



UNIQUE NEW FESTIVAL LAUNCHES IN HATHERSAGE IN APRIL

The Hope Valley Fringe is a unique, new festival that will bring together people from across the region to share and celebrate their passion for the arts, music, sport, food and drink, horticulture, photography, science, technology and literature.

The event, which is free for exhibitors and visitors, and open to all age groups, will take place on Saturday 28 April (9am to midnight) in the Memorial Hall in Hathersage. There will be a licensed bar and local food and drinks suppliers will be selling a wide range of refreshments during the day.

The Fringe is being organised by three local entrepreneurs to provide a platform for artists, writers, musicians, photographers, craftspeople, artisans, academics and business owners to showcase and promote their unique talents.

During the event there will be a programme of live music, readings and science-based presentations, and throughout the day interaction between exhibitors, visitors and all other participants will be encouraged.

Commenting on the new event, Martin Spence, one of the organisers, said: “We are referring to the Hope Valley Fringe as a ‘live’ event, because it has been designed to break down the traditional barriers that exist between passive bystanders and, in too many cases, passive exhibitors.

“The event will act as a crucible — a melting pot — where ideas can be shared, performances can take place in a supportive environment where the roles of observer and performer are merged and even interchanged.”

To register as an exhibitor or to receive the latest news from the Hope Valley Festival contact Martin Spence on: 07768 937818 or by email: info@hopevalleyfringe.co.uk.

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