

Viewpoints

Larmer Tree – since 1990

Prepare to kick off your shoes and *Moondance* the blues, as Van Morrison gets the Larmer Tree Festival (17-21 July) started in style. It's been over a decade since 'Van the Man' graced the Larmer Tree stage with his outstanding talent.

Over 100 bands and acts will perform on six stages. Larmer Tree Festival limits daily capacity to 4,000 and has avoided corporate sponsorship to retain its original ethos of relaxation, escapism and stress-free fun. Larmer Tree is perfect for festival first-timers and veterans alike. Unlike most festivals, camping for tents is included in the ticket price, so even one-day visitors can take advantage of the on-site night club and late-night sessions.

Larmer Tree Festival 023 8071 1820

www.larmerreefestival.co.uk/tickets.html

Competition results April View

Mrs Louise Campbell, Laverstock, Salisbury, won a family ticket for Larmer Tree Festival. Mrs D Currie, Bitterne, Southampton, won a laser treatment at the Wessex Specialist Laser Centre; £50 vouchers have been won by Tim Leakey, St Leonard's on Sea, E Sussex; Kathleen Sheeley, Salisbury; Mrs Sandra Tyler, Devizes; Mrs Clare Acklam, Southsea; Tim Frayling, Westbury. Congratulations to all.



Michael Portillo, speaking at the Winchester Festival

A galaxy of performers at Winchester Festival

Rising stars will be showcased alongside internationally renowned names from the worlds of classical music, literature and politics during Winchester Festival (5-14 July), a ten-day festival of the arts. The 2013 festival will bring former cabinet minister and railway buff,

Michael Portillo, *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* author Deborah Moggach, guitarist John Williams and erstwhile Poet Laureate Sir Andrew Motion to the city in a programme of 30 talks and concerts. Festival goers will also have the opportunity to try their hands – and feet – at Regency dancing in Winchester's former assembly rooms (now St John's House), home to balls attended by Jane Austen and her sisters. For full programme www.winchesterfestival.co.uk



Black and Tans by Hampshire artist Paula Vize, who will be exhibiting in Hampshire throughout 2013: dates include Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Romsey (1-30 June), Open Studio, Walnut Tree House, Longparish, Andover (17-26 August) www.paulavize.co.uk



Unravelling The Vyne, Maria Rivens miniscule paper cut-outs

Unravelling The Vyne

This summer, visitors can explore The Vyne's links with fascinating historical characters and delve further into intriguing stories – some told for the very first time – through the series of unique art installations at this atmospheric National Trust property.

The former Tudor 'powerhouse', which combines rare 16th-century interiors with sumptuous 18th-century architectural design, is the glamorous stage set for *Unravelling The Vyne* (28 June-22 December), part of a three-year project funded by Arts Council England, the National Trust and others. Inspired by ancient portraits, Tudor carvings, obsessions with 18th-century taste and design, even a family feud, artists reveal some of the secrets lurking behind The Vyne's façade.

Artists include Maria Rivens, whose work features miniscule paper cut-outs, Caitlin Heffernan's fabric tree and Penny Green's set of 12 ceramic dishes, which spread the length of the Dining Parlour's table, telling the tale of a complex family history, from inter-marriages, to inter-family feuds and lawsuits.

www.nationaltrust.org/vyne



Penny Green's ceramic dishes

Julian Fellowes to speak at Winchester Writers' Conference

The University of Winchester is delighted to welcome the creators of the hugely popular television series *Downton Abbey*, Lord Fellowes and Lady Emma Fellowes, to give the Plenary Address at the 33rd Winchester Writers' Conference, Festival and Bookfair (21-23 June). The event will be followed by a week-long programme of writing workshops.

We Do Not Know Anything More than You Do, presented by Julian Fellowes, will take place on 22 June in The Stripe and is just one in a series of exciting writers' events this year: a team of more than 60 novelists, poets, playwrights, scriptwriters, literary agents, commissioning editors and book industry specialists will give masters' courses, workshops, lectures, seminars and one-to-one appointments.

Further details www.writersconference.co.uk