winning performer, winning prizes both here and abroad, who tours extensively and is supported by Knobloch Strings. Kianush will perform a varied programme of 19th- and 20th-century music from Spain, Britain, Germany, and more. The event is free to enter, with donations requested to help support the society. The event will last 45 minutes with no interval. For more details, please email akcgs@outlook.com.

St Barnabas Church, Sea Road, Bexhill-On-Sea, TN40 1JG

From 3pm-4pm. Free entry, unreserved seating.

FREE
EVENT

7 JULY
TUESDAY
7.30

Bexhill Community Singers present: 'Another Opening, Another Show'

Our popular annual concert has a new venue! Join the Bexhill Community Singers and special guests for songs old and new, with inimitable compere Barry Turnwell. **Free entry** to include a programme and light refreshments. Proceeds from our raffle and donations will go to Cancer Research UK.

Our concerts are always fully booked, so please reserve your place(s) well in advance. To register, please send an email with the names of people who wish to attend to: bexhillcommunitysingers@hotmail.com or call 07913 818522.

The Attwood Theatre, Bexhill Academy, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 4BY

Starts 7.30pm.

FREE
EVENT

10 JULY
FRIDAY
1.00-3.00

The Spinning Jenny Band at Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand

The Spinning Jenny Band combines musicians who originally played for Folk music and Morris Dancing. They are a popular band playing for barn dances, weddings, village fairs and parties.

Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS

From 1pm-3pm. Free outdoor event.

FREE
EVENT

12 JULY
SUNDAY
3.00-4.00

FREE
EVENT

Gustavo Porras – Classical Guitar Recital

The Bexhill Classical Guitar Society is helping to close this year's amazing festival of music with our final recital, bringing the incredible Costa Rican guitarist **Gustavo Porras** to Bexhill. Gustavo Porras is an innovative and exciting performer and composer and will be performing a recital of remarkable repertoire, including some of his own compositions. The event will last 45 minutes with no interval. For more details, please email akcgs@outlook.com.



St Barnabas Church, Sea Road, Bexhill-On-Sea, TN40 1JG

From 3pm-4pm. Free entry, unreserved seating.

12 JULY
SUNDAY
7.30

The Last Night of the Bexhill Proms with the Sussex Concert Orchestra at the De La Warr Pavilion

Conducted by **Kenneth Roberts**

Featuring the **Bexhill Festival Choir** led by **Lorraine Barry** and guest soloist **Helen May**.

The first half of the evening will feature lots of popular music in 'A Glorious Musical Celebration of Summer!', featuring music by **Vivian Ellis** (*Cononation Scot*), **Hugo Alfven** (*Sewdsh Rhapsody*), **Berlioz** (*Villanelle from 'Nuits d'Été*), **Mendelssohn** (*Midsummer Nights Dream*), **Welch/Bennett** (*Summer Holiday*), **Glazunov** (*Summer from 'The Seasons'*), **Gershwin** (*Summertime*), **Rodgers & Hammerstein** (*June is Bustin' Out All Over*), **Kenneth Roberts** (*Day Trip*).

After the interval it's time to wave your flags and sing along to all the prom favourites including 'Follow the Fleet', 'I Vow to Thee My Country', 'Sea Songs', 'Pomp & Circumstance No.1', 'Jerusalem' and 'God Save the King'. Union flags are available on the evening.

Our soloist this year is **Helen May**.

The De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP.

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £22, £26, £27 inc. booking fee. Concessions available. Box office **01424 229111**. Book online at www.dlwp.com



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Super Sunday 14th June 12.30

Sussex Day Concert with the BODIAM CONCERT BAND and Albatross Ukulele Band

Saturday 1st August Noon

Holiday highlights including The Other Band and the Albatross Ukulele Band

Saturday 15th August 11am

Bexhill Day Concert with the Royal British Legion Band, the Sevenoaks Saxophone Orchestra, the Culbaba Theatre and the Battle Ukulele Band

Saturday 4th July 12.30

World Cup Concert with the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Concert Band, Ian Hamilton Trio, Ruxley's Crew, the Jolly Boys and the Brothers Bula

Saturday 18th July 1pm

Summer Celebrations including Saxonymous, The FOG, the Shady Ladies and the Wacky Band



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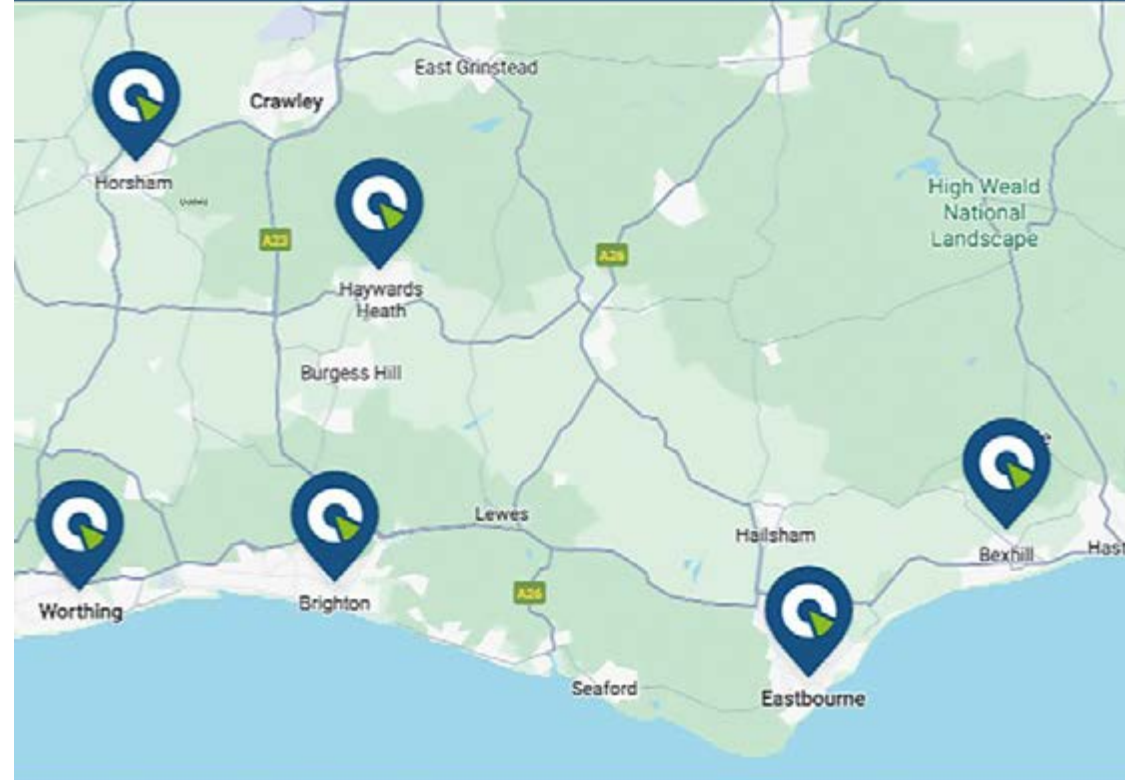
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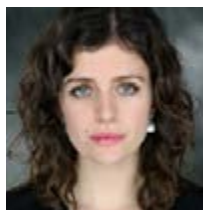
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After the Interval its time to wave your flags and sing along to all the '*Last Night of the Proms*' favourites. Union flags are available on the evening.



Kenneth Roberts



Soloist Helen May

Sunday 12 July 2026

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £22, £26 & £27 (concessions available).
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