

ARTS FORUM SELLY OAK

present

Art SOAK

**Dive into local
arts activities
happening on
your doorstep!**

Art SOAK invites you to immerse yourself in your local arts scene with workshops, performances, installation & a screening taking place in parks, hairdressers, supermarkets and libraries across Stirchley, Cotteridge, Selly Oak, Billesley, Walkers Heath and Druids Heath.



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SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

Most activities are suitable for all ages, although we would advise you to check age guidance on our website at: www.artsforumsellyoak.wordpress.com

Drawing The City Sarah Taylor Silverwood

Druids Heath Library, Idmiston Croft, B14 5NJ.
drop-in **10am–12pm & 1pm–3.30pm.**

Join our building site! Draw our city with artist Sarah Taylor Silverwood, who will help you create big drawings of buildings, people and signs to add to our giant city.



Making a Masterpiece Lorna Rose

Yardley Wood Library, Highfield Road, B14 4DU.
10am–4pm.

We will be creating a collage that represents where we live, shows what we do here, and what we like the most about it. Join Lorna Rose, visual artist, on the mobile arts unit to make your mark!

The Faces of Billesley Andrew Tims

Billesley Primary School, Tritford Road, B13 0ES.
drop-in **10am–1pm.**

Contribute to a collaborative sculpture made up of faces from the local area. Artist Andrew Tims will be on hand to help you to photograph, print, iron and stitch their face into a large-scale 3D textile artwork that will become known as The Faces of Billesley!



Something Out of the Ordinary

premiere by Women & Theatre
The Cooperative Supermarket Car Park, Stirchley, B30 2YY
11.30, 1.30pm & 4pm Duration 15 minutes.

Funny, moving, magical and enthralling new theatre, for people like you, living where you live. Everyday is the same... 'til something changes... and nothing is ever the same again.



CBSO So Vocal Community Choir

Walkers Heath Park Walkers Heath Road
Entrance, B38 0BL. **12noon.** 30 minutes.

Selly Oak's un-auditioned community choir now in its 2nd year has over 100 attenders. Come see them perform, and if you fancy it, find out about joining.

St Andrews Healthcare Artwork Exhibition

Stirchley Library, Bournville Lane, B30 2JT. **10am-4pm.**

This is an exhibition of art work produced by mental health patients, as part of their therapeutic engagement led by arts practitioners. *This exhibition runs from 13th March–2nd April.*

Hinterland Tom Cahill-Jones

The verge next to the junction of Hunts Road & Hazelwell Lane, Stirchley. **1pm-6pm.**

Hinterland is a site-specific installation by Tom Cahill-Jones of Stirchley Happenings Constructed from materials reclaimed from local streets, a shed provides a platform from which to view Stirchley's "back country", listen to people's memories of the site and add your own.



Magic, Science, Technique & Willingness (2012-)

Patrick Staff with actor Laura Evans
International Project Space, School of Art, Bournville B30 2AA. **2.30pm.** 20 minutes.

A promenade performance moving between the gallery, art school and factory, it focuses on an interview with a factory worker in which she discusses her relationship with work & culture. *This is part of A Factory As It Might Be exhibition running until May 11.*



Fades, Braids & Keeping it Real Debbie Tracey.

Headmasters, 1883 Pershore Road, Cotteridge
B30. **6pm & 7pm.** 25 minutes.

LaToya has stories to tell, about her skill with scissors, her wonderful weaves, and her magnificent salon. Only, it's not her salon, it's Eva's and Eva knows LaToya is the best stylist in town. Can she keep it tightly set or will emotions spiral into one big afro between these two ladies? *Pre-book tickets at mail@sharonfoster.co.uk. Limited tickets will be available on the door.*



SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

For detailed information for the events, take a look online at our **website**, **facebook** and **twitter**. Flip over the programme for this information, and a map of your district.

Silks in the Park CircusMASH

Cotteridge Park drop-in **10.30am-4pm**

Join us on for your chance to feel the thrill of the circus. Aerial Silk is a long piece of suspended material in which performers climb, pose and tumble to an audience below. *Suitable for both children (4+) & adults. No experience necessary.*



Max Merrick Wren

Leverton & Halls Cafe, Mary Vale Road,
B30 1PJ. **11.30am.** 30 minutes.

Singer songwriter Max Merrick Wren is hugely influenced by Bob Dylan and John Martyn. Originally from Somerset, Max is studying at the University of Birmingham. Start your Sunday with some live music from Max's album 'Storylines'.

Find out more at <http://bit.ly/XzaZN3>



Selly Oak Traces of the Past

Still Walking

University South Gates, Bristol Road, Selly Oak B29. **2pm.**

Join local historian Ben Waddington on a 90 minute walk through Selly Oak looking for evidence of how we used to live and how we live now. Expect to encounter our industrial heritage, Victorian ornamentation, Edwardian lettering, lost rivers and a mermaid. Please wear suitable footwear!

Prebook: artsforumsellyoak@gmail.com Limited spaces available on the day.

Recycled Jewellery Workshop

Jolene Smith

Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre, B13 0ST.
Drop-in **2pm-3.15pm & 3.15pm-4.30pm**

Create designer jewellery from recycled materials that Jolene has collected over the years. Jolene has been designing and making contemporary jewellery since 1984. *Restricted to a maximum of 15 participants at any one time.*



Middleton Hall String Quartet

Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre, B13 0ST. **3pm.** 30 minutes.

None of the members can quite remember when they started playing together, but over the last fifteen years or so, this amateur group has appeared at concerts, charity events and festivals. Among their small but loyal following they are appreciated for their enthusiasm for all types of chamber music and their love of amateur music making.

Pint Dreams Tin Box Theatre

The British Oak, Pershore Rd, Stirchley B30.
3pm & 4pm. 15 minutes.

Maggie is a perpetual wanderer. Desperate to see new places, meet new people and collect their stories, she is travelling around the country one pub at a time. The West Midlands is her next destination. Join her for a drink, some hearty food and a chance to hear the stories that have shaped her journey, before you continue on yours.



Art SOAK FINALE

Come and join us to wave farewell to this year's Art SOAK! At TASCOS, Hazelwell Street, Stirchley B30 2PR. 7pm onwards.

Write Down, Speak Up 7pm - 30 minutes.

Write Down Speak Up is a Birmingham based organisation that uses poetry in all forms to inspire and encourage a wide range of community groups. They have two 'kick-ass' poets for your delectation, Deborah Stevenson and Steve Morrison-Burke.

Stirchley Happenings' Travelling Bug House present "Take Me High" 8pm

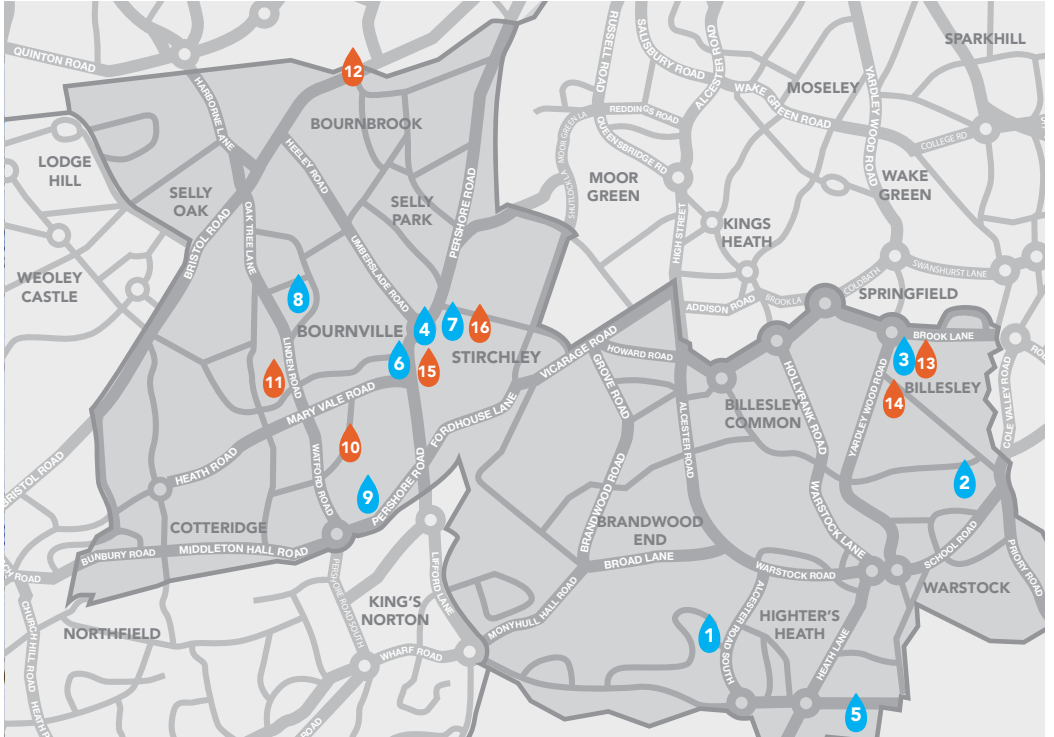
A brilliant Brummie box office favourite starring Cliff Richard. Watch as the icon speeds on a hovercraft under Spaghetti Junction, alongside delivering some memorable tunes. This will be preceded by a short '80s film encouraging the middle classes to move to Edgbaston.

This is the 2nd annual Art SOAK festival, brought to you by Arts Forum Selly Oak.

Throughout the year, Arts Forum Selly Oak provide a network for creative people and organisations, community groups, and other interested residents and businesses of the Selly Oak District, who share a common interest of promoting and strengthening local arts activities; embracing the widest definition of arts.

For more information, or if you would like to get involved in Arts Forum Selly Oak, please visit our website www.artsforumsellyoak.wordpress.com.

Venues (Please see inside programme for detailed event listings)



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(Write Down Speak Up & Stirchley Happenings film screening.)

More Information

For more information or if you would like to get involved in Art SOAK, please visit:

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Getting Around

Trains run regularly from New Street Station to Selly Oak/ Bournville/Kings Norton. Most of the Arts SOAK Venues are on the 11A/11C bus route (Hall Green - Billesley - Kings Heath - Stirchley - Cotteridge - Bournville - Selly Oak - Harborne)

For further information visit: www.nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands

There are plenty of places to lock up your bike outside the venues.