

WEEKEND

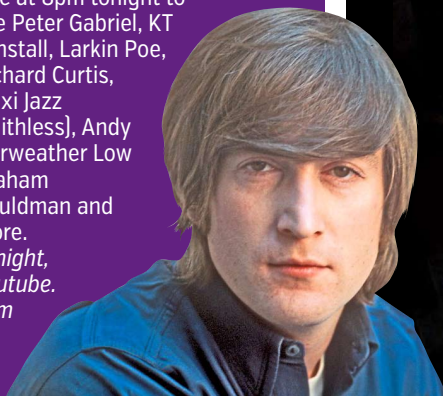
CASTLE COMEDY OUTDOORS

FRI

Bedford comedy club Castle Comedy is hosting pop-up, outdoor comedy nights with all the trimmings – gazebos, picnic tables, food, drink, table service – in various locations in and around Bedfordshire. Tonight's line-up features the award-winning Zoe Lyons and sarky, seen-it-all before grump, Bob Mills, with Castle Comedy's Paul Revill compèring. Tonight, Henlow Bridges Lakes, castlecomedy.co.uk

DEAR JOHN

You can see this second John Lennon tribute concert from London's Hard Rock Hotel for free on what would be the Beatle's (below) 80th birthday. Tune in for free at 8pm tonight to see Peter Gabriel, KT Tunstall, Larkin Poe, Richard Curtis, Maxi Jazz (Faithless), Andy Fairweather Low, Graham Gouldman and more. Tonight, [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

RAHUL VERMA ROUNDS UP THE TOP UPCOMING DIGITAL – AND LIVE! – EVENTS...

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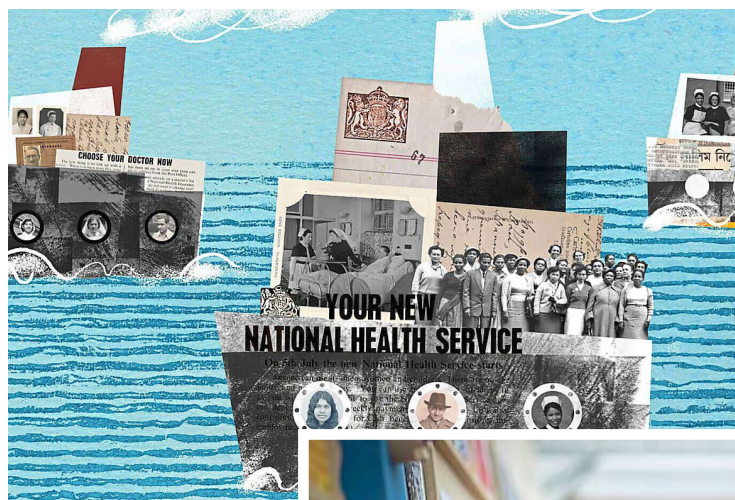
CIRCUS OF HORRORS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The modern circus show that debuted at Glasto 1995 marks 25 years of trashy and freaky horror, steampunk, goth and burlesque-inspired circus acts with a Halloween big top tour. It lands at Brighton's Preston Park on Saturday night before hitting Blackpool for a mini-residency (October 27-31), where there's a mix of family friendly and adult shows. Saturday, Preston Park, circusofhorrors.co.uk

SUN

HEART OF THE NATION

The Migration Museum has just launched a digital exhibition celebrating the central role migrants have played in shaping the NHS since it was established 72 years ago. Featuring photographs by Charlie Phillips, Chris Porsz and Rankin, the exhibition also features personal and archival pictures, artwork by the Singh Twins and an animation narrated by children's author and poet Michael Rosen. There's also a lovely Spotify playlist to tune into featuring songs picked by NHS workers including Doris Day, Ella Fitzgerald, Shirley Bassey, The Police, Gregory Isaacs, Stormzy and Little Mix. heartofthenation.migrationmuseum.org



MON

DURHAM BOOK FESTIVAL

The picturesque cathedral city's literary festival is happening online and has more than 40 free events including a quiz with the QI elves, the Gordon Burn Prize announcement, and authors such as Richard Osman, Fatima Bhutto, Sara Collins, Alex Wheatle, Alistair Campbell and Caleb Femi. Tonight, crime writer Ian Rankin (above), discusses the latest novel in his best-selling Rebus series, A Song For The Dark Times. Until Oct 18, durhambookfestival.com



TUE

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

The House Of Fine Art teams up for a physical and virtual exhibition of the world's most famous street artist, Banksy. Catch Me If You Can features some of his most recognisable early works, including Monkey Works (2003), Stop And Search (2007) and Trolleys (2006, below). You can either arrange a viewing at the Mayfair gallery, or tune in online. Until October 15, House of Fine Art, thehouseoffineart.com/viewing-room



WED

SECRET 7"

It's the final edition of the project where artists design record sleeves for seven classic tracks by Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Foo Fighters, The Internet, Koffee, Miles Davis and Vampire Weekend. There are 100 copies of each track and sleeve, so head down to the exhibition at Now Gallery in Greenwich, or bid online. Until November 1, Now Gallery, secret-7.com



THU

LIVE AT ALLY PALLY

After hosting ENO Live and Drive in September, Ally Pally's socially distanced programme of comedy, music and events kick off tonight with everyone's favourite surly Pub Landlord (Al Murray, right), with further highlights in the five-week series including a Halloween show by Rebel Bingo, superstar DJ Sasha, S**faced Shakespeare, and cosmic jazz crew, The Comet Is Coming. Thursday to November 22, alexandrapalace.com

