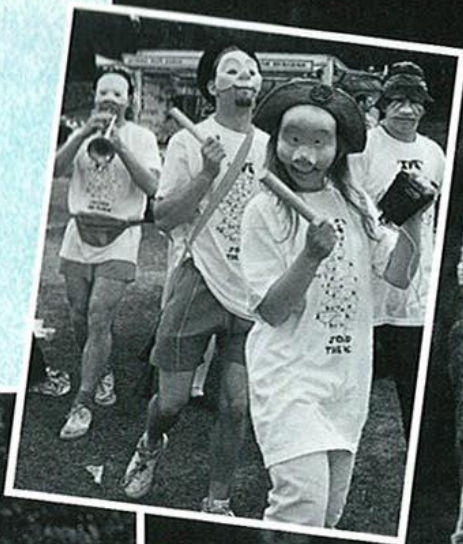


MID PENNINE *Arts*



PHILIP COX



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST



HILL BROOKMAN

TICKETS IT'S SO EASY TO BOOK



IN PERSON: Call in at the Mid Pennine Gallery, Yorke Street, Burnley. Open Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm, Thursday open 1-5pm (or buy your tickets in your area - see under "Buy Your Tickets Locally")



BY PHONE: (01282) 421986 BY FAX: (01282) 429513 Ring us to buy tickets for our events and pay for them by credit card. All Access, Eurocard, Mastercard and Visa cards are accepted. **RESERVE TICKETS:** You can reserve tickets. Reservations will be held for three days.



BY POST: Write to us (NO STAMP REQUIRED) at FREEPOST BU 874, Burnley, Lancashire, BB11 1BR. Please make cheques payable to MPA and enclose an S.A.E.

CONCESSIONS: Concessionary rates are available to our MEMBERS, those in full time education, unemployed people, senior citizens, registered disabled people and members of The Met, Bury.

GROUP BOOKINGS: Buy ten, get the eleventh free. For larger parties contact Katy in the Marketing Department to discuss rates.

BUY YOUR TICKETS LOCALLY

MPA tickets are available from:

Accrington	The Information Shop, 3 Abbey Street Hyndburn Leisure, Town Hall
Bacup	Public Library, St. James Square First Steps (Business Consultants), Fiscal House, 27 St. James Street
Barnoldswick	Tourist Information, Fearnlea Avenue
Bury	The Met, Derby Hall, Market Street
Clitheroe	Tourist Information Centre, Church Walk
Colne	Pendle Leisure Services, Bank House, 61 Albert Road
Haslingden	Public Library, Deardengate
Hebden Bridge	Tourist Information Centre, 1 Bridgegate
Nelson	Tourist Information Centre, Town Hall Pendle Wavelengths, Leeds Road
Rawtenstall	Central Library, Queens Square
Todmorden	Tourist Information Centre, 41-46 Kay Street Bear Wholefoods, 29 Rochdale Road

BECOME A MEMBER

Becoming a member of MPA is easy and will **SAVE** you **£1.50** at most events and **5% discount** on cash purchases from the Gallery.

Members also get

- The chance to borrow equipment (theatre equipment, children's play inflatables and more)
- Advance information - as a member you get the forthcoming season brochure mailed direct to your home
- Personal invitations to join MPA staff and other members at Gallery openings and other special events

All this for £9 (£12 joint) annual membership

Becoming a member is simple. Just call in and see us during office hours, ring or write to us for a membership form. Send it back with your payment and you become a member immediately.

SUMMER SPECIALS

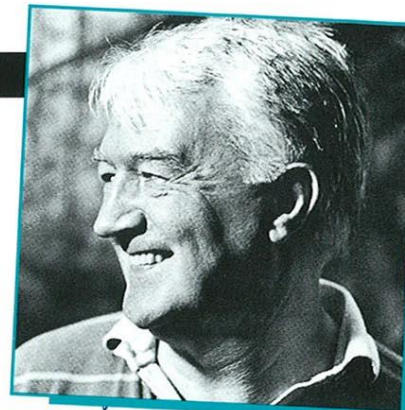
To make the long hot days of Summer extra special, we have some very exciting events for you, your family and friends to enjoy.

THUR
16th
MAY

POET - ADRIAN MITCHELL

Thursday 16 May 8pm
Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington
Tickets: £4.50/£3 concessions

Adrian is one of Europe's widest read poets and we are delighted to welcome him to the Haworth for an evening of poetry and verse. Adrian's political poems have been sung at rallies and demonstrations around the globe but many of his best loved poems include his family, his friends and his animals. His performances are described as 'electric and passionate declarations' and they are also incredibly funny. Let Adrian entertain with his exploding verse and his raging poems as he creates a night to remember for shakers of all ages. Supported by NWAB Writearound



ADRIAN MITCHELL

SAT
8th
JUNE

BRASS RUBBINGS 96'

Saturday 8 June 7.30pm
St. Mary's Church,
Todmorden.
Tickets: £5/£3 concessions

Todmorden Old Brass Band presents a unique combination of traditional and modern church music, arranged especially for jazz, rock and brass band accompaniment. Musical director is Dennis Hadfield, and guests are vocalist Catherine Binns and Abigail Sharp plus members of Orion on guitar, keyboards and percussion. Todmorden Old Brass Band promise an exciting evening and one not to be missed. Contact Lyn Luddington on 01706 818060.

SUN
23rd
JUNE

EXCURSION THE 1996 YORK CYCLE OF MYSTERY PLAYS

York Theatre Royal
Sunday 23 June

Once every four years in York something extraordinary happens. One of the greatest stories of all time is told and this is your chance to witness this rare theatrical event. The plays, originally there were 48, have been edited and rewritten into a three hour spectacle, by Liz Lochhead, the Scottish poet. The first non professional actors for 27 years have been chosen to play the lead roles and the decision to cast a woman actor in the role of God has received much publicity. Our excursion also allows time for you to explore this beautiful city. Tickets £21 & £19 concessions (Upper Front Circle seats) Pick up points for the coach; Rawtenstall, Accrington, Burnley, Nelson and Colne. Closing date for registration is Thursday 23 May.

Illyria

THUR
6th
JUNE

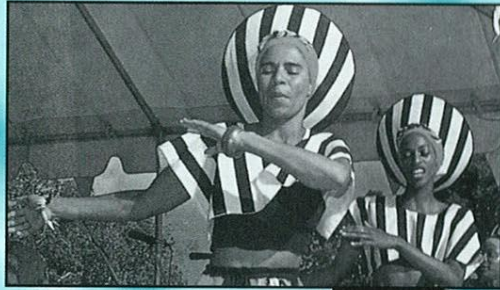
Illyria perform SHAKESPEARE'S 'MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING'

Thursday 6 June 7.30pm

Rose Garden, Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington.
Tickets: £6/£4 concessions

This is something very special and we are thrilled to bring the magic of open-air theatre to Accrington. Illyria is Britain's leading, professional, open-air touring Shakespeare company. They are renowned for presenting classical theatre of the highest quality. 'Much Ado About Nothing' will be performed in the glorious setting of the Rose Garden at the Haworth Art Gallery. Drinks and light refreshments on sale. Bring chair, rug and picnic.

TEL: 01282 421986



ABASINDI



EAST LANCS STREET BAND



HORSE & BAMBOO THEATRE



LEFT HAND DRIVE



MIGHTY ASYLUM

Rosendale's festival week includes something for everyone. Here are some of the highlights.

(See also exhibitions under Out and About)

THUR
2nd
MAY

ABASINDI DANCERS & DRUMMERS PERFORM 'ANCESTRAL JOURNEY'

The Studio, Accrington and Rossendale College, Rawtenstall 7.30pm
Tickets £4.50/£3 concessions

This all women group take us on an 'Ancestral Journey' across the ocean where the African people lived in captivity as slaves. Featuring songs and dances that originate from East, South and West Africa, Abasindi celebrate the survival and vitality of the African peoples.

FRI
3rd
MAY

MUSHAIRA

Haslingden Library 7.30pm
Tickets: £1

An evening of Urdu poetry that has now become an established event in the Rossfest calendar. A unique communal poetry experience featuring Asian poets from around the country.

In association with Rossendale Islamic Heritage Society

NORTHERN JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Astoria, Rawtenstall 7.30pm
Tickets: £5/£4 concessions

ROCK SHOWCASE

Leisure Hall, Bacup 7.30pm
All Tickets: £2.50

SAT
4th
MAY

STREET ENTERTAINMENT

We have something to brighten your shopping day, or to keep the kids amused or just for everyone to enjoy the atmosphere as the town centres of Rawtenstall, Bacup and Haslingden play host to some lively street entertainment.

RAWTENSTALL

Phase One Steel Band are set to bring Latin American, Caribbean and European rhythms to the streets to get people dancing and toe tapping.

Taro the Jester is a versatile performer who mixes comedy, juggling, tumbling, magic and stilt walking BACUP

Horse and Bamboo the Valley's own unique theatre company with a special Procession HASLINGDEN

East Lancs Street Band, led by musician Pete Moser, hear them play percussion, brass and reed instruments to create Tango, Samba and Reggae, the music and rhythms of the streets.

ABANA

Rosfest Worldbeat Party
Public Hall, Haslingden Doors 8pm
Tickets: £4.50/£3 concessions

Intoxicating, exhilarating West African dance music for the Festival's Saturday night party. Abana is the creation of two Sierra Leonean musicians who previously formed the Palm Wine Tappers, the backing band for the late, legendary S.E. Rogie. This new collaboration of African and English musicians is an exciting and individual blend of Palm Wine music, Gumbé dance music and the traditional folksongs of the Mende people. Music for enjoyment, well being and above all to get you dancing.

American Line Dancing with
'LEFT HAND DRIVE'

Leisure Hall, Bacup 7.30pm
Tickets: £4 advance £5 on the door

SUN
5th
MAY

SCULPTURE TRAIL WALK

Rosendale Groundwork Centre, Rawtenstall 1.30pm

HORSE AND BAMBOO THEATRE

Public Hall, Haslingden 7pm
Tickets: £1

GLOBE ARTS STUDIO

- Open Day 10am - 5pm
Have you ever wanted to be a model? A free photo test shoot is offered for one day only. Everybody welcome. To book ring 01706 219052

MON
6th
MAY

Rosfest climaxes with a spectacular day out for all the family with plenty to see and do!

CRAFTS SHOWCASE

Astoria, Rawtenstall 10am - 4pm
Admission free

A chance to see and buy traditional crafts and learn the techniques of contemporary makers. (See Under Activities for full details)

MADE IN ROSSENDALE

The Valley Centre, Rawtenstall 10am - 4pm
A celebration of young Rossendale talent with entertainment from music and dance to theatre and juggling skills.

Rosfest '96 is presented by Rossendale Borough Council and Mid Pennine Arts, with support from NWAB and Lancashire County Arts Unit.

MAY & JULY

THE VASE

Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington
 May & July 1996
 The 75th anniversary celebrations of the Haworth continue with artist residencies on the theme of the vase. Textile artist Caroline Slifkin

will be working at the Haworth during May, followed by Karen Rann working on installation/performance in July. Groups interested in working with either artist should contact Jacky on 01282 421986.

Supported by LCC Arts Unit, NWAB, Hyndburn Borough Council

APRIL - DEC

EAST LANCS STREET BAND

April-December '96
 The Street Band is back! Pulling together the street bands from Rossendale, Accrington and Burnley from the 1995 Lancashire Music Projects the East Lincs Street Band will be tangoing its way through Rossfest, Rossendale Carnival, Sound '96 and Burnley at Christmas. Rehearsals start in April in Rawtenstall. Anyone over 13 welcome, experience not essential.

IAW Lancashire Music Projects

APRIL - MAY

BRIERFIELD ARTS AND DRUGS PROJECT (BAD)

April-May 1996
 Working with multi-cultural groups of young people, Pendle MAGNET (Multi Agency Group Network) are exploring ways of raising drugs awareness, particularly within the local Asian community through drama and the visual arts.



LUDUS DANCE COMPANY AND STUDENTS

JUNE/ JULY

CLICK, CLACK, SNAP

June/July
 A photography project working with young people from the North Valley Estate in Colne, looking at ways of depicting their own environment and way of life. An exhibition of their work will tour the area in the Autumn.

AUG 1997

GENERATIONS

The East Lancashire Asian Arts Forum (ELAAF) is developing a range of projects which explore and document the life of the Asian community in East Lancashire. A video documentary, photography and textile projects are already in the planning. Contact Jacky at Mid Pennine Arts with your own ideas. The project will culminate with exhibitions and performances in August 1997 as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the independence of India and Pakistan.

AUG 1997

UPDATE...UPDATE...UPDATE

Remember the Mughal Tent Exhibition? Visitors to our gallery will remember that the V&A Museum are planning to reconstruct a Mughal Tent in their grounds to exhibit 50 of the textile wall hangings created by groups from around the world. Three hangings were made by women and girls from Burnley and Pendle. The V&A exhibition has now been put back to August '97 -watch this space for details!

ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS

THUR 13th JUNE

LIVE MUSIC NOW!

Thursday 13 June 10.30am & 1.30pm
 Town Hall, Padiham
 The Live Music Now! scheme aims to bring live music to pupils from Special Schools. The Nemo Brass Quintet are one of the finest brass ensembles in the country. A young, dynamic group of musicians they provide an entertaining and humorous introduction to chamber music. Ring Janet on 01282 421986 to reserve places

MAY - JUNE

ROSSENDALE CARNIVAL

May-June 1996
 Calling all Rossendale schools! Practical workshops for teachers are being planned for the summer term in designing and constructing carnival costumes. Teachers get your classes into your own carnival team and parade with the best of them on 23 June!

AUTUMN TERM

LOOKING AHEAD LUDUS IN HYNDBURN -WILD CHILD

Following the great success of their week in Pendle Ludus Dance Company are returning to the area in November. Rhyddings High School in Oswaldtwistle is playing host to the two performances of Wild Child and all Hyndburn schools are being invited to take part in workshops during the week. Call Mid Pennine for details of prices and times available.
Supported by Lancashire Education Authority

MON
6th
MAY

BURNLEY MAY DAY

Monday 6 May
The Red Herring Street Band
Towneley Park, Burnley
Burnley's traditional May Day celebrations and this group of 12 musicians playing jazz, blues, Brazilian sambas, Cuban mambos, folk tunes and South African township jives will add to the fun in the park. Catch them in the procession and on the Park.



SUN
12th
MAY

ACCRINGTON LIONS SPRING FAIR

Sunday 12 May
Bill Brookman presents Robin Hood
Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Clayton le Moors
These stunningly ingenious animatronics, operated by children in the audience, illustrate the story of the famous folk hero, Robin Hood. A clinking, clanking puppet show with music, singing and dancing to enhance the visual feast.
See Bill take to the air as 'The Incredible One Man Band on Stilts'. An hilarious, side-splitting performance to make the Lions Spring Fair a memorable occasion.



SAT
25th
MAY

TODMORDEN CARNIVAL

Saturday 25 May
Whitwood and Fleming present Dora's Dangerous Donuts
Centre Vale Park, Todmorden
Joining in the procession and with a spectacular show in the park, the one and only, the extraordinary Donut Wagon. This is the only donut in the world that transforms into a Hotrod Motorbike. Combining hydraulic engineering, staggering effects, pyrotechnics, comic performances and live original music this is a truly memorable show.

SUN
16th
JUNE

HOLLINS OLYMPIC FIESTA

Sunday 16 June
Brassanova
Hollins School, Accrington
An exciting and lively Street Band, Brassanova, will get the proceedings off to a rousing start as Hollins School hosts a spectacular fun day for all the family.

SUN
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JUNE

ROSSENDALE CARNIVAL

Sunday 23 June
Bacup Town Centre
Dora's Dangerous Donut
The folk from the Valley gather on the streets of Bacup for their major celebration of the year. A spectacular procession of colourful floats, morris troupes, bands and much, much more as the carnival parade wends its way through the streets to the town centre. A day of entertainment is guaranteed, something for all the family to enjoy, with everything from dancing competitions to a funfair, from stalls to sideshows. Don't miss the amazing Dora's Dangerous Donut, amidst mechanical mayhem the donut wagon undergoes a dazzling transformation and rises from the smoke as an easy rider 'Hotrod'.

SAT
29th
JUNE

OSWALDTWISTLE CARNIVAL

Saturday 29 June
The Satellites present The Dream Tent.
White Ash Playing Fields, Harvey Street, Oswaldtwistle
Inside this delightful, cosy tent is a magical environment for stories, music and puppetry. Make your way to enjoy all the bustle and fun of the Carnival but be sure to find this colourful tent on the field.



SAT
3rd
AUG

GREENPEACE DAY ON THE GREEN

Saturday 3 August
The Fairly Famous Family presents Karaoke Cabs
Centre Vale Park, Todmorden
A free afternoon of fun and music for all! Mid Pennine contributes to the hilarity with a laugh, a song, a lift home! Reg Vardy, cabby and Karaoke crooner, is excited. Finally he's got someone famous in the back of his taxi - top juggler Mike Montego. This is destined to be no ordinary ride...

SUN
4th
AUG

BRIERFIELD GALA

Sunday 4 August
Junior North Stars Steel Orchestra
Bent Head Playing Fields, Brierfield
The sound of the Caribbean comes to East Lancs as the Junior North Stars Steel Orchestra play for the crowds at Brierfield's Gala day.

MON
26th
AUG

WEAVERS TRIANGLE

Monday 26 August
Circus Sensible present 'Curious Eyebrows'
Visitor Centre, Burnley
Gentlemen jugglers will entertain and amaze the crowds as they demonstrate their skills with razor sharp scimitars and fire brands. They also call for audience participation...! Are you brave enough to witness this astonishing performance?

programme

QUICK GLANCE

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
EXHIBITIONS		
April 20 - May 25	Group Spirale	Mid Pennine Gallery
June 1 - 30	David Johnstone	Mid Pennine Gallery
July 6 - Aug 31	Philip Cox	Mid Pennine Gallery
MAY		
Thurs 2	Abasindi Dancers	Accrington & Rossendale College
Fri 3	Mushaira	Haslingden Library
Fri 3	Northern Jazz Orchestra	Astoria, Rawtenstall
Fri 3	Rock Showcase	Leisure Hall, Bacup
Sat 4	Abana	Public Hall, Haslingden
Sat 4	Left Hand Drive	Leisure Hall, Bacup
Sun 5	Horse & Bamboo Theatre	Public Hall, Haslingden
Mon 6	Made in Rossendale	The Valley Centre, Rawtenstall
Mon 6	Craft Showcase	Astoria, Rawtenstall
Mon 6	Red Herring Street Band	Towneley Park, Burnley
Sun 12	Accrington Lions Spring Fair	Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Clayton le Moors
Thurs 16	Poet - Adrian Mitchell	Haworth Art Gallery
Wed 22	A talk by Greg Lucas	Pendle Arts Gallery
Sat 25	Todmorden Carnival	Centre Vale Park, Todmorden
JUNE		
Thurs 6	Illyria - Shakespeare	Haworth Art Gallery
Sat 8	Brass Rubbings 96'	St. Mary's Church, Todmorden
Thurs 13	Live Music Now	Town Hall, Padiham
Sun 23	York Cycle Mystery Plays	York Theatre Royal
Sun 23	Rossendale Carnival	Town Centre, Bacup
Sat 29	Oswaldtwistle Carnival	White Ash Playing Fields
JULY		
Wed 24 & 31	Louise O Connor Workshops	Mid Pennine Gallery
AUGUST		
Sat 3	Mayhem	Town Hall, Accrington
Sat 3	Greenpeace Day	Centre Vale Park, Todmorden
Sun 4	Brierfield Gala	Bent Head Playing Fields
Wed 7	Rockers Society	Town Hall, Accrington
Wed 7	Louise O Connor Workshops	Mid Pennine Gallery
Fri 9	Sound Bites	Town Hall, Accrington
Sat 10	Unplugged - Acoustic night	Town Hall, Accrington
Sat 10	East Lancs Street Band	Broadway, Accrington
Sun 11	Sound 96	Oakhill Park, Accrington
Mon 26	Circus Sensible	Weavers Triangle Visitors Centre Burnley

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