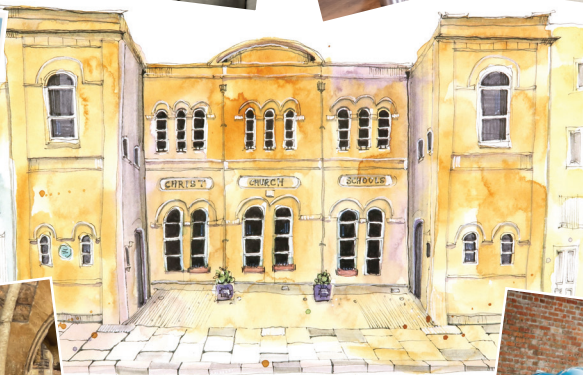


WHAT'S ON
September - January 2025

CLIFTON LIBRARY



Talks Activities
Singing Films
MUSIC WELLBEING
Book Club Workshops



Support and enjoy your library

Clifton Library, in the heart of Clifton Village, is a warm welcoming space free for everyone to use. It is the only council owned public building in Clifton and a vital community resource. The Friends of the Library group (FoCCaL) works hard to support the library and welcomes help with events and activities, new members and new ideas. We'd love to hear from you! Contact hello@foccal.com or leave a note in the library.

Address

Clifton Library, Princess Victoria Street,
Clifton, Bristol BS8 4BX
Phone: **0117 9038572**
Email: clifton.library@bristol.gov.uk
www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries

Opening times

MONDAY	10-2pm
TUESDAY	1-5pm
WEDNESDAY	CLOSED
THURSDAY	1-5pm
FRIDAY	10-2pm
SATURDAY	1-5pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Getting here

Bus No 8 & 505

Bike There are bike racks in the courtyard and nearby.

Library facilities

- **Books** - you can borrow books for free, order any book, e-book, audiobook, dvd, cd and music from 150 libraries in the South West and pick-up in Clifton with email notification when the item arrives. You can return books from other libraries at Clifton.
- **Magazines and daily Newspapers** are available to read in the library.
- **Free wifi** and **computer** use.
- **Photocopier** and **scanner** (charges apply).
- **Garden refuse sacks** (£2.50 each).
- **Accessible toilet** on the ground floor.

Join the library

Become a library member and you can use any library in Bristol. Join at Clifton library or any other library or online.



Library online resources

The library has a fantastic range of online resources, which you can use free of charge.

- Search your family history with **Ancestry**, stream classical music with **Naxos**, practise your **Driving Theory Test**, access to business resources and much more. If you're a library member, you can use most of these resources from home.
- There is also a range of online newspapers and magazines. Visit bristol-libraries.org.uk website or ask in the library.



REGULAR ACTIVITIES and GROUPS

Library and independent activities

Baby Bounce & Rhyme **FREE**

Mondays & Fridays 10.30 - 11am
No need to book just turn up.

Pre-School Story Time **FREE**

Tuesdays 2.30 - 3pm
No need to book just turn up.

Councillors' Surgery **FREE**

1st Wednesday every month 5 - 6pm

No need to book - just turn up.
Jerome Thomas & Paula O'Rourke are your councillors for Clifton ward. 'Come and see us if you have an issue you'd like to discuss in person or if you just want to meet us for a chat'.

Singing led by Kate McNab **£5**

Saturdays 11 - 12noon
Just turn up, no experience necessary.
All ages and abilities welcome. Good for breathing, good for mental health.
Friendly and fun.

Dance for Women with Wendy Buonaventura

FREE (donations welcomed)
A 30 minute dance class every **Tuesday** at 12 - 12.30pm
Check the website and noticeboards for further dates.



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Tai Chi with Don **FREE** (donations welcomed)

Tuesdays 11.30 - 12.15pm
Check the website and noticeboards for dates.
Drop in and relax session.



Play Bridge **FREE** (donations welcomed)

Wednesdays
10.30am - 12.30pm
Drop-in.



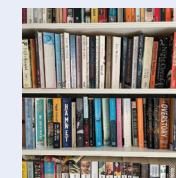
Table Tennis **FREE** (donations welcomed)

Mondays
12.30 - 2.30pm
Wednesdays
11.00am - 1.00pm
Drop-in.



Book Group

FREE (donations welcomed)
Last Tuesday of the month
10.30 - 12.00noon
Drop-in.



Clifton Crafters

FREE (donations welcomed)
Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.30pm
Drop-in session.



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OCTOBER

Divine Ceremony (What A) Way to Go!

Deathscapes: What are they and what does the future of death and dying look like?



Thursday 3rd October Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

We are on the verge of a new era in death and dying - one where the binary choice of burial and cremation is broadening to encompass other options including water cremation, and human composting alongside natural burial.

How, where and what happens at the end of our lives is in our hands - but we need to steal ourselves to have The Conversation.

Art History Talk with Jonathan Camp

Thursday 10th October Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**



Please join us for a fascinating exploration of one of the icons of English landscape painting, John Constable's The Haywain, which has recently been on display at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. Local art historian Jonathan Camp will analyse the work's formal qualities (its composition, use of colour, light

and shade) and Constable's technique, before interpreting the Haywain in the context of early nineteenth century Britain and discussing the reasons for the painting's immense popularity.

How Black was my Valley: Poverty and Abandonment in a Post-Industrial Heartland - Brad Evans book Launch

Friday 18th October Talk 7pm Bar from 7pm **FREE**



How Black Was My Valley is a people's history of the former mining communities of South Wales. Weaving together the personal with the political, it offers a damning depiction of the hardship and suffering, the tragedy and pain, as a politically abandoned people went from powering the British Empire and the Great Wars, to a broken post-industrial community, lost in time. It travels with devastating and yet humane insight across the dark shadows of the valley's history. This event has been supported by Lizzy at Heron Books and will give you an opportunity to purchase a book on the night and get it signed by the author.



Tea Tasting with ATTIC Teas

Wednesday 23rd October, 4th December and 15th January 2025
2pm - 3.30pm **FREE**

ATTIC Teas is a Bristol-based tea company that has been running for 18 years and offers an exciting and unique approach to tea drinking. During this tasting event, we will introduce the science and history of tea and its incredible benefits to our physical and mental health. We will sample 6 teas to help you find your perfect match and explore how a daily tea ritual can nourish and calm you through your day.

Perfect for anyone interested in exploring the benefits of tea. No prior experience needed :) Teas will be available for sale on the day.

Bristol Cars A illustrated talk by Stefan Cembrowicz

Tuesday 29th October Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**



"Not everybody knows that we made cars in Bristol"

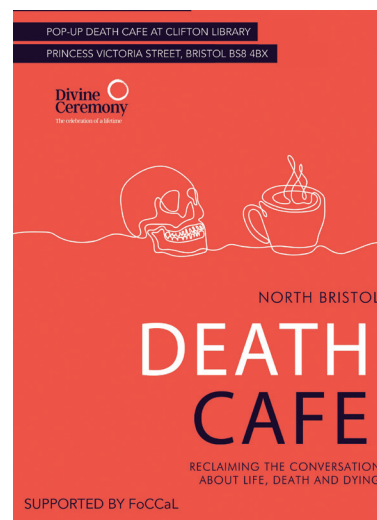
Long term Bristol aficionado Stefan Cembrowicz will present the remarkable story of the rise and fall of this extraordinary Marque, 1946 to 2011- vanishingly rare, super streamlined and hand built to obsessively high standards by Bristolian aero engineer artisans inside the plane factory.

NOVEMBER

Death Café

Wednesday 6th November 2.30 - 4.30pm **FREE**

Welcome to the North Bristol death café - the second hosted by FoCCaL. Since 2011 there have been more than 15,000 death cafes held across 83 countries. The idea was developed in the UK *"to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their lives."* A Death Cafe is a safe space in which to share questions, ideas and even anxieties around death and dying - thoughts that we may have been secretly harbouring but haven't had the chance to air before. It is not a bereavement group more of a time to think and talk more freely about one of society's greatest taboos. There is never a charge for attending meetings. They're a welcoming, drop-in meeting place for a (free) cuppa and a slice of cake - that doesn't sound too scary does it?



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Clifton LitFest

15th to 17th November **VARIOUS PRICES**

Bruchure available at the beginning of October - great speakers booked – *please save the date!*

DECEMBER

Tea Tasting with ATTIC Teas

Wednesday 4th December (and 15th January 2025) 2pm - 3.30pm **FREE**

See 23rd October for info.



Festive Nibbles with Jenny Chandler

Thursday 5th December Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

Local food writer and cook, Jenny Chandler, will be demonstrating and chatting about some simple ideas for entertaining friends and family over the holiday period.

Jenny is passionate about using locally available, seasonal ingredients whenever possible, creating great flavour with very little fuss.

Tonight will focus on prepare-ahead party food, with plenty of tasters along the way Jenny will also be selling copies of her two most recent cook books: **A Good Appetite** and **Green Kids Cook**.



The Shrinks Live Music **£10**

Friday 13th December 7.30 – 9.30pm Bar from 7pm

England's premiere exponents of 'Avonicana' – that unique music that occurs where the mighty Mississippi meets the muddy Avon (more Cotham and Westbury than Country and Western), The Shrinks offer a tasty off-kilter cocktail of original songs played with vim.

"...as long as there are bands like The Shrinks, the world is a better place" Julian Owen

"Precious few of them are actually as good as this; Compositions deal with the concerns of their age group, delivered in a style that is plaintive, tuneful, un-neurotic and firmly earthed". David Hepworth



Variety Show The Christmas Selection Box **£5**

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December

Saturday 7.30 Bar from 7pm Sunday 6pm Bar from 5.30pm

Come and support your neighbours presenting another much loved variety show - a pre-Christmas treat!

JANUARY 2025

Tea Tasting with ATTIC Teas

Wednesday 15th January 2pm - 3.30pm **FREE**

See 23rd October for info.



Cyclebag Talk by John Grimshaw

Thursday 16th January Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

John will give an illustrated talk tracing the origins of the cycling campaign group, Cyclebag, which came into being at the Nova Scotia pub in July 1977. How this group then went onto build the Bristol and Bath path starting with Bitton to Brassmill Lane in 1979, the creation of the riverside path to Pill, the reconstruction of the Kennet and Avon canal towpath and other local paths which are now so popular. With the advent of the Government's Community Programme schemes they were able to tackle similar projects right across the country with

an eventual workforce of 800, working under the direction of the newly set up Bristol charity, Sustrans. Ten years ago he set up Greenways and Cyclerroutes to concentrate on delivering local 'impossible' schemes including the missing link in Ashton Park and the Weston-super-Mare and Brean Down link over the Axe Sluices. All this work was based here in Clifton and Bristol.

Local Authors Author's Event

Tuesday 28th January

Details to follow - please see website nearer the time.

All screenings start at 7pm Bar opens at 6.30pm

Poor Things Rated 18
Friday 27 September

Brought back to life by an unorthodox scientist, a young woman runs off with a lawyer on a whirlwind adventure across the continents. Free from the prejudices of her times, she grows steadfast in her purpose to stand for equality and liberation. **Rated 18** (Rated R for strong and pervasive sexual content, graphic nudity, disturbing material, gore, and language)



Moonlight Rated 15
Friday 25 October

Moonlight uses one man's story to offer a remarkable and brilliantly crafted look at lives too rarely seen in cinema. A young African-American man grapples with his identity and sexuality while experiencing the everyday struggles of childhood, adolescence, and burgeoning adulthood.

Wicked Little Letters Rated 15
Friday 29 November

When people in Littlehampton - including conservative local Edith - begin to receive letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose is charged with the crime. Suspecting that something is amiss, the town's women investigate.



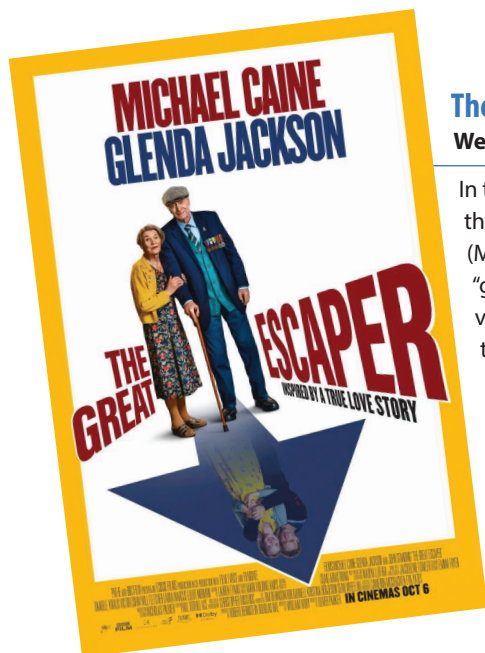
Zone of Interest Rated 12A
Friday 31st January

The commandant of Auschwitz, Rudolf Höss, and his wife Hedwig, strive to build a dream life for their family in a house and garden next to the camp.

If you have suggestions for films you would like included in our next programme starting in spring 2025 please contact us on: hello@foccal.com

Also please check website www.foccal.com for updates and any last minute changes.

All Wednesday Matinees are free thanks to a very kind donation to fund these films.



The Great Escaper

Wednesday 2nd October

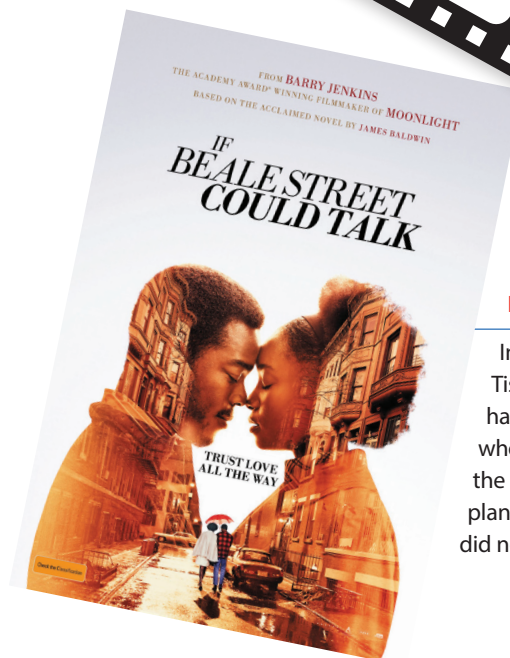
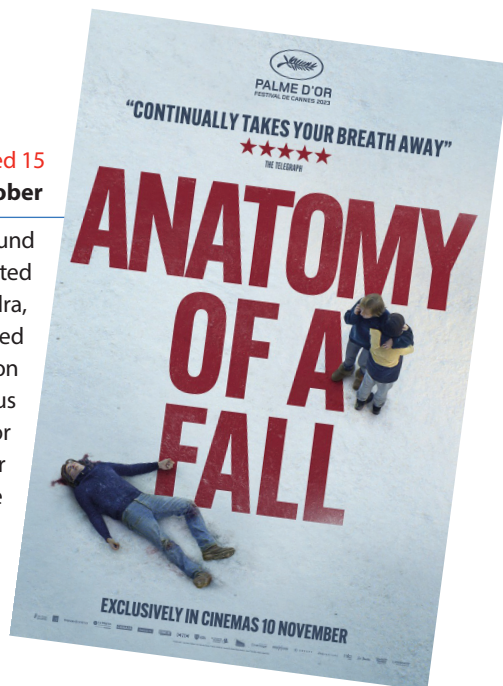
In the summer of 2014 - the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings - octogenarian Bernie Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines. He'd staged a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades.

Anatomy of a Fall

Rated 15

Wednesday 16th October

The story begins when Samuel is found dead in the snow outside the isolated chalet where he lived with his wife Sandra, a German writer, and their partially-sighted 11-year-old son Daniel. An investigation leads to a conclusion of "suspicious death": it's impossible to know for sure whether he took his own life or was killed. Sandra is indicted, and we follow her trial which pulls the couple's relationship apart. Daniel is caught in the middle: between the trial and their home life, doubts take their toll on the mother-son relationship.



If Beale Street Could Talk

Rated 15 Wednesday 30th October

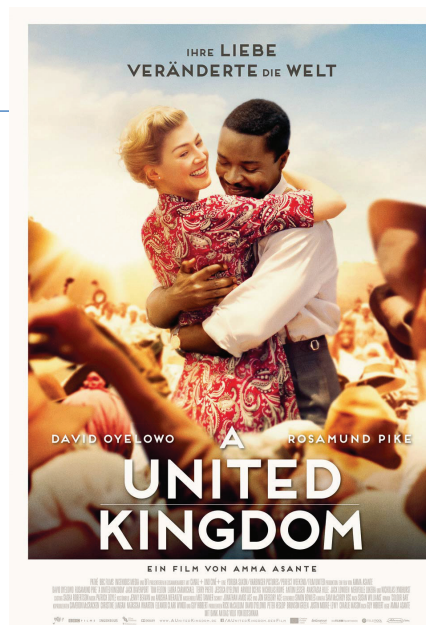
In early 1970s Harlem, daughter and wife-to-be Tish vividly recalls the passion, respect and trust that have connected her and her artist fiancé Alonzo Hunt, who goes by the nickname Fonny. Friends since childhood, the devoted couple dream of a future together, but their plans are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit.

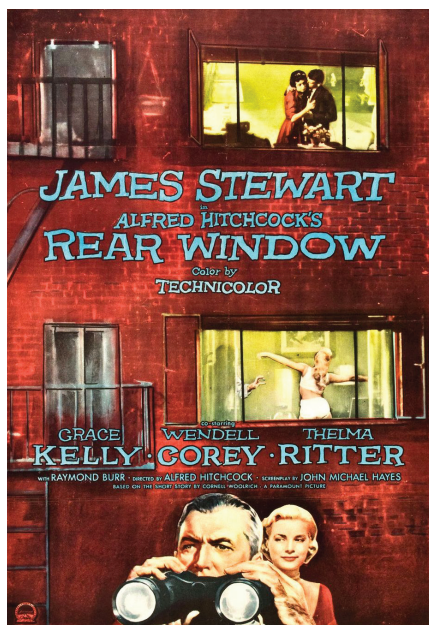
A United Kingdom

Rated 12A

Wednesday 13th November

In the late 1940s, Prince Seretse Khama of Bechuanaland is studying law in Britain in preparation for his eventual ascension to the throne. There, the dashing prince falls in love with a white British clerk, Ruth Williams, and they plan to marry. While they suspect that his uncle, the Regent, would disapprove, nothing prepares them for the diplomatic firestorm and domestic political tumult their defiant love would spark. Now facing a citizenry leery of a white Briton as their Queen, the international opposition is even more unyielding from the British holding their land as a protectorate and fearful of South Africa's racist backlash to this affront to their apartheid domination. Against all odds, King Khama and Ruth must struggle to maintain their love and help their people in a land that would become the Republic of Botswana.





Rear Window Rating 12A
Wednesday 27th November

Professional photographer L.B. "Jeff" Jefferies breaks his leg while getting an action shot at an auto race. Confined to his New York apartment, he spends his time looking out of the rear window observing the neighbours. He begins to suspect that a man across the courtyard may have murdered his wife. Jeff enlists the help of his high society fashion-consultant girlfriend Lisa Fremont and his visiting nurse Stella to investigate.



Don't Look Now Rating 15
Wednesday 8th January

John and Laura Baxter are in Venice when they meet a pair of elderly sisters, one of whom claims to be psychic. She insists that she sees the spirit of the Baxters' daughter, who recently drowned. Laura is intrigued, but John resists the idea. He, however, seems to have his own psychic flashes, seeing their daughter walk the streets in her red cloak, as well as Laura and the sisters on a funeral gondola.

The Holdovers Rated 15
Wednesday 11th December

Nobody likes teacher Paul Hunham (Giamatti) - not his students, not his fellow faculty, not the headmaster, who all find his pomposity and rigidity exasperating. With no family and nowhere to go over Christmas holiday in 1970, Paul remains at school to supervise students unable to journey home. After a few days, only one student holdover remains - a trouble-making 18-year-old named Angus, a good student whose bad behavior always threatens to get him expelled.

Joining Paul and Angus is head cook Mary (Randolph) - who caters to sons of privilege and whose own son was recently lost in Vietnam. These three very different shipwrecked people form an unlikely Christmas family sharing comic misadventures during two very snowy weeks in New England. The real journey is how they help one another understand that they are not beholden to their past-they can choose their own futures.



Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool Rated 15
Wednesday 22nd January

Real life proves to be just as dramatic off-screen as it does on it for aging Hollywood superstar Gloria Grahame (Annette Bening) and her much younger lover, Peter Turner (Jamie Bell). As their mismatched romance waxes and wanes over time, events conspire to keep them in each other's lives even when it proves to be difficult and demanding. Ultimately, they find that they must each come to terms with whatever fate they face in the future whether they are together or apart.



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Book Club **Last Tuesday of each month** 10.30 - 12.00pm **FREE**

Next book club is **Tuesday 24th September**

Join our friendly, informal book group. We will read and discuss a book each month over tea and coffee. Books are suggested and chosen by the group, covering a wide range of subjects and genres. There is no need to buy the chosen book whenever possible copies will be reserved by the library.

Check website for book choices each month.



Clifton Crafters **Wednesdays** 10.30 - 12.30pm

FREE (donations welcomed)

Bring along that 'UFO' (Un-finished Object). We all have craft ideas we have started and now they are lurking in a drawer unloved – dig them out and come and share a morning of Knitting, Crochet, Tapestry, Cross Stitch, Rag Rugs or whatever you would love to resurrect or mend!

No skill needed we will all be at different levels and will encourage each other to try new skills and help with problems - *if we can!*



Tai Chi Qigong Shibashi with Don **Tuesdays** 11.30 - 12.15pm **FREE (donations welcomed)**

Starting Tuesday 1st October

A friendly, drop in session. Tai Chi Qigong Shibashi for health and well-being, a gentle flowing exercise routine. Deeply relaxing, improves balance, breathing and flexibility, suitable for all ages, and mobility, it can be performed seated.

Table Tennis

Mondays 12.30 - 2.30pm and **Wednesdays** 11.00 - 1.00pm **FREE (donations welcomed)**

A mixed ability, informal table tennis group. Drop in for a game, or come along to learn how to play, or refresh past skills. Table tennis bats available but bring your own if you have one.

Play Bridge

Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm **FREE (donations welcomed)**

Foccal have successfully run a beginner and an intermediate bridge class for the past two years and those two groups will continue in the autumn on Wednesday mornings at 10.30. We welcome new members who already have a grounding in 5 card major/high no trump bridge to join in too. If you wish to learn bridge, a new beginner's class will start in January 2025.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LIBRARY



Hire the library

The ground floor space of the library is available to hire when the library is closed. The bookshelves are on wheels and can be easily moved to create a large space. Large screen and AV equipment available.

Meeting room on the 1st floor - light and airy with lift access.

Cost: £20 per hour (commercial). Eligible groups are able to get a 50% discount on this.

Contact: Library staff.

Volunteering

The library offers volunteering opportunities to assist the work of paid library staff.

If you are interested please contact libraries.

volunteering@bristol.gov.uk.

We have several possible roles, but would particularly be interested in anyone wanting to support people with IT skills, start a chess club or a coding club.



Help with events! Get in touch! Join us!

email: hello@foccal.com

www.foccal.com or leave a note in the library

Check our noticeboard for updates.

Thank you for supporting Clifton Library!

SAVE THE DATE

- Clifton LitFest 2024 will be November 15th, 16th and 17th this year
- Variety Show Christmas Selection Box will be Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December

For other events not listed please see our website: www.foccal.com

Libraries are available as normal this year if you need a warm space

DIARY OF EVENTS BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR ALL EVENING EVENTS FROM 6.30PM

Visit our website for details and booking: www.foccal.com **Booking not required for free events.**

SEPTEMBER into OCTOBER

27th Sept	7pm	Friday Film - Poor Things	£5
2nd Oct	2pm	Wednesday Matinee - The Great Escaper	FREE
3rd Oct	7pm	Divine Ceremony	£5
10th Oct	7pm	Jonathan Camp	£5
16th Oct	2pm	Wednesday Matinee - Anatomy of a Fall	FREE
18th Oct	7pm	Brad Evans - Book launch: How Black was my Valley?	FREE
23rd Oct	2pm	Wednesday afternoon tea tasting (and 4th Dec / 15 January)	FREE
25th Oct	7pm	Friday Film - Moonlight	£5
29th Oct	7pm	Bristol Cars - Stefan Cembrowicz	£5
30th Oct	2pm	Wednesday Matinee - If Beale Street Could talk	FREE

NOVEMBER

6th Nov	2.30pm	Death Cafe	FREE
13th Nov	2pm	Wednesday Matinee - A United Kingdom	FREE
15th - 17th Nov		LITFEST - Talks, Poetry and Music - VARIOUS PRICES	
27th Nov	2pm	Wednesday Matinee - Rear Window	FREE
29 Nov	7pm	Friday Film - Wicked Little Letters	£5

DECEMBER

4th Dec	2pm	Wednesday afternoon tea tasting (and 15 January)	FREE
5th Dec	7pm	Jenny Chandler - Festive Nibbles	£5
11th Dec	2pm	Wednesday Matinee - The Holdovers	FREE

JANUARY 2025

8th Jan	2pm	Wednesday Matinee - Don't Look Now	FREE
15th Jan	2pm	Wednesday afternoon tea tasting	FREE
16th Jan	7pm	John Grimshaw	£5
22nd Jan	2pm	Wednesday Matinee - Films Stars Don't Die in Liverpool	FREE
28th Jan		Local Authors author's event - Details to follow. Please see website nearer the time.	