

The logo for the Claygate Arts Festival features the word 'CLAYGATE' in green, 'ARTS' in a multi-colored, abstract font, and 'FESTIVAL' in blue. Three stars (two blue, one yellow) are positioned above the 'ARTS' section. Below the main text, the date 'MARCH 2020' is written in blue capital letters.

# CLAYGATE ARTS FESTIVAL

MARCH 2020

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

*Claygate Village Association presents*

## Claygate Arts Festival - March 2020

### **Organisers of the first Claygate Arts Festival reveal initial plans**

The organisers of the Claygate Arts Festival have revealed initial plans for the Arts Festival to be held in the village in March.

The Claygate Village Association (CVA) has held very successful biennial music festivals since 2006 and music will top and tail the Festival with a strong music presence throughout.

Ever popular rock band Dr Feelgood will bring the feel-good factor right from the start on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Claygate Village Hall – a concert expected to sell-out fast. The final event will also be music - with Oxshott and Cobham Music Society rounding off the celebrations on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Holy Trinity Church.

Between those events will be a succession of concerts with well-known names from the rock and blues world with Hawkwind tribute band Hoaxwind and the James Taylor Quartet.

Local music will include concerts by the terrific Claygate Scout Band and our popular local choirs - Claygate Choral, Vocality and Earthly Voices.

Away from the music there will be lots of other home-grown events from across the arts: the Gardening Society's 'Gardeners Question Time'; heritage walks and a talk on local history organised led by Esher History Society and a talk on the 135-year-old history of the oldest sports club in the village.

There will be drama monologues and workshops and the Foley will host a philosophy Café during the Festival. Wingham Court Care Home is to hold an exhibition of resident's artwork.

Festival Co-ordinator Linda Wells commented, "Our village is teeming with talent and the idea is to celebrate and showcase local musicians, artists, writers and actors. We have widened the scope of the Festival to include all the arts and focus on home-grown talent. Our aim is to have the village buzzing for a month with events large or small, professional or amateur, which appeal to all ages 4...to 84!

It will be inclusive, affordable and enjoyable for the whole community. Whether you want to try your hand at a new skill or sit back and enjoy a show, we hope everyone will join the fun! "

A full programme of events will be available on the website from early January

**<https://www.claygateartsfestival.co.uk/>**

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