

HAWKWOOD  
centre for future thinking

MAY

10am  
to 5pm

DAY

FESTIVAL




Monday 4th May 2026



# Stalls & Food

Nimpy Clothing  
Haresfield Honey  
Mich Makes  
Jaine Rose Art  
Stu McLellan Visual Artist  
Lani Leather Craft  
Once Upon a Weave  
Karobi Ghee  
Rown Knitting & Weaving  
Conscious Crystals  
Elemental Roots Ceramics  
SC Knits Macramé  
Halima Malek Henna  
Bloom Skin Organic  
Borderless Books  
Koli Probiotic Kitchen  
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust  
Stroud District Council Compost Initiative  
Journeyman  
Stroud Community Agriculture & BBQ  
Mumma's Meals  
Vélo Bakery  
Wow Bao Buns  
Hawkwood Cafe & Bar  
Ice Cream



Welcome to Hawkwood's

# MAY DAY FESTIVAL



**This year's Festival is a chance to gather as a community and celebrate the role of the arts and creativity in climate action and nature stewardship.**

To help you enjoy the day we kindly ask the following:

- ☀ Please ensure you accompany your children at all times.
- ☀ Please keep dogs on a lead at all times and pick up after them.
- ☀ Please refrain from climbing trees.
- ☀ The First Aid station is by the Redwood Tree.
- ☀ For lost children, please go to Reception.
- ☀ Please dispose of any waste in the appropriate bin.
- ☀ Access to our ponds and wetlands is out of bounds.

**We hope you enjoy our grounds but please be aware that there is uneven terrain throughout the estate.**

# ADULT WORKSHOPS



## Gong Baths

Aidan McIntyre

11.00am - 11.45am | Studio 1

12.00pm - 12.45pm | Studio 1

Through the rich and evolving harmonics of the gongs, sound becomes a gateway to deep relaxation and attentive listening. A simple yet powerful experience of vibration, presence and sound.

## Take The Jump

11.15am - 12.00pm

Jonathon Porritt Library

Take the Jump is the movement that everyone can take part in, by trying six shifts. This isn't a personal pledge, it's a movement for real societal transformation!

## Wild Medicine

Flora Scott

12.15pm - 1.00pm

Jonathon Porritt Library

Join Medical Herbalist Flora Scott to explore a handful of key medicinal spring herbs growing in our local hedgerows. In this experiential session, we will explore the medicinal values of these herbs and gain an insight into how they can be used to support health this season in simple preparations. This session involves a tea tasting.

## Yoga Nidra

Umā Dinsmore-Tuli

1.30pm - 2.15pm | Studio 1

Experience being nurtured and nourished, restore your rhythmic cycles of healthful wellbeing and participate in radical acts of collective restfulness.

## Macramé Keyring

Sam Chorley

2.30pm - 3.15pm | Studio 1

Get started with the enjoyable craft of macramé in this beginner-friendly workshop. Guided step-by-step by your tutor Sam, the maker behind SC Knits, you'll work with colourful, hand-dyed cotton yarn and learn how to master a few easy knots and use these fundamentals to create your very own colourful keyrings.

## Songwriting Workshop: Between The Lines

Jasmine Gardosi & Katie Whitehouse

2.45pm - 3.30pm

Jonathon Porritt Library

Led by Jasmine Gardosi and Katie Whitehouse, this short, playful session opens up the space between spoken word and song. Expect voice, rhythm and instinct-led writing, with simple prompts that invite you to find your own sound, language and connection in the room – no experience needed, just curiosity.

For all Adult  
Workshops please  
book in advance at  
the studios

First taster workshop FREE  
Additional workshop £5



# HALL EVENTS

## Bird Nerd & The Red List

Marie-Louise Flexen

10.30am - 11.00am | Hall

An exciting, dance theatre performance, focusing on popular UK birds on the endangered species 'red list'. Take a journey with the birdwatcher as they embody four different birds; Lark, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Swift and Nightingale. Performed and created by Marie-Louise Flexen with a soundtrack by Steven Skinley.

**No sign-up required, seating on a first-come-first-served basis.**

## Trade Unions, Green Policy and the Future of Work

Tim Davies with Chloe Turner, Robin Layfield, and Frieda Lurken

12.00pm - 1.00pm | Hall

This May Day panel will explore how Green values and policies support worker power in shaping the future of technology: in the workplace, community and country.

**No sign-up required, seating on a first-come-first-served basis.**

## Poetry & Spoken Word

Jasmine Gardosi

1.15pm - 2.15pm | Hall

Jasmine Gardosi is a force of language and rhythm, where poetry doesn't sit on the page but instead pulses through the room. A former Birmingham Poet Laureate, current Hot Poet and award-winning spoken word artist, they fuse razor-sharp lyricism with live beatboxing to create performances that feel electric and deeply human.

**No sign-up required, seating on a first-come-first-served basis.**

## The Rights of Nature: In Theory and In Action

Laura Ford (Sustainability Director, Faith in Nature), Brontie Ansell (Managing Director of Lawyers for Nature) and Dr Juliet Rose (Nature Guardian for Faith in Nature and Head of Development at the Eden Project)

3.30pm - 4.30pm | Hall

Every decision a business makes has some impact upon nature - but nature's had no say on those decisions, until now... This lively panel explores the bold idea of placing Nature on the board, asking how businesses can move beyond responsibility towards true representation, and why it matters now.

Chaired by Alicia Carey, CEO of Hawkwood.

**No sign-up required, seating on a first-come-first-served basis.**

-  TOILETS
-  ACCESSIBLE TOILETS
-  BABY CHANGING
-  FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT
-  INFORMATION POINT
-  FIRST AID
-  FOOD & DRINK
-  ENTERTAINMENT
-  STALL HOLDERS



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# LIVE MUSIC



## Stroud Folk Choir

10.30am - 11.15am

Known for their warm, inclusive spirit and powerful unaccompanied harmonies, the choir performs a diverse repertoire ranging from traditional ballads to contemporary folk-inspired pieces. Their singing is deeply connected to the rhythms of the year, making May Day a particularly special moment in their calendar.

## Red Door Trio

11.30am - 12.30pm

The Red Door Trio comprise piano, double bass and drums and will be playing classic jazz standards. The performers are Paul Boniface, Paul Crowther and Martin Harvey.

## Under The Oak: Performance and Poetry

Natalie Fée

12.45pm - 1.45pm

Join Bristol-based singer-songwriter and environmental campaigner Natalie Fée and friends for a performance of folk music, poetry and stories inspired by Natalie's year sitting under a local oak tree.

## Elyse

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Elyse is a singer-songwriter who's been in love with music for as long as she can remember, spending nearly 20 years singing and finding her voice. After taking a bit of a break, she's now back on the music scene with a fresh energy and a lot to say.

Inspired by Amy Winehouse, Elyse was drawn to singing through raw emotion and real storytelling. While that influence still shines through, her taste in music is wide-ranging, and she enjoys exploring different genres and making them her own.

Now, Elyse is getting ready to release her own music this year, stepping into an exciting new chapter and sharing more of who she is through her own sound.

## TRINITY

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Alternative Jazz artist TRINITY infuses music with a grand explosive energy with influences of RnB, Pop, and Blues. With a passion for music found within musicals and big grand lyricism, TRINITY pursued her career as an artist, with the vision of creating a soundscape of an atmospheric community.

TOURS

ART



& FAMILY

ENTERTAINMENT

### Pop-up Forest of Imagination: Where Do They Live?

*Dr Penny Hay, Morgane Shaban  
and Matt Leece*

**10.30am - 4.30pm**  
**The Outdoor Classroom**

Explore the relationship between people and the natural world. Through looking, listening, imagining, and making, notice how we share our planetary home with other living beings. We will become explorers, investigating Hawkwood's land and ecosystems. We'll think about the creatures (real or imaginary) that might live there. We will re-create homes for a chosen creature to mirror, honour, protect, and celebrate them. All ages invited, 0-100.

**No sign-up required, this is a drop-in activity.**

### Farm Tours

*Stroud Community Agriculture*

**10.45am - 11.30am**  
**1.00pm - 1.45pm**

A guided tour of our organic, community-supported farm, to see how fresh, seasonal vegetables are grown with care for soil and wildlife. Meet the growers, explore the fields, discover how our farming model connects local people directly with their food. Ask questions and soak up the spring atmosphere on the farm.

**Please sign up at the SCA stand**

### Tour of Hawkwood's Grounds

*Head Gardener, Bernard Jarman*

**11.45am - 12.15pm & 2.15pm - 2.45pm**

Discover the beautiful grounds at Hawkwood from Hawkwood's Head Gardener, Bernard Jarman.

**Meet at the front of the house, by The Redwood Tree.**  
**No sign-up required.**

### Woodland Wildlife Walk

*Simon Pickering*

**12.30pm - 1.15pm | The Spring**

Can you think like a Badger? Join local ecologist Simon Pickering for a guided walk through the woods behind Hawkwood House. Drawing on natural history and a rich seam of folklore, Simon brings birds and mammals vividly to life – from hidden habits to ancient stories.

**Please sign up at the the studios – required in advance.**

### loomeweight

*Hestor Dart and Patricia Auchterlonie*

**11.00am - 11.20am Performance**  
**2.00pm - 2.45pm Performance with Q&A**  
**4.20pm - 4.40pm Performance**

**The Blue Room**

loomeweight is a slow, small, intimate ritual. loomeweight is a gentle, insistent opposition to things that are fast, shiny, instant, and marketable. loomeweight sees voices as yarn and yarn as voices.

### Stroud District Artists

Hawkwood is proud to provide space for artists from across the district whose work focuses on or is inspired by nature and climate action. The work exhibited throughout Hawkwood demonstrates the power of creativity to inspire real world change. We hope you enjoy the work on display throughout the site.

Tours, Art & Family Entertainment

# Our Mission

**Hawkwood inspires creativity, leadership, wellbeing and sustainability for a better more equitable future.**

At Hawkwood, societal wholeness means participation and meaningful representation of everyone across all we do. This includes ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability and more. We aim to encourage people to make a considered difference to today's society and to our future, and our place provides an ethical, peaceful and inspirational environment to enable individuals and organisations to grow and develop.

We have a strong ethical commitment and aim to run our business responsibly, ensuring we have a positive impact on our guests, our team, and our planet.

We ensure that our supply chain is local, organic where possible, and use ethical utility suppliers right through to our compostable bin liners.

Venue Hire Venue Hire Venue Hire

**Bring your group, team or retreat to Hawkwood's inspiring Cotswold setting**

Choose from light-filled meeting rooms, creative studios and peaceful outdoor spaces with full catering and accommodation for up to 45 guests. We offer packages to suit any group from 6 to 100 people, tailored to meet your needs. Our 42-acre estate includes sustainably managed woodland, farmland, and gardens, providing a beautiful setting to relax, explore, and learn.

Perfect for residentials, away days, workshops and conferences.



“*Hawkwood has all the ingredients we look for when running events and meetings – their ethical approach, from the fantastic food they serve to the way they manage their land, works perfectly for us.*”

Helen Browning OBE, CEO – Soil Association

**Our festival is a Pay What You Can event run by our team and volunteers. We would like to say a huge thank you to the people and organisations who made this year's event possible:**



Our incredible team of volunteers and car park stewards  
 All the Hawkwood staff ✨ Stroud Town Council  
 St Laurence Church ✨ Stroud Tesco  
 Wheatley Printers ✨ Tewkesbury Printing ✨ The Music Works  
 ✨

All our stallholders, contributors, speakers and musicians that have brought their work, passion and flair to the festival.

# Course Discounts

We believe in the power of lifelong education to create positive change in the world. We would love to welcome you back to Hawkwood to take part in one of our courses or workshops. We're pleased to be offering the following discounts on eligible courses:

1. 15% off courses run by contributing facilitators
  - a. **Knot and Natural Dye a Macramé Plant Hanger with Sam Chorley**  
Saturday 15th August
  - b. **Songwriting and Spoken Word: Between The Lines with Jasmine Gardosi and Dan Whitehouse**  
14th - 17th September
  - c. **Autumn Wild Medicine Walk with Flora Scott**  
Saturday 24th October
  - d. **Wintering: Rest Retreat with Umā Dinsmore-Tuli**  
11th - 13th December

**Use code MAYDAY15 at checkout to redeem your 15% discount on these courses.**

2. 10% off Further Journeys in Gong Mastery with Aidan McIntyre and Tim Byford.  
**Use code MAYDAY10 at checkout to redeem your 10% discount.**
3. 10% off the rest of our 2026 programme (excluding Gong Master Training)  
**Use code MAYDAY10 at checkout to redeem your 10% discount.**
4. All discounts available until **Monday 11th May.**

# Support Us

Did you know, as a registered charity Hawkwood Centre for Future Thinking does not receive any regular statutory funding? If you've enjoyed your experiences at Hawkwood and recognise the vital role we play in our community, please consider donating today. Your support fuels our mission to expand our programmes, enrich community gatherings, and safeguard our groundbreaking space. Together, let's ensure a thriving future for Hawkwood, where opportunities flourish for all.



Gift Aid enables charities like Hawkwood to turn £1 into £1.25 at no extra cost to you.

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