

# WHAT'S ON

SUMMER 2023



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# Welcome

We cannot wait to welcome you back to the arts centre this summer! This season we have singing sailors, children's shows, dance and a huge range of musical styles. There really is something for the whole family to enjoy!

We are thrilled to welcome back our wonderful, local amateur groups to the season including St Peter's Hill Players with their hilarious murder mystery, **Murdered To Death**. In July our resident theatre group, New Youth Theatre, will delight you with not one but two toe-tapping musicals! These talented youngsters will be performing **Peter Pan** followed by **Chicago** later that month. We are also welcoming Grantham Dramatic Society, DancePointe and Grantham Prep to the stage this summer.

Our ever-popular music programme is definitely something to be excited about, starting with **Swinging At The Cotton Club** in May and ending with **The Nat King Cole Story** at the end of July. We also have some high-quality tributes of performers you know and love, including **The Carpenter's Experience** in July. There's a real variety of musical styles this season, truly something for everyone!

As always, we have some wonderful children's shows to entertain your little ones including **Where The Lost Socks Go**. Not only will they be performing their exciting show but they will also be providing a free workshop after the event, allowing children to take part in fun musical activities. We are also so excited to be bringing award-winning CBeebies show, **Sarah and Duck**, to the arts centre, which promises to be packed full of puppetry, storytelling and music.

If you fancy something a little bit different, then fear not! We have two very insightful talks this season by **Moira Cameron** and **Kate Rawles**. If comedy is more your cup of tea we also have the great comedian, **Alfie Moore**, performing his comedy show in May.

**On behalf of the Arts Centre Staff, we look forward to welcoming you soon.**

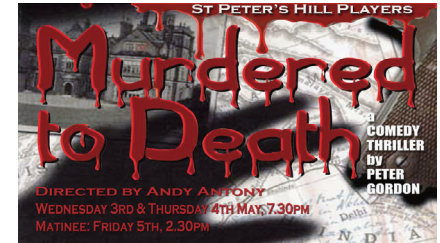


WEDNESDAY 3RD – THURSDAY 4TH MAY, 7.30PM

FRIDAY 5TH MAY, 2.30PM

## MURDERED TO DEATH (ST PETER'S HILL PLAYERS)

Murdered To Death is a hilarious spoof of the best of Agatha Christie traditions and is set in a country manor house in the 1930s, with an assembled cast of characters involving a bumbling police inspector and a well-meaning local sleuth who seems to attract murder wherever she goes. It soon becomes clear that the murder of one of the group isn't to be the only mysterious death. Will the culprit be unmasked before anyone else has met their doom, or will audience die laughing first?



£11 (£10 concessions) | Drama



SUNDAY 7TH MAY, 11AM

## CORONATION CRAFT MARKET

An indoor, artisan craft market set in our beautiful ballroom. During this craft market there will also be an outdoor event in front of the Guildhall with food and entertainment, celebrating the Coronation.

Free event

TUESDAY 9TH MAY, 7.30PM

## LADY YEOMAN – MY LIFE IN THE TOWER OF LONDON

Fans of Channel 5's "Inside the Tower of London" - here's your chance to get an even closer look behind those infamous walls. Moira Cameron served as the first ever female Beefeater at the Tower of London, welcoming the public, presidents, and Hollywood stars to His Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress. From having a Beefeater gin label made in her honour, to singing in the Tower variety show, Moira weaves fascinating historical facts about the Crown Jewels, British history, and the ups and downs of living inside this iconic fortress.

£15 (£13 concessions) | Talk





THURSDAY 11TH MAY, 8PM

**HOWARD'S END**

Frankie Howard was one of Britain's most loved comedians for half a century. But he had a secret. And the secret's name was Dennis.

This hugely acclaimed play by Mark Farrelly (Quentin Crisp: Naked Hope, Jarman) takes you to the heart of Frankie and Dennis' clandestine relationship, which lasted from the 1950s until Frankie's death in 1992. It also affords a glorious opportunity to encounter Frankie in full-flight stand up mode.

Packed with laughter, but unafraid of truth, Howard's End portrays two humans' journey through closeness, love, grief and all the other things that make life worth living. Come and say farewell to a legend... and learn the art of letting go.

£14 (£12 concessions) | Comedy, Drama

FRIDAY 12TH MAY, 7.30PM

**SWINGING AT THE COTTON CLUB**  
**Featuring The Lindy Hop Dance Company & The Harry Strutters Hot Rhythm Orchestra**

Take a step back into 1920s & '30s New York City and through the doors of Harlem's hottest nightclub, 'The Cotton Club'!

'Swinging at The Cotton Club' is the action-packed show celebrating the music and dance of the Cotton Club – New York's most celebrated nightclub of the 1920s and '30s. In the show the exhilarating dance and music of the Cotton Club is recreated by the fabulous Lindy Hop Dance Company, alongside The Harry Strutters Hot Rhythm Orchestra, featuring American vocalist Marlene Hill and compere/vocalist Megs Etherington.

£23 (£21 concessions) | Music, Dance

THURSDAY 18TH MAY, 7.30PM

**OLD TIME SAILORS**

Ahoy there! You are invited to board the Sailorette and join the plentiful crew, 'The Old Time Sailors', for a night of footstomping, dancing and singing!

You will be sailing back to the 19th century for an immersive experience of traditional seafaring music performed in a way you have never seen before. The Motley Crew and their plethora of traditional and eclectic instruments will take you back to the time of clashing tankards, and drunken debauchery.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Music

THURSDAY 18TH MAY, 8PM

THURSDAY 29TH JUNE, 8PM

**FUNHOUSE COMEDY**

Hilarious comedy, once a month in our beautiful ballroom. Please check our website for line ups and more information.

£13 | Comedy

MONDAY 22ND MAY, 2PM

**WHEN YOU'RE SMILING**  
**Neil Sands Productions**

This delightful trip down Memory Lane is especially produced to help you forget you're worries and give everyone a shot of sparkling nostalgia with over 60 of your all-time favourite songs from the Fabulous 40's, the Rocking 50's and the Swinging 60's and Sensational 70's along with best loved sing a longs, ever popular show tunes, and much more. All mixed with stunning costumes, amazing voices, and the heart-warming atmosphere that is the signature of Neil's productions. This show is guaranteed to send you home with a smile on your face, a song on your lips and a glow in your heart, as we all join together for an afternoon of music, laughter, and happy memories.

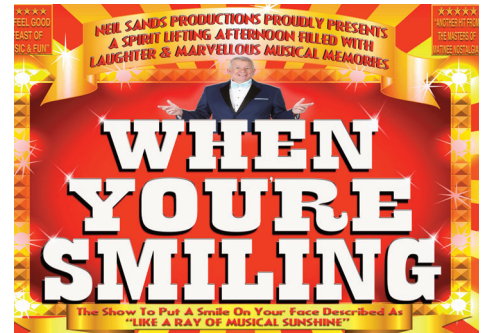
£14 (£13 concessions) | Music

TUESDAY 30TH MAY, 7.30PM

**KATE RAWLES (RGS TALK)**

Kate Rawles cycled the length of South America following the spine of the Andes – the longest mountain chain in the world – on Woody, a bamboo bike she built herself with bamboo from the Eden Project in Cornwall. Throughout the journey she met with those at the frontlines of nature conservation, including a school whose entire curriculum was based on turtles; a project to save the smallest monkeys in the world; local forest champions; anti-gold, copper and lead-mining activists; an ancient, sustainable fishing fleet and a member of the Peruvian senate. Kate returned inspired, shaken and hopeful, convinced that biodiversity loss is as important as climate change and that deep systemic change is needed to tackle these interconnected challenges to people and planet.

£14 (£12 concessions) £10 RGS members | Talk



WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY, 7.30PM

**ALFIE MOORE – FAIR COP UNLEASHED**

Join BBC Radio 4's cop-turned-comedian Alfie Moore for his latest stand-up tour show. Fair Cop Unleashed is based on a dramatic real-life incident from Alfie's police casebook. Relive with him the thrilling ups and downs of the night a mysterious clown came to town and more than one life ended up in the balance. It was no laughing matter – but this show certainly is! Enjoy Alfie's unique brand of humour hilariously woven together with his personal insights into his life on the front-line of the police force. It'd be a crime to miss it!

£17 (£16 concessions) | Comedy



THURSDAY 1ST JUNE, 2PM

**WHERE THE LOST SOCKS GO**

Where do our missing socks go? Do they end up down the plug hole or do they go sunbathing in the Caribbean? Milo thinks that wearing odd socks is embarrassing, so his weird and wonderful friend Luna leads him on an exciting expedition, determined to show Milo that he shouldn't have to follow the crowd to fit in. Join Milo and Luna on their quest to find Milo's missing sock. Combining live music, catchy original songs and a host of crazy characters, Where The Lost Socks Go celebrates the odd and invites you to be curious. This show can be enjoyed by everyone from 4 to 104!

£7 (£5 concessions) Under 3s free | Children's show



THURSDAY 1ST JUNE, 3.15PM

**WHERE THE LOST SOCKS GO WORKSHOP**

Join Under The Bed Theatre for an exciting and creative music and drama workshop. Create musical soundscapes, help to write a new catchy song and make up your own secret handshake! This 1-hour long workshop will include lots of great drama games and musical activities to open up the imagination. Come and have fun with Under The Bed Theatre!

FREE (when attending 'Where The Lost Socks Go') | Workshop

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE, 7.30PM

**THE SEARCHERS & HOLLIES EXPERIENCE 2023**

The Searchers & Hollies Experience ... The Best Of Both Worlds brings to the stage the magical hits of these two legendary harmony bands, with memories of the most high-energy decade in pop music history. Let the haunting melodies transport you to that exciting era when millions of records were sold. It is an incredible back catalogue of hits. This two-hour tribute show is guaranteed to have you in Needles And Pins with nostalgia When You Walk In The Room.

£21 (£19 concessions) | Music



WEDNESDAY 7TH – SATURDAY 10TH JUNE, 7.30PM

**CLUE (GRANTHAM DRAMATIC SOCIETY)**

Based on the cult film of the same name, GDS's latest production brings the classic board game Cluedo to life in a hilariously madcap whodunnit. Set in a remote mansion, six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. As the body count piles up, will you be able to answer the question who did it, where and with what?

£12 (£10 concessions) £10 groups of 6+ | Comedy, Drama





FRIDAY 16TH JUNE, 6PM

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE, 12PM &amp; 6PM

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE, 12PM &amp; 6PM

**DANCE SPECTACULAR (DANCEPOINTE)**

The students of DancePointe present their stunning annual performance which showcases their talents in ballet, modern, contemporary, acrobatics, tap, street and musical theatre. The dancers all train at Grantham's premier dance school, DancePointe, which is based on Swinegate and enjoys a faculty that includes West End choreographers and international teachers. The showcase includes original choreography and performances by students of all ages from 2-18yrs. Toe-tapping show tunes, amazing acrobatic tricks, graceful ballet – this show has it all! Don't miss this Summer highlight.

**£16 (£14 under 16s) | Dance**

THURSDAY 29TH JUNE, 7.30PM

**BARBARA DICKSON WITH NICK HOLLAND****Chris Wade-Strada Music**

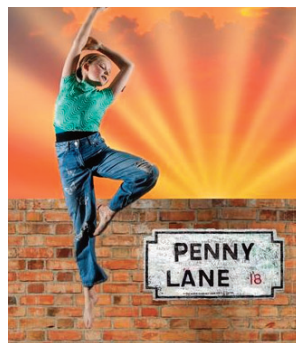
In these special acoustic performances Barbara and her pianist Nick Holland explore her catalogue of songs at an intimate level. The pair let the words and melodies take 'centre stage' as they perform a wonderful range of material drawing on her folk roots, contemporary greats, and some of her classic hits. Anthony Toner will be the support act for this performance.

**£28 | Music**

SATURDAY 1ST JULY, 7PM

**SUMMER IN PENNY LANE (CHANTRY ORIGINS YOUTH COMPANY)**

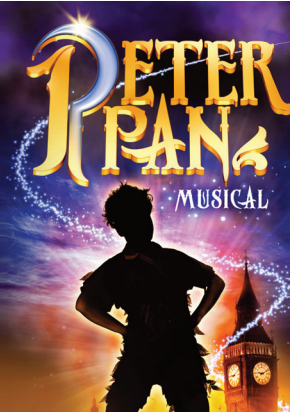
Chantry Origins Youth Company present a stunning evening of contemporary, ballet and modern dance. The young people who make up this talented company include dancers from Grantham as well as all over the UK. The evening's main feature is a performance of 'Summer in Penny Lane' choreographed by award-winning producers and choreographers Rae Piper and Paul Chantry, and choreographer Megan Woodfield. 'Summer in Penny Lane' follows the friendships, hardships and adventures of a group of people living on Penny Lane during one summer. The showcase also includes the MOVE IT piece 'La Llorona' and self-choreographed works by the Origins dancers.

**£12 (£10 concessions) | Dance**

MONDAY 3RD – THURSDAY 6TH JULY, 8PM

**PETER PAN (GRANTHAM NEW YOUTH THEATRE)**

Peter Pan tells the classic J.M. Barrie tale of a young boy who refuses to grow up. On a quest to find stories with which to entertain his young cohorts in Neverland -- an island refuge for "Lost Boys" -- Peter returns to the real world and meets Wendy, Michael, and John Darling. The Darling children accompany Peter back to the magical Neverland, where they learn to fly, get involved in all sorts of adventures, defeat the evil Captain Hook, and are changed forever.

**£10 (£9.50 concessions) | Musical Theatre**

SATURDAY 8TH JULY, 7.30PM

**THE CARPENTER'S EXPERIENCE****Simon-Orange Box Theatre Group**

The UK's leading Carpenters show, featuring the amazing voice of Maggie Nestor and eight top-class musicians, captures the sights and sounds of the amazing talents of Richard and Karen Carpenter. Karen's silky contralto is combined with Richard's delightful piano and seamless harmonies in this big production that brings Close to You, We've only Just Begun, Top of the World, Rainy Days and Mondays, Solitaire, Goodbye to Love, Please Mr Postman, For All We Know, Only Yesterday and dozens more classic songs to the stage.

**£20 (£18 concessions) | Music**

THURSDAY 13TH JULY, 7.30PM

**JUST LIKE THAT! THE TOMMY COOPER SHOW**

The UK's No. 1 Tommy Cooper tribute show is back on tour!

Tommy Cooper was a true comic genius. His impeccable timing, love of slapstick and quick-fire gags made him an international star. Complete with his trademark fez and a plethora of misfiring magic, the man is an undisputed icon of live entertainment. Celebrating over 100 years of Tommy, this all-encapsulating show of magic, music and mirth is the perfect celebration of Britain's top comedian and features all of Tommy's classic gags combined with lesser-known gems lovingly selected from his joke archive and extensive magic routines. Don't miss this gag-packed, magical tour-de-force performance.

**£16 (£14 concessions) | Comedy**

## SATURDAY 15TH JULY

## FAMILY DAY

Join us for a fun packed day for the whole family at our wonderful arts centre! More information to follow on our website.

Free event | 10am-3pm



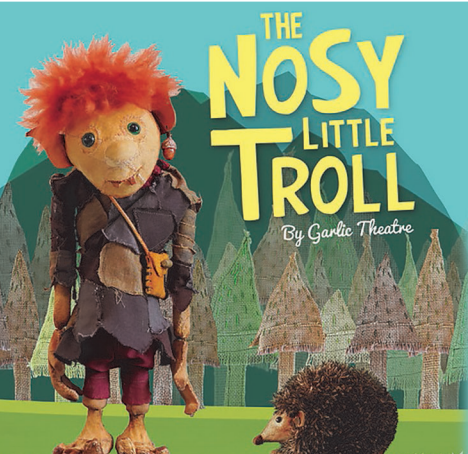
## SATURDAY 15TH JULY, 2PM

## THE NOSY LITTLE TROLL

Deep in the heart of the Norwegian Forest live the trolls – big trolls, tiny trolls and a Nosy Little Troll who has an amazingly sensitive nose...

Join us for this funny Scandinavian story starring a tasty brown cheese song, a lost goat and a bushy old troll with green fingers. Garlic Theatre hold their young audience spellbound with wonderfully crafted troll puppets, live music and lots of joining in

£8 (£6 concessions) £24 family of 4



## SATURDAY 22ND JULY, 7.30PM

## THE NAT KING COLE STORY

Atila Entertainments (c/o JBA Concerts)

Featuring world-class live music, alongside narration and projected archive images and footage, this is the unique concert celebrating one of the greatest vocalists and entertainers of the Twentieth Century: Nat 'King' Cole. Featuring acclaimed vocalist, Atila, alongside a world-class group of musicians, this thoughtful and entertaining new show takes a fresh look at the life and work of the timeless Nat King Cole, whose vocal styling in songs such as Nature Boy, Unforgettable and When I Fall in Love defined a golden era of music and earned him a place in the history of American music as one of the most iconic vocalists of all time.

£21 | Music



## SATURDAY 29TH JULY, 2.30PM &amp; 7.30PM

## CHICAGO (GRANTHAM NEW YOUTH THEATRE)

In roaring twenties Chicago, chorine Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess," Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the "American Dream": fame, fortune, and acquittal. This sharp-edged satire features a dazzling score that sparked immortal staging by Bob Fosse.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Musical Theatre



## TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST, 1.30PM &amp; 4PM

## SARAH &amp; DUCK

Join Sarah and her best friend Duck as they plan the ultimate circus soiree to help Scarf Lady celebrate her birthday. With entertainment lined up from a whole host of your favourite friends, including The Ribbon Sisters, The Shallots, Flamingo & John and Umbrella, the party is ready to go! Let's just hope the weather holds out...

Bursting with all the charm from the BAFTA award-winning CBeebies show, Sarah and Duck's enchanting world is brought to life by the team behind The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show and Twirlywoos Live. Packed full of puppetry, storytelling and music, Sarah & Duck's Big Top Birthday promises to be a celebration for the whole family!

£14 (£12 concessions) £48 family of 4, £10.50 groups of 10+ | Children's show



## WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST 9.30AM, 10.30AM, 11.30AM

## ANIMAL CLUB: ANIMAL HANDLING SESSIONS

Fascinating, fun and interactive animal workshops! Animal Club will arrive with all the crew from jumpy stick insects to calm pythons, friendly bearded dragons, fluffy bunnies, curious guinea pigs and many more!

£8 per child (must be 3+) | Workshop





# MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

THURSDAY 1ST JUNE, 7.30PM

## KOSMOS ENSEMBLE

Kosmos is re-defining the relationship between classical and world music. Gypsy, Scottish, Jewish and Greek music glide into hot-blooded tango and Asian melodies, referencing classical composers including Corelli, Piazzolla and Sarasate, performed with "telepathic rapport, dazzling virtuosity, serious scholarship, intellectual curiosity and impeccable musicianship". Richard Morrison, chief music critic, The Times. Harriet MacKenzie (violin), Meg Hamilton (viola), Milos Milivojevic (accordion)

£16 (£14 concessions) £8 under 26s | St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe, NG32 3DU



THURSDAY 15TH JUNE, 7.30PM

## MELROSE QUARTET

Melrose Quartet are truly an all-round folk act, with both tight acapella harmony and energy-packed instrumentals. They comprise leading English musicians Nancy Kerr (2015 BBC Folk Singer of the Year), James Fagan (Kerr/Fagan Best Duo 2003/2011 BBC Folk Awards), and Jess & Richard Arrowsmith, with twin fiddles, guitar and bouzouki, melodeon and four strong voices.

£16 (£14 concessions) £8 under 26s | The Priory Church, Deeping St. James, PE6 8NP



THURSDAY 13TH JULY, 7.30PM

## ALVA – ANGELS IN THE ARCHITECTURE

Grammy-nominated vocalist Vivien Ellis is known for her gutsy, passionate and folk-edged performances of early music with groups such as The Carnival Band and Sinfonye. Since 2017 Vivien has developed 'Ballad Walks', taking people on a singing journey to explore place & meaning through songs. Since March 2020 Vivien has led two weekly online community choirs, and several popular virtual ballad walks and singing events. As the ensemble Alva, Leah, Vivien and Giles enjoy creating welcoming, surprising, entertaining and well-researched performances of music, song and spoken-word for unexpected places.

£16 (£14 concessions) £8 under 26s | St Michael and All Angels Church, Uffington, PE9 4SN



THURSDAY 27TH JULY, 7.30PM

## MERAKI DUO

Formed in 2013, the Meraki Duo enjoy exploring the diversity of repertoire available to the flute-guitar pairing while contributing arrangements of their own. Both studied at the Royal Northern College of Music, sharing a passion for chamber music that extends to jazz, Latin American and European folk and works by contemporary composers. They love performing in a wide variety of venues, including St James', Piccadilly, Wigmore Hall, the Swaledale Festival and Bridgewater Hall, for Craig Ogden's Guitar Weekend. In 2019 they were finalists in the Royal Overseas League competition as well as International Guitar Foundation Young Artists. They have been Live Music Now artists and Selected Artists for Making Music for 2020-21 and 2021-22.

£16 (£14 concessions) £8 under 26s | St James' Church, Aslackby, NG34 0HZ



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# Information

## Booking

The box office is currently open from 10am-2pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday plus 45 minutes prior to events. Online bookings are open 24/7 and gift vouchers and credit can also be used when booking via our website.

## Tickets

All tickets can now be sent as E-tickets! Tickets are sent via email as a PDF and are just shown on your smart phone as you enter the theatre – no need to print!

## Sign Up to our Digital Mailing List

We have moved towards Digital communication. Please contact the box office if you wish to receive the brochure, and other exclusive discounts, offers and exciting updates via email.

## Concessions

Concessions are available on selected performances, indicated in brackets.

We are proud to say that we are part of the Blue Light Card and SKDC Armed Forces Discount Card schemes, and discounts are available on Arts Centre Promoted events – please see logo on website listings for participating events.

## Children

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult when attending unless otherwise specified. Babes in arms tickets are available on selected performances for children. These are for toddlers aged 2 and under. Please speak directly to the box office to check for eligibility. These are lap tickets only and they will not be assigned a seat, therefore one babes in arm ticket per adult.

## Refunds

We are unable to refund money or tickets once a purchase has been made. If an event is sold out, we will try to sell unwanted tickets and if successful, your Guildhall Arts Centre account will be credited the money.



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Don't forget that Digby's is also open before all our shows and during any intervals. Serving alcoholic drinks, snacks and ice creams!





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# Guildhall arts centre   Summer 2023 Calendar

Date	Event
Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th May	Murdered To Death (St Peter’s Hill Players)
Sunday 7th May	Coronation Craft Market
Tuesday 9th May	Lady Yeoman – My Life In The Tower Of London
Thursday 11th May	Howerd’s End
Friday 12th May	Swinging At The Cotton Club
Thursday 18th May	Old Time Sailors
Thursday 18th May & Thursday 29th June	Funhouse Comedy
Monday 22nd May	Neil Sands – When You’re Smiling
Tuesday 30th May	Kate Rawles (RGS Talk)
Wednesday 31st May	Alfie Moore – Fair Cop Unleashed
Thursday 1st June	Where The Lost Socks Go
Saturday 3rd June	The Searchers & Hollies Experience 2023
Wednesday 7th – Saturday 10th June	Clue (Grantham Dramatic Society)
Friday 16th – Saturday 17th June Saturday 24th June	Dance Spectacular (DancePointe)
Thursday 29th June	Barbara Dickson With Nick Holland
Saturday 1st July	Summer In Penny Lane (Chantry Origins Youth Company)
Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th July	Peter Pan (Grantham New Youth Theatre)
Saturday 8th July	The Carpenter’s Experience
Thursday 13th July	Just Like That! The Tommy Cooper Show
Saturday 15th July	Family Day
Saturday 15th July	The Nosy Little Troll
Saturday 22nd July	The Nat King Cole Story
Saturday 29th July	Chicago (Grantham New Youth Theatre)
Tuesday 1st August	Sarah & Duck
Wednesday 16th August	Animal Club: Animal Handling Sessions