



Abergavenny Arts Festival



28-30 June 2019

A Welcome from our Patron



I'm thrilled to be a patron of Abergavenny Arts Festival—never before in my lifetime has it felt more urgent to foster enriching communal experiences, or to encourage new thinking and conversation through creativity and expression. That Abergavenny Arts Festival is passionate about making these experiences as inclusive and accessible as possible is so important. It's only by living, feeling, talking and thinking together that we can hope to create a more equal, sustainable and positive society. Festivals such as this, which aim to remove perceived barriers to engagement or enjoyment of the arts, are not only vital as part of that process, but also create year-round legacies that are all the richer for the embedding of this vision within their endeavour.

Prof. Owen Sheers

Author, Poet, Playwright and Professor in Creativity at Swansea University

Art is for Everyone

This year's festival is a celebration of the arts. It's a blend of performances, demonstrations, exhibitions, speakers and much more.

Highlights include:

- Exhibition of Josef Herman's work
- Signing choirs
- Live Wall art with Philth
- Artisan Village and Arts Market

- A Showcase Exhibition of artists including John Petts, the renowned Stained Glass artist
- Interview with John Brandler, owner of Port Talbot's famous Banksy, followed by an auction of a limited Banksy print
- Wealth of fringe events

Get close to art with workshops in painting, printing, drawing, writing and other activities across the weekend. Immerse yourself in dance and music in our town centre streets.

Community Focus

We are community based, bringing local artists together to showcase talents, and inspiring the community to enjoy the experiences and learn new skills.

We hope to encourage our young people through a variety of performances and activities, including a "Find the Art!" treasure hunt, workshops for circus skills, photography, and crafts.

After the Festival, we will be developing projects for young people in partnership with ACE (Abergavenny Community Enterprise).

Treasure Hunt

For some fun and to help you explore our market town and the festival, we have created a treasure hunt for all ages. You can pick up the map and clues from one of our information points in High Street or at the Castle. Entry into a prize draw for those that solve the clues and hand the forms in before 4pm on the Sunday of the festival.

Useful Information

Opening Times

The main Festival activity starts at 10am and finishes at 5pm on the Saturday and finishes at 4pm on the Sunday with some fringe activity running on into the evening. Check our times within the programme and our website.

Information Over the Weekend

As well as visiting our website and having a copy of the Festival programme, you can pop along to several information points which are in the High Street and at the Castle. Roaming festival staff in hi-vis vests will also be on hand to answer questions.

Accessibility

All our main festival venues are accessible to wheelchair users and mobility scooters. Some third party venues will aim to be accessible as possible. If you require assistance, please approach our festival staff.

Welsh

There are several event staff that speak Welsh, please look out for their badges.

Parking

Byfield Lane car park is free to park over the weekend with our other car parks chargeable. A good supply of disabled parking is found in Castle Street car park.

Toilets

Public toilets can be found on Castle Street, Market Street, Whitehorse Lane and at the bus station. Baby changing facilities can be found at these toilets.

First Aid

During the festival, St Johns Ambulance will be providing first aid support. They will be based at our High Street information point. Please speak to a member of our event staff or in an emergency phone 999.

Lost Children

If you are lost or have been separated from your guardian or parent, please approach a member of our festival staff. They are identified by a hi-vis vest and badges. If you are a guardian or parent who has lost a child, please approach one of our festival staff at either an information point at the High Street or Castle.

Tickets

For ticketed events contact the relevant venue:

Melville Centre

01873 853167 / melvillecentreats@gmail.com

Art Shop and Chapel

01873 736430 / 852690
events@artshopandchapel.co.uk

Angel Hotel (Ballroom)

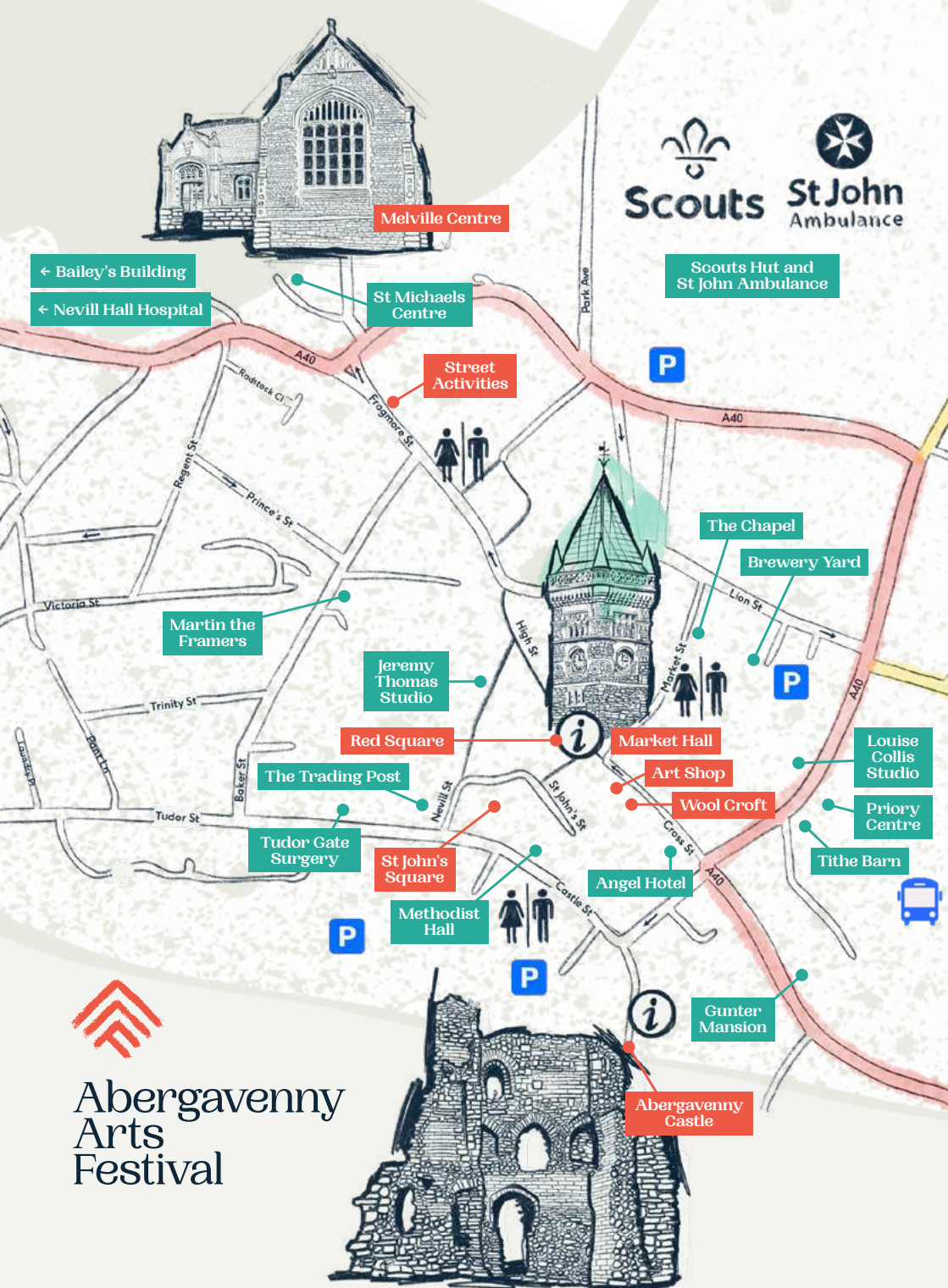
01873 857121 / info@angelabergavenny.com

The Wool Croft

01873 85155 / info@thewoolcroft.co.uk

Eventbrite

[eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)



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Festival at a Glance

Wednesday 26th

Talk: Dom Thomas Regan OSB – Martyrs and the Gunter Mansion **20:00-21:00**
St Michaels Centre

Friday 28th

Exhibition: Sculpture Maquettes 'A Creative Pool' **09:00-17:00**
Art Shop Gallery

Workshop: Textile Art and Art Journals with Robi Thomas **10:00-11:30**
Melville Centre

Exhibition: Art Work by Malcolm Moss **10:00-16:00**
Gunter Mansion

Exhibition: Papillon Art and Artshed Expressive Arts **10:00-17:00**
Melville Centre

Exhibition: Quilting with Cybi, Castle Quilters and 2011 (Brecon) **10:00-17:00**
Melville Centre

Exhibition & Drop-in Workshop: Stop and Sketch with So Artrageous **10:00-17:00**
Melville Centre

Concert: Brecon Uskelele **14:00-16:00**
Melville Centre

Film: "Thieves Again, sketches from the Black Mountains" and Q&A with Sion Marshall Waters **17:30-18:30**
Melville Centre

Exhibition: Opening, drinks reception music and poetry **19:00-21:00**
Martin the Framers

Film: Loving Vincent **19:30-21:30**
Melville Centre

Event: Celebratory Summer Supper (Tickets £25-£30) **19:30-22:00**
The Chapel

Saturday 29th

Exhibition: Sculpture Maquettes 'A creative pool' **9:00-17:00**
Art Shop Gallery

Exhibition: Mixed Summer Show by seven artists **9:00-17:00**
Art Shop Gallery

Workshops & Performance: Welsh activities, Canolfan Y Degwm **10:00-17:00**
Tithe Barn

Demo and Join-in: Circus Skills with Stuart Bawler **10:00-11:15**
Red Square

Workshop: Clown for children aged 4-12 (Tickets £3) **10:00-12:00**
Melville Centre

Workshop: Documentary photography with Sion Marshall-Waters (11-18) (free, but must book) **10:00-13:00**
Castle

Exhibition: Art Work by Josef Herman **10:00-16:00**
Angel Hotel

Kids: Crafty women, drop-in crafty activities for children **10:00-16:00**
Castle

Event: Made in Monmouthshire, Artisan Village **10:00-16:00**
Castle

Kids: Find the Art! Children's treasure hunt, with prizes **10:00-16:00**
Everywhere

Kids: Bejewelled Face Painting **10:00-16:00**
Frogmore St

Kids: Children's craft activities with local shops in Frogmore Street **10:00-16:00**
Frogmore St

Demo: Crucorney Environmental Group Demonstrations, Rural Crafts **10:00-16:00**
Frogmore St

Exhibition: Art Work by Malcolm Moss **10:00-16:00**
Gunter Mansion

Demo: Phil Blake (Philth) Urban artist at work **10:00-16:00**
Brewery Yard

Open Studio: Jeremy Thomas Studio **10:00-16:00**
15 Nevill Street

Workshop: The Listening Post with Cam and Mike **10:00-16:00**
Melville Centre

Exhibition & Demos: Local artists Showcase Exhibition **10:00-16:00**
Priory Centre

Exhibition: Ceramics exhibition and sales, South Wales Potters **10:00-16:00**
Scout Hall

Exhibition: Torfaen Art Factory **10:00-16:00**
St John's Ambulance Hall

Demo: Jantien Powell **10:00-16:00**
The Trading Post

Live: Wall Art in Action **10:00-17:00**
Bailey's Building, A40

Exhibition: Ceramic Poppy Display **10:00-17:00**
Castle

Open Studio: Louise Collis Studio **10:00-17:00**
20 Monk Street

Exhibition: Martin the Framers **10:00-17:00**
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Exhibition: Papillon Art and Artshed Expressive Arts **10:00-17:00**
Melville Centre Café

Exhibition: Quilting with Cybi, Castle Quilters and 2011 (Brecon) **10:00-17:00**
Melville Centre

Exhibition & Drop-in Workshop: Stop and Sketch with So Artrageous **10:00-17:00**
Melville Centre

Exhibition: Papillon Art Group with Malcolm Moss Art **10:00-17:00**
Nevill Hall Reception

Demo and Join-in: The Big Skill Rural Craft	10:00-17:00 Red Square
Literature: Dylan Thomas Bus	10:00-17:00 Tudor Gate Surgery Car Park
Exhibition: Nik Ramage – Rounds	10:00-17:00 The Chapel, Market St
Workshop: DaffiRose Art - Speed-painting for all ages (Tickets from daffirose.com – £7.50)	10:30-11:30 Castle
Drop-in Workshop: Drawing in the Garden	10:30-12:30 Chapel Garden, Market St
Demo: Yarn Crafts	11:00-13:00 The Wool Croft
Performance: Dansio Gwerin Gwyl Plant Welsh Folk Dancing	11:00-13:30 Castle
Event: Abergavenny Adult Eisteddfod (prelims)	11:00-14:00 Methodist Hall
Music: Matt Lane DJ Music in the Square	11:00-15:00 St John's Square
Art: Introduction to Art Therapy	11:30-12:30 Melville Centre
Demo and Join-in: Circus Skills with Stuart Bawler	11:30-12:45 Frogmore St
Music: Cwmbran Deaf Choir	12:00-12:30 St John's Square
Workshop: DaffiRose Art - Speed-painting for all ages (Tickets from daffirose.com – £7.50)	12:00-13:00 Castle
Carnival Parade: 12noon then carnival	12:00-16:00 Bailey Park via St John's Sq
Music: Liverpool Signing Choir	13:00-13:30 St John's Square
Event: "Knit in Public" A Gathering with the Wool Croft	13:00-14:30 St John's Square
Performance: "Knitting up a Storm" A Piece with the Wool Croft	13:30-14:30 St John's Square
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Art: Introduction to Art Therapy	13:30-14:30 Melville Centre
Demo and Join-in: Circus Skills with Stuart Bawler	13:30-14:45 Castle
Performance: Amsterdam's NESCIO String Ensemble with performing artists	13:45-15:00 Castle
Music: Cara Newsam harpist playing on the Verandah	14:00-14:30 St John's Square
Event: Wildcat Scooters Rumble	14:00-15:00 St John's Square

Demo: Yarn Crafts	14:30-16:30 The Wool Croft
Music: Gwerin Gwent Folk Music	15:00-16:00 Castle
Workshop: DaffiRose Art - Speed-painting for all ages (Tickets from daffirose.com – £7.50)	15:00-16:00 Castle
Demo and Join-in: Circus Skills with Stuart Bawler	15:00-16:00 St John's Square
Music: Abergavenny Adult Eisteddfod (concert)	18:00-21:00 Methodist Hall
Event: The 'Banksy in Wales' drinks reception, interview and auction (Tickets £10)	19:00-22:00 Angel Hotel Ballroom
Performance: "Alarch" inspired by loss and transformation (Tickets £5)	19:30-20:00 Melville Centre

Sunday 30th

Demo: Phil Blake (Philth) Urban artist at work	10:00-16:00 Brewery Yard
Live: Street Art - View the Wall	10:00-17:00 Bailey's Building, A40
Workshops & Performances: Welsh activities, Canolfan Y Degwm	10:00-16:00 Tithe Barn
Demo and Join-in: Circus Skills with Stuart Bawler	10:00-11:30 St John's Square
Workshop: Upcycle Charity Shop with Fiona Marr	10:00-11:30 Melville Centre
Workshop: Documentary photography with Sion Marshall- Waters (11-18) (free, but must book)	10:00-13:00 Starts at Castle and around town
Kids: Crafty women, drop-in crafty activities for children	10:00-16:00 Castle
Open Studio: Jeremy Thomas Studio	10:00-16:00 15 Nevill Street
Kids: Find the Art! Children's treasure hunt, with prizes	10:00-16:00 Everywhere
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Art: Arts Market	10:00-16:00 Market Hall
Open Studio: Martin's Gallery Open	10:00-16:00 Martin the Framers

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Workshop: Pom Pom Club (£10 inc. materials)	11:00-12:00 The Wool Croft
Music: Matt Lane DJ in the Square	11:00-15:00 St John's Square
Demo and Join-in: Circus Skills with Stuart Bawler	11:30-12:45 Frogmore St

Music: Taiko Japanese Drummers	12:00-12:30 Castle
Workshop: DaffiRose Art - Speed-painting for all ages (Tickets from daffirose.com – £7.50)	12:00-13:00 Castle
Music: Live jazz for litt'l'uns Black Mountain Jazz, Naomi Ray	12:00-13:00 Melville Centre
Music: Liverpool signing Choir	12:30-13:00 Castle
Workshop: Upcycle Charity Shop with Fiona Marr	12:30-14:30 Melville Centre
Music: Gwerin Gwent Folk Music	13:00-14:00 Castle
Workshop: Pom Pom Club (£10 inc. materials)	13:00-14:00 The Wool Croft
Demo and Join-in: Circus Skills with Stuart Bawler	13:15-14:30 Castle
Workshop: DaffiRose Art - Speed-painting for all ages (Tickets from daffirose.com – £7.50)	13:30-14:30 Castle
Performance: Dance Attack	14:00-15:00 St John's Square
Music: Live Jazz impro Dave Jones (ticketed)	14:00-16:00 Melville Centre
Demo and Join-in: Circus Skills with Stuart Bawler	14:45-16:00 Red Square
Workshop: DaffiRose Art - Speed-painting for all ages (Tickets from daffirose.com – £7.50)	15:00-16:00 Castle
Workshop: Pom Pom Club (£10 inc. materials)	15:00-16:00 The Wool Croft
Exhibition: Ages of Jazz with pramful of records and DJ	17:00-19:00 Melville Centre
Talk & Film: Elinor Gibley, curator of Josef Herman Foundation, free talk and short film (ticketed)	18:00-18:45 Angel Hotel Ballroom
Music: "Bunker" – A Quintet, Leaderless Impro.	19:30-22:00 Melville Centre



Angel Hotel,
Cross Street

Methodist Church, Castle Street



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