



What's On at Witham's Home of Entertainment

May - September 2024



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WELCOME

Our front cover shows the very talented Hattie Whitehead who is lead singer of Joni Mitchell tribute band Hejira. They will be delighting our audiences with their superb renditions of some of Mitchell's finest songs at the Public Hall in July.

In fact it's music very much to the fore through our summer season. No matter what era of popular music is to your taste we are sure you will find something to suit, from the rock 'n' roll classics of Marty Wilde and Buddy Holly's Winter Dance Party Tour to the more recent sounds of Simply Red, Coldplay and Phil Collins.

Also sure to be top of many people's list is a special show featuring former lead singer of The Stylistics, Eban Brown, as he finds time in his European tour to pay us a visit.

That's not to say we only have music on offer; there's a great line up for the Anglia Comedy show in June, another visit by the region's premier touring theatre company, Eastern Angles, our annual Real Ale and Gin Festival and even a sale of garden furniture!

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Wednesday 1 May

Eastern Angles/WPHT

SHOW



Stones In His Pocket

This sad, hilarious and irresistible two-hander about the filming of a Hollywood epic in rural Ireland, introduces us to Jake and Charlie, who tell the story by taking on all the other roles within their community. A guaranteed good night out with a tribute to the cinematic stylings of Wes Anderson and featuring newly composed music and video projection.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £14. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 3 May

Steve Humberstone

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A Band Called Malice

The UK's favourite and most authentic tribute to 'The Jam' continues to take venues by storm as they cement their position as the number one choice for devoted fans of The Jam.

The talented musicians are the real deal with performances that give the same high energy, angst, aggression, passion and soul of their idols!

Performance starts at 8.00pm (Doors open 7.30pm)

Tickets £16. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 10 May

Peter Orr

MUSIC



Voodoo Room

A Night of Hendrix, Clapton & Cream

A power trio of astonishingly talented musicians, Voodoo Room celebrate the music of Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Cream with a high energy show in the true spirit of these iconic, legendary superstars. No wigs, no gimmicks, Voodoo Room are not a tribute act, just fantastic musicians playing great music.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £19. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 17 May

Sarah Bird

MUSIC



Legends of Motown

This high energy show is packed with all of Motown's biggest hits, with stunning vocals and amazing live band, celebrating the music of the iconic and timeless Motown era. Undoubtedly a golden era for music, the show pays tribute to the many artists that appeared on the Motown label at that time, including Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes and many more.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £19.50 . Available from Witham Town Hall

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Saturday 25 May

Orange Box Theatre

MUSIC



Wrong Jovi

With a set list crammed full of sing-along anthems, live favourites and rarities, audiences are guaranteed the ultimate Bon Jovi tribute show.

This exciting and dynamic live show will feature all the best known songs from Bon Jovi, including *You Give Love A Bad Name*, *Wanted Dead Or Alive* and, of course, *Livin' On A Prayer*.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £19.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 31 May

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The Alter Eagles

Now in their 21st anniversary year, the Alter Eagles have established themselves as one of the UK's top tribute acts. Playing a mix of old and new Eagles' songs, including *Hotel California*, *Take It Easy*, *Take It To The Limit* and *Life In The Fast Lane*, as well as Henley, Frey and Walsh solo numbers such as *Boys of Summer*, *The Heat Is On* and *Rocky Mountain Way*.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £19.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Saturday 1 June

Stagecoach Events

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The Timeless Songs of Barbra Streisand

Sue Caroline and The Andy Wall Band present a captivating tribute to The Timeless Songs Of Barbra Streisand, featuring songs from her Timeless live concert tour in 2000, together with other iconic songs including *Don't Rain On My Parade*, *The Way We Were*, *Evergreen*, *People* and many more. A show for true fans or just lovers of top-quality music.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)

Tickets £19.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 7 June

Anglia Comedy Co.

SHOW



The Best in Comedy

Another great night of stand-up comedy featuring headliner Rhys James, as seen on *Mock The Week*, *Live at the Apollo*, *Russell Howard's Stand-Up Central* and many more top shows.

Also on the bill are three more top comedians; Esther Manito, Carl Donnelly and Peter Flanagan. If you like a laugh this is definitely the show for you!

Performance starts at 8.00pm (Doors open 7.15pm)

Tickets £17.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

Online from withampublichall.co.uk, Tel: 0345 017 8717

Saturday 8 June

Ritchie Gibson

MUSIC



Carnaby Army

The British Invasion and Beyond!

Featuring an array of songs from the biggest bands of the 1960s including the Beatles, the Kinks, the Rolling Stones, the Small Faces, the Spencer Davis Group and many more, the Carnaby Army's sensational live show transports audiences back to the most celebrated era in musical history.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

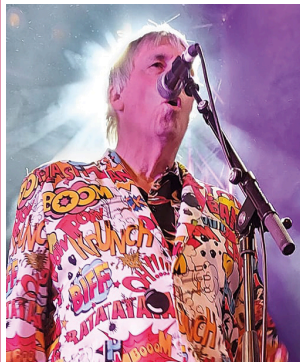
Tickets £17.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 14 June

Mark Southgate

MUSIC



Kast Off Kinks

Not to be missed! The Kast off Kinks include former members of the legendary band 'The Kinks', including original drummer Mick Avory who played on all the classic hits from 1964-84.

Expect all the hits, including *You Really Got Me*, *Lola*, *Dedicated Follower of Fashion*, *Sunny Afternoon*, *Days*, *Waterloo Sunset* and many more for a great night out!

Performance starts at 8.00pm (Doors open 7.30pm)

Tickets £22. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Saturday 15/Sunday 16 June

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EVENT



Garden Furniture Sale

An ideal opportunity to freshen up your outdoor look in time for summer.

Open for two full days, this promotional sale will ensure you can find a bargain amongst the wide range of aluminium and rattan style furniture on display.

All items will be available for immediate delivery.

Open 10.00am - 4.00pm both days

Free admission.

Saturday 22 June

EPM Productions

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Viva La Vida - Coldplay's Greatest Hits

The closest thing you will see to Coldplay anywhere on the planet! This show is an authentic celebration of the British hitmakers' iconic 25 year career. With a sensational live band and a truly charismatic frontman who is the closest lookalike to Chris Martin you've ever seen. All the greatest hits are there; *Yellow*, *Clocks*, *Fix You*, *Paradise* and many more.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £19. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 28 June

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Take It Easy



The American Classic Rock Show

From The Eagles to The Doors, Fleetwood Mac to Tom Petty, Janis Joplin to Joan Jett, Lynryd Skynryd to ZZ Top and many points in-between this is a show full of great music from across the Atlantic. During a 2+ hours show you will hear the best of American music from the heyday of classic rock in the 1970s right through to the present day.

*Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors at 7.00pm)
Tickets £19.50. Available from Witham Town Hall
Online from withampublichall.co.uk, Tel: 0345 017 8717*

Saturday 29 June

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Buddy Holly's Winter Dance Party

65 years on from what would prove to be Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, & the Big Bopper's last tour this special mid-summer recreation of the Winter Dance Party Tour will celebrate the music of the three Icons of Rock and Roll. From authentic attire to Buddy's Stratocaster guitar, the attention to detail will have you believing you are back in 1959, a show not to be missed!

*Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)
Tickets £19.50. Available from Witham Town Hall
Online from withampublichall.co.uk, Tel: 0345 017 8717*

Friday 5 July

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Bootleg Blondie

The world's number 1 official Blondie tribute band and endorsed by Debbie Harry, Bootleg Blondie present a sensational, authentic stage show. Lead vocalist Debbie Harris has the looks, the voice and the attitude of the original Blondie bombshell and like her heroine is typically outrageous on stage. Re-live the power of the original band in this first-class tribute!

*Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)
Tickets £17. Available from Witham Town Hall
Online from withampublichall.co.uk, Tel: 0345 017 8717*

Friday 12 July

King of Tunes

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Soul Train

Harking back to the days when the dance floor was king, performers deliver a fun presentation of 60s and 70s soul classics. From early days of Tamla Motown, Stax and Atlantic records through to disco as the show brings on the good times. Featuring classic hit songs from Stevie Wonder, The Isley Brothers, The Supremes, Gladys Knight, The O'Jays, Tavares and many more.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £19.95. Available from Witham Town Hall

Online from withampublichall.co.uk, Tel: 0345 017 8717

Saturday 13 July

Carlton Entertainment

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Nearly Elton

Experience the ultimate Elton John tribute Concert. Nearly Elton is a stunning celebration of the life and music of one of the greatest showmen of our time. With Lee Brady as Elton and an outstanding full live band, this phenomenal production is an exciting concert that has been described as "a powerhouse performance that delivers on every level".

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £24. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 19 July

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The ELO Encounter

The ELO Encounter are back and are promising a bigger and better show than ever. These talented musicians recreate the distinctive ELO sound with an uncanny authenticity on hits such as *Telephone Line*, *Roll Over Beethoven*, *Strange Magic* and, of course, *Mr Blue Sky*. Always a popular show, you'll need to book early to avoid disappointment.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £17. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 26 July

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Hejira

Celebrating the Music of Joni Mitchell

'Hejira' is a 7-piece band set up to celebrate the works of Joni Mitchell, mostly from the late '70s. Comprising highly experienced jazz musicians, the band is fronted by the brilliant Hattie Whitehead who has not only assimilated the power and beauty of Joni's vocals, but also plays guitar with Joni's stylistic mannerisms

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £19.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Saturday 27 July

Porridge Pot Promotions

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Pure Floyd

Pure Floyd have earned a strong reputation as one of the most energetic, visually stunning and theatrical tributes to the legendary Pink Floyd.

This 13 piece production perform the pinnacle live era of Pink Floyd (Pulse and Delicate Sound of Thunder) complete with a spectacular laser, light and visual projection show.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £25. Available from Witham Town Hall

Online from withampublichall.co.uk, Tel: 0345 017 8717

Sunday 4 August

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Seriously Collins

A tribute to one of the biggest artists and bands of our generation. Packed with hits such as *In The Air Tonight*, *Another Day In Paradise*, *Easy Lover*, *Against All Odds*, *Invisible Touch*, *Sussudio* and more, this two-hour show will take you back to Phil and Genesis in their heyday. All this performed by Chris Hayward and his 10 piece band, including the "Serious Horn Section".

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £23.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 6 September

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Holding Back The Years

The Ultimate Simply Red Tribute Experience

Holding Back the Years deliver the world's most authentic tribute to Simply Red. They recreate the mesmerising atmosphere of a Simply Red concert. Their lead vocalist, backed by a band of world-class musicians, fully captures the essence and era-defining sounds of Mick Hucknall and Simply Red.

Performance starts at 8.00pm (Doors open 7.30pm)

Tickets £19.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

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Friday 13 September

MUSIC

E Brown Worldwide



Eban Brown's Stylistics Song Book

Direct from the USA on his 2024 Tour, this show is not to be missed! Former Stylistics lead vocalist Eban Brown will be performing hits such as *You Make Me Feel Brand New*, *Can't Give You Anything*, *Betcha By Golly Wow*, *Stone In Love With You* plus many, many more! Eban and his incredible band will serenade you for one night only in this real feel-good show.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £28.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

Online from withampublichall.co.uk, Tel: 0345 017 8717

Saturday 14 September

MUSIC

So True



Now That's What I Call An 80s Party With Top Spandau Ballet Tribute Band, *So True*

A great set of 80s music and a full set of Spandau Ballet's biggest songs all in one amazing show! *So True* delivers a unique evening featuring some of the best tracks from an amazing era of music. Over two hours long with two non-stop sets of live music performed to deliver a real party night from the greatest era.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 6.45pm)

Tickets £18.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

Online from withampublichall.co.uk, Tel: 0345 017 8717

Friday 20 September

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Carlton Entertainment



The Rod Stewart Songbook

The Rod Stewart Songbook's spectacular theatre production is the ultimate homage to Rod Stewart, featuring Pete McCall, Europe's foremost tribute. Along with his sensational live band, you will be taken on a musical journey spanning 50 years, when one of rock music's greatest icons sold over 250 million records worldwide.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £22.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

Online from withampublichall.co.uk, Tel: 0345 017 8717

Saturday 21 September

MUSIC

Los Endos



Los Endos – Ultimate Genesis Selling Lamb by the Pound

1973-74 was an amazingly productive period for Genesis with the releases of *Selling England by the Pound* and *The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway*, probably the artistic pinnacle of their early period. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of this Los Endos have crafted a set of the very best of these masterpieces.

Performance starts at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £19.50. Available from Witham Town Hall

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26 – 28 September

EVENT

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Real Ale and Gin Festival

With a selection of real ales from all over the country and a range of interesting and unusual gins from around the world, our Real Ale and Gin Festival has become a very popular item in our calendar.

There will be food available throughout at this family-friendly event plus the added bonus of live entertainment Saturday evening.

Open from 4.00pm 26th, from midday 27th & 28th

Admission £4 including souvenir glass

For information tel: 0345 017 8717

Already Booking

We already have shows through to the end of the year listed on our box office with tickets available for most shows now. A few highlights are listed below.

Go to www.withampublichall.co.uk and click on the Box Office link to see a full list of all shows on sale. This will be updated on a regular basis so make sure you keep an eye on it for the latest additions.



Saturday 12 October

Guitar Legends

The greatest guitar hits of all time! From the early 1950's to present day and featuring tracks from the world's most legendary guitarists.

Tickets £19.50



Friday 1 November

Marty Wilde & the Wildcats

One of the few genuine stars of the Rock 'n' Roll era still touring, he never fails to give 100% satisfaction. Don't miss out by booking your tickets now!

Tickets £28.00



Saturday 2 November

Shakatak

This totally professional and ultra-talented band of musicians have enjoyed a level of success and career longevity rarely paralleled in contemporary music.

Tickets £29.50



Friday 8 November

Brentwood Mac

Meticulously recreating the sound and essence of the original band, Brentwood Mac present their show, *An Outstanding Tribute to the Music of Fleetwood Mac*.

Tickets £18.50



Saturday 9 November

Eric and the Claptones

From the early years and moving through the eras that span Clapton's career, expect to hear many of the classics, as well as some you may have forgotten!

Tickets £19.50

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Community Events

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Pilates

We offer weekly Pilates sessions, perfect to help you improve mobility, posture, balance and flexibility and to build core strength.

The hour-long sessions are held on Mondays at 11.00am and 6.00pm and are priced from just £8. Call 0345 017 8717 for more information or to book your place.



Summer school

WOW are once again running their summer school open to young people between 8 and 21 with an interest in musical theatre. The course will cover many aspects of theatre, including acting, music and singing, and will be run by tutors with professional experience in performing or directing.

There are two week-long courses, the first from the 12th to the 16th August is for 8 to 13 year olds and the second from the 19th to the 23rd August is for 14 to 21 year olds. A £25 deposit required to secure a place,

Visit www.wow.org.uk/summer-schools for more information or to enrol.



National Blood Service

96% of us rely on the other 4% to give blood. Please don't leave it to someone else. Do something amazing – become a blood donor. For further details please visit the National Blood Service website www.blood.co.uk.

You can give blood at the Public Hall on the following dates. There are two sessions per day; 1.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m and 5.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.



Tuesday 2 July

Monday 22 July

Thursday 19 September

General Information

How to find us

The Public Hall is situated in Collingwood Road, Witham, and is close to both bus and rail links. There is a large public car park opposite (charges may apply) and for satnav users the postcode is CM8 2DY.

Booking tickets

Details of how to book tickets are shown under the entry for each individual event. Tickets for all WPHT events and some others can be bought online through our website, withampublichall.co.uk or by phone on 0345 017 8717. Tickets for many events are also available to buy in person from the Visitor Information Centre at the Town Hall in Newland Street, Witham (note that a small booking fee may be payable for Town Hall bookings).

Disabled access

All of the public areas, with the exception of the balcony, are fully wheelchair accessible. However, the number of wheelchair spaces varies depending on the seating layout so please check in advance.

Mailing list

We operate a free eMailing list which ensures you receive all the latest news and information about what is happening at the Public Hall. To join simply send an email with 'Join email list' as the subject and including your name, address and telephone number, to the address below or click on the link on our website.

Witham Public Hall Trust

The Public Hall is administered by the Witham Public Hall Trust, a charitable company limited by guarantee. Our Charity No. is 1139957. Our stated aims are to provide and maintain the hall for the use of the local community without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, with a particular preference for the performing arts.

Please Note

All event details are accurate at the time of going to press. However they may be subject to change and it is therefore advisable to confirm details wherever possible. WPHT cannot accept any responsibility for third party events listed over which we have no control.

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