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**Organ recital: Saturday, June 20, 7.30pm** With Ashley Grote, Assistant Director of Music, Gloucester Cathedral. [www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk)



**Mozart Concert: Sunday, June 28, 7pm** *Mozart: A Life in Letters* features the wind section of the English Symphony Orchestra and baritone Eamonn Dougan. Tickets are £35, to include a wine reception and wine and strawberries & cream in the interval. Berkeley Castle, Berkeley, Glos, GL13 9BQ, tel: 01453 810332. ESO Box Office on 01386 791044.

## Help for Hidcote

Gardening greats are lending their expertise to help Hidcote with series of celebrity-led fundraising tours through June and July

Renowned gardeners and designers, including Diarmuid Gavin, Sir Roddy Llewellyn and Roy Lancaster, are leading exclusive evening tours of the National Trust's Hidcote Manor Gardens this summer.

The trio is supporting the charity's final fundraising push to complete its regeneration of the gardens, which ends this season after five years.

"Hidcote is one of my favourite English gardens," said Roy Lancaster OBE, who will be leading his walk on Tuesday, June 23. "As much for the wealth of stories and memories it contains as for its rich plant collections and the quality of its care."

Sir Roddy Llewellyn who is known for his contributions to Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time, ITV's This Morning and, of course, *Cotswold Life*, will lead two walks on Thursday, 9 and Tuesday, July 14.

He says, "I want to

support Hidcote as I deem it to be one of the finest gardens in England."

Contemporary garden designer Diarmuid Gavin will host his walk on Thursday, July 15.

Tickets for these exclusive evening tours will be limited to 20 per evening and cost £100 which includes Champagne and canapés. There is also a chance to informally chat with the guest celebrity and Head Gardener, Glyn Jones in the Plant House.

To reserve tickets call Hidcote on 01386 438333.

## GATCOMBE PARK LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS: SATURDAY, JUNE 27

### Katherine comes to Gatcombe

Katherine Jenkins will be performing the Gatcombe Park Last Night of the Proms with the National Symphony Orchestra conducted by Anthony Inglis. Redefining the concept of classical crossover, Katherine has achieved global sales of over 3 million. Her debut album, 2004's appropriately titled *Premiere*, was the fastest selling of all time by a Mezzo Soprano, with well over 30,000 copies snapped up in the first week.



Glos, GL6 9AT. For ticket sales and information visit [www.ticketeast.co.uk](http://www.ticketeast.co.uk) or call 0871 224 1112/0871 224 1113.

Gatcombe Park,  
Minchinhampton, Stroud,

## THE BREWERY LITERARY LUNCH JUNE 25, 12 NOON-2.30PM

Acclaimed novelist Katie Fforde is launching a new series of Charity Literary Lunches at The Brewery centre in Cheltenham this month.

This fundraising event for the Gloucestershire-based Leukaemia & Intensive Chemotherapy Fund (LINC) will cost £25 per person to include a buffet lunch, glass of wine, coffee and a copy of Katie Ffordes new book *Love Letters* (rrp £12.99).

Tickets are available from LINC. Call 08454 224422 or email [linc@glos.nhs.uk](mailto:linc@glos.nhs.uk)

## CHELTENHAM SCIENCE FESTIVAL: THURSDAY, JUNE 4



Cheltenham Science Festival has announced the addition of Chef Heston Blumenthal to the already exciting and full programme.

Famous for his unique and innovative approach to cooking, reflected in the multi-sensory menu on offer at his triple Michelin-starred

restaurant, the Fat Duck in Bray. Festival director Kathy Sykes will be talking to this truly unique culinary alchemist on Thursday, June 4. Tickets £12 (£10).

They're predicting a sell-out so book now at [www.cheltenhamfestivals.com](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com) or call 0844 576 8970.

## EXHIBITION OF URSULA McCANNELL'S WORKS: JUNE 7-27

### A sense of the Romantic

The internationally renowned artist, Ursula McCannell, is having her second one-man show at the Fosse Gallery, Stow-on-the-Wold.

Ursula McCannell's outstanding ability was recognised when she had work hung in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition of 1938, at the age of 15.

Her Paintings are usually Romantic, but her disciplined passion is balanced by excellent draughtsmanship and movement. Many people are captivated by the characters and animals which enliven her world.

Their innocence, wistfulness, and genuine nostalgia emerge from and merge with the cherished places found throughout Ursula's life in Spain, Ireland, and more recently Croatia.

"It is an immense honour to be hosting this show," says Fosse Gallery owner Sharon Wheaton who has long been an



admirer of Ursula McCannell's work. "At her last exhibition we sold a good number of paintings to local buyers who will no doubt value the chance to add to their collections from this exhibition."

Fosse Gallery Fine Art,  
The Manor House, The Square, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire GL54 1AF, tel: 01451 831319 or visit [www.fossegallery.com](http://www.fossegallery.com)

## The spirit of Ealing Comedy is alive and well

Residents of the small Oxfordshire village of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor and a Birmingham-based film company, Fullrange Films, are working together to produce a commercial mainstream romantic comedy. Penned by best-selling local author Guy Browning, this 'feel-good' film is a cross between *Calendar Girls*, *Local Hero*

and classic Ealing comedies of long ago.

Guy Browning says, "The way the village is coming together feels like an Ealing Comedy in itself. Everyone's drive and enthusiasm are enabling this film to be professionally produced with an amazingly low budget. Everyone is mucking in from the WI providing food to locals taking small acting roles and providing

amazing locations such as milking parlours and stables and walk-in wardrobes."

A full-length original film score has been written by Geoff Cottrell, a composer from Oxford.

Keep a look out for *The Husband Obedience Trials*; it's going to be huge and it's all thanks to good old-fashioned community spirit.

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