

LED BURY Fringe 2025

Ledbury Fringe
presents 8 days
of **live music**,
comedy, **film**
and **theatre**

6th July - 13th July



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Chat from the chair...



Welcome to **Ledbury Fringe 2025!**

We're really excited to be bringing you this year's selection of music and performances. It's a packed week, kicking off at the **Ledbury Celebration** on 6th July and culminating with "**A Little Sunday Morning Jazz Thing**" and some **Delta Blues** at The Prince of Wales on 13th July.

What has us most excited and delighted is that after last year's Fringe show, Deborah Bonham was so taken by the reception we all gave, she has asked to come back, so we're going to welcome the return of **The Deborah Bonham Band** at The Market Theatre on 8th July. Don't miss it!

Another feature that you may notice during the week of the Fringe, is that "**Busk Stops**" will pop up here and there around the town. Anyone that fancies putting on an impromptu performance can pitch up at a Busk Stop and give us a show. If you see any buskers, please let them know that you've noticed them and give your support ...and if you're a budding performer, why not take the opportunity to have a go!

Finally, not least, we are very grateful to **Ledbury Town Council** for its massive support in making this week possible.



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We hope that everyone will join in and enjoy something of the Fringe. Lots of love and thanks to all who get involved. Have a happy week!

Keeping up to date...



This guide contains a selection of events happening at the Ledbury Fringe. Sometimes event times and venues may change, and there may be additional events as the week progresses. We have a number of ways that you can keep up-to-date.

We're planning a couple of "Fringe Hubs" during the Fringe week, as drop-in places holding information about what's going on. At one end of the town, there will be **Ledbury Community Hub** in New Street, and at the other end of town, we are very grateful to **Forrest Optical Styling Studio** in The Homend for its support of the Fringe as a hub location.

Also, keep an eye out for Ledbury Fringe "A-boards" with up-to-date event information.

... and please follow the Ledbury Fringe Facebook page at facebook.com/ledburyfringe where we'll be posting about events, news and excitement, and where you can also **comment, like** and **share!**

Ledbury Celebration

Sunday 6th July - noon to 4pm

Ledbury's very friendly food and drink festival, organised by the Ledbury Food Group, takes place again in the historic setting of St Katherine's, by the 15th century Master's House.



This vibrant event has become a highlight for both residents and visitors alike, offering a delightful array of attractions.

You will discover:

- A small but special outdoor food and drink market featuring the best of local produce and street-food for you to enjoy at the event, while enjoying the entertainment, or take home to enjoy later
- Attention-seeking "al fresco" poetic entertainment provided by **Ledbury Poetry**
- A magical miscellany of musical entertainment featuring local musicians: **Footprints Jazz Band** playing smooth, and melodic jazz music, with blues influences; **The Hey-yahs** trio offering acoustic classic pop; and **Four Crying Out Loud**, Ledbury's own fisherman's quartet
- And more, including finding out about Herefordshire's local food scene

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POETRY

St Katherine's Car Park
Free entry



GRVIII Men in Harmony

Sunday 6th July - 4 to 6.30pm



The Prince of Wales, Church Lane
Free entry

We sing! Just a group of chaps doing what we love, singing shanties and raising money for The Midlands Air Ambulance.

Callum

Monday 7th July - 5 to 6pm



The Talbot, New Street
Free entry

Callum is a newly local musician who has been performing recently around Ledbury. Performing mostly acoustic covers of popular music, Callum has over the past 10 years refined his solo acoustic act.

The Cherry Reds

Monday 7th July - 8pm

The Horseshoe, The Homend
Free entry

The Cherry Reds is a vibrant, female-led duo, known for beautiful vocals and upbeat acoustic covers.



With soulful harmonies and a feel-good groove, they bring fresh energy to every performance, reimagining classic tunes with charm, rhythm and style.

The Deborah Bonham Band

Tuesday 8th July - 7.30pm

The Market Theatre, Market Street
Tickets - £25

Ledbury Fringe is delighted to have the **Deborah Bonham Band** back in the lineup for 2025. To be able to experience this internationally renowned band in such an intimate setting is something not to be missed.

Deborah Bonham, over the course of an impressive career, has established herself as one of the finest Blues, Rock and Soul singers that the UK has produced.

A string of critically acclaimed original albums, collaborations and captivating standing ovation concert performances, from London's Palladium and Royal Albert Hall and to the Amphitheatres of the USA with Paul Rodgers, Jeff Beck and Ann Wilson of Heart, have consistently garnered glowing reviews.

To book call the theatre on **07967 517125** or go to www.themarkettheatre.com/shows/deborah-bonham



"Having seen this band perform several times and had the privilege of interviewing them, I knew the audience was in for a treat. Known as one of the best acts on the Blues/Rock circuit, the band delivered a mix of original tracks and covers, leaving the crowd enthralled"

Blues Matters



Film - Maria

Wednesday 9th July - 10.30am

The Market Theatre, Market Street
£8 Standard/£4 Student



A sombre biographical drama in which opera singer Maria Callas recalls events in her life during her final days - handles challenging themes of drug addiction, mortality and abuse in a sensitive fashion. Starring Angelina Jolie.





The Prince of Wales, Church Lane
Free entry

If you have a song to share, come along and join in. This is always a popular event and is open to anyone who would like to make a contribution, no matter how small. Audience participation is always actively encouraged and enjoyed... and you never know who might turn up!

Extra Ordinary

Thursday 10th July - 7.30pm

Rachel and Max are an ordinary couple, living ordinary lives until something extraordinary turns everything upside down. Now they have the single most important decision of their life to make. **Extra Ordinary** follows Max and Rachel as they consider the news that their unborn baby will be born with Down's syndrome. This piece of new writing is an emotional rollercoaster, exploring the differing perspectives of a mother and father.

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The Market Theatre, Market Street
Standard £12/Student £9



The Tragic Magic Blues Band

Thursday 10th July - 8pm



The Talbot, New Street
Free entry

Hereford's own blues band, consisting of Terry Page (Guitar/Vocals), Giles Smith (Harmonica), Matt Warren (Bass) and Kelvin Skyrme (Drums) will be joining the Fringe frolics at The Talbot.

"Meet the Brewer"

Thursday 10th July



The Prince of Wales will be hosting an all-day Ledbury Tap Takeover to feature

Ledbury Real Ales. Not only that, come along in the evening to "Meet the Brewer", when perhaps, you'll be able to discover the secret of what it takes to produce a fine real ale. They'll be pairing their favourite beers with a choice of local butchers' sausages. Choose your favourite beer and find your favourite sausage!

The Prince of Wales, Church Lane
Free entry

Steady Edd and The Lost Souls

Friday 11th July - 7pm

The Prince of Wales, Church Lane
Free entry



A Tribute to the Piano Kings of Rock 'n' Roll - experience the raw power and infectious rhythms that defined an era. Prepare to be amazed as **Steady Edd and the Lost Souls** bring these iconic songs to life! From the soulful boogie of Fats Domino to the flamboyant showmanship of Little Richard and the fiery intensity of Jerry Lee, this is a concert you won't want to miss to relive the golden age of Rock 'n' Roll!

The Brum Beatles

Friday 11th July - 7.30pm

The Market Theatre, Market Street
Standard £16/Student £12



The **Brum Beatles** take some of the best known songs of the most popular band in the history of modern music and rework them with a blues twist.

A line-up drawn from the Climax Blues Band and the Soul Survivors creates new arrangements to Beatle classics, combining blues and soul grooves to bring a freshness and new vibe some well-known songs. Instrumental solos and improvisation, typical elements of the blues, are an integral part of the style.

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Jack Gayler

Friday 11th July - 8pm

The Talbot, New Street
Free entry

Described as "the life and soul of your party", solo performer, **Jack Gayler** will be bringing his blend of party covers to The Talbot.



Lost Mythos

Saturday 12th July - 7 to 8pm

The Market Theatre, Market Street
Standard £14/Student £11



Step into a realm where comedy meets sound and spoken word. **Lost Mythos** asks why we turn to goddesses, spirits and heroes of legend when the world around us falters. Blending unruly local folklore with contemporary stories, you're invited to this very special parish council meeting to hear the latest from our forgotten past.

To book call the theatre on 07967 517125 or go to www.themarkettheatre.com/shows/lost-mythos



Explaining Pan to Nan

Saturday 12th July - 8.30 to 9.30pm

This stand up/poetry show unpacks explaining your identity (non-binary, pansexual) to your 86-year-old Nan in this wildly explicit, unexpectedly tender solo performance. Better known for their work as a writer and director, Ledbury Poetry Slam Winner **P Burton-Morgan** returns to the stage in this no-holds-barred poetry show.

Age guidance: 16+

Content warnings: sexually explicit language

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The Market Theatre, Market Street
Standard £14/Student £11



Just a little Sunday morning jazz thing

13th July - 10am to noon



The Fringe will ease itself into this summer Sunday morning with a relaxed and casual little jazz session under the Market House. Expect impromptu performances and easy listening in a convivial setting.

Ledbury Market House, High Street
Free entry

Enjoy a coffee and perhaps even a bacon butty from The Market House Cafe as they have agreed to open specially for this event.



Reverend Robert

Sunday 13th July - 4 to 6.30pm



Hailing from Clarksdale, Mississippi and fresh from his Florida tour we are absolutely delighted to be able to welcome this Delta Blues master to the bar.

The Prince of Wales, Church Lane
Free entry



American roots music and island grooves from around the world are seamlessly combined in the skillful hands of Reverend Robert and his metal resonator guitars. He's known for delivering an authentic feeling for the blues with tasteful slide guitar playing, that is matched by his easy-going and artistic personality.

He has entertained audiences throughout the United States, Canada, the UK, Europe, and India. In the past two decades he has developed his one-man blues show to incorporate the influences of jazz, ragtime, and swing, as well as Caribbean, Hawaiian, African and Indian music.

-  Look out for Bus Stops around town. They could turn up anywhere!
-  Fringe Hub



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