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White Rock Hotel

White Rock, Hastings TN34 1JU
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Situated on the seafront with stunning views, The White Rock Hotel has a fabulous café-bar and lovely, modern rooms right in the centre of Hastings and opposite the pier.

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The Jenny Lind Inn

69 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3EW
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Friendly pub and hotel in the heart of the Old Town offering rooms, food, gorgeous gardens and the best music in town!

The Little Fusion Kitchen is open Thursday – Sunday – Call to book or for any enquiries on 01424 421392

Corner Market

13 London Rd, Saint Leonards-on-sea TN37 6AJ

Your local halal market bursting with fresh fruit, veg and meat supplying Middle Eastern, African and European products in the heart of St Leonards.

Open 8am-11pm daily

Graze On Grand

16 Grand Parade, Saint Leonards-on-sea TN37 6DN www.grazeongrand.com

With stunning views onto St Leonards seafront Graze is a stylish wine bar, wine shop, deli and gallery offering small plate dining from locally sourced produce.

Open Weds – Sunday from 11.00am

Call to book on 01424 439736

UNISON

Hastings and Eastbourne Healthcare Branch is so proud to support the Palestine on the Pier event and Hastings and Rye Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

To find out more about UNISON:
Contact unisonhehealth@outlook.com

Liban Coast

Flavours of Syria and Lebanon

13 Marine Ct, Saint Leonards-on-sea TN38 0DX www.libancoast.com

A small, friendly family-run restaurant offering a mixture of Lebanese and Syrian food – all fresh, healthy meals that are tasty and wholesome.

Open Wednesday – Saturday 12pm-10pm. To book call direct on 01424 434426

Hastings & District Trades Union Council

UNITY IS STRENGTH

Hastings and District Trades Union Council is proud to support the Palestine on the Pier event.

We send a message of solidarity to the Palestinian people in their quest to achieve their inalienable rights and build a future of peace, justice and security.

Free Free Palestine !

To find out which trade union is for you

Contact: Hastingstuc@outlook.com

Unite the UNION Hastings District Branch SE/6352

Hastings Unite and Hastings Unite Community are proud sponsors of

Palestine on the Pier

We are sure this will be an event illustrating the richness of Palestinian cultural life. Unite campaigns to end the siege and occupation, calls for the implementation of international law, and for Palestinian human rights to be respected.

Unite is the union for the 21st century, meeting the greatest challenges facing working people today. It is a democratic and campaigning union, which fights for employees in the workplace and workers generally.

Membership enquiries: Branch Secretary 07776397995

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PALESTINE ON THE PIER 2021

FREE ENTRY

5 September 12 noon - 6pm

Welcome to the first ever Palestine on the Pier!

We are thrilled to welcome you aboard the first ever Palestine on the Pier - a celebration of the best of Palestinian culture. We invite you to step onto the top deck of our beautiful pier for an immersive tour of Palestine: taste the delicious food, listen to the evocative music, watch the show, enjoy a magical adventure story and, if you are feeling energetic, try a little dabke dancing at our dabke workshop. There is something for everyone here – keep the kids entertained at our kids craft area, browse authentic Palestinian products or just soak up the atmosphere. We hope you have a wonderful day.

Best wishes from the Hastings and Rye PSC.

To Exist is to Resist — the Power of Culture over the Culture of Power

The phrase 'To Exist Is to Resist' brings together the importance of cultural endurance and resistance, the two elements that are interwoven in the Palestinian struggle for liberation. Everyday activities are essential in keeping traditions alive when so much has been done to destroy them. For example, in the refugee camps, creative youth groups preserve the stories handed down by their grandparents; Aida Camp in Bethlehem called their group Beautiful Resistance.

Today on Hastings Pier is a snapshot of some aspects of Palestinian life: food, so important to family life and in their generous hospitality; music, 'dabke', the national dance and handicrafts. The design of traditional dresses featuring tatreez cross stitch are centuries old and each one is unique to a particular village.

Journalist and author Ramzy Baroud says: '…in the occupation's history, cultural resistance is more important now than ever.'

Live on Stage

12 Noon – Open and Welcome

12.30 – Storytelling for children

1.30 – Live music by Jamal and Alaa

2.30 – Hawiyya Dance Company show

3.00 - Storytelling for the whole family

4.00 – Live music by Jamal and Alaa

5.00 – Dabke dance workshop by Hawiyya - everyone welcome!

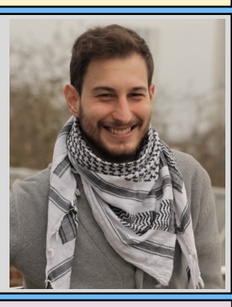
6.00 – Close

Market Stalls and Kids' Activities

At our market stalls you will find beautiful hand-embroidered craft made by a Women's Cooperative based in East Jerusalem. There are purses, jewellery, bags and wrist bands made with the traditional cross stitch technique; olive wood carvings and bowls, hair clips, keffiyeh scarves, brooches, flags and a range of Palestinian food products like olive oil, dates and almonds. And don't forget to grab a bite at our food stall selling authentic Palestinian dishes falafel, hummus and babaganoush wraps as well as tasty, sweet treats baklava and knafeh.

At the children's tent there is free face-painting and craft activities. Help us make a colourful collage of Palestinian life!

Elias Matar – Storyteller



Elias is a Palestinian play specialist, drama therapist, workshop facilitator, performer and a storyteller. He holds an MA in Drama and Movement Therapy from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in London and currently manages the Refugee Youth Wellbeing Project at New Citizens' Gateway, a charity that supports young refugees and asylum seekers. Elias will be performing interactive storytelling sessions at Palestine on the Pier. Join Elias as he takes us on a journey across borders, walls and time, encountering mythical Palestinian creatures and fairytale characters along the way. Great for all ages - a chance to discover the secrets, magic and joy of live storytelling.

Hawiyya Dance Company

Hawiyya's performance draws upon traditional folkloric dabke with a twist of contemporary dance to take the audience on a journey through the narratives of identity, displacement and resistance. The word 'dabke' means 'stamping of the feet', and historically it was used to inspire people when they were working the land or joining together to complete communal tasks. A traditional folk dance from the Levant region, it is one of the main dance forms in Palestine, and a living history of the people and their culture. Since 1948, the dance has become a resounding statement of Palestinian identity, existence and resistance.

Hawiyya is a UK based, women-only dance troupe – they run dabke workshops all over the world, spreading awareness of the Palestinian cause through grassroots projects and creativity.

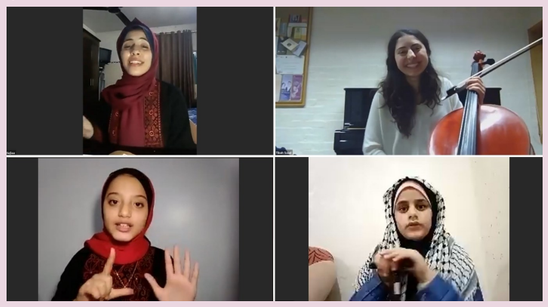
Everyone is welcome to join the dabke workshop on the pier at 5pm.

Jamal and Alaa

Renowned Brighton-based duo Jamal and Alaa play traditional Arabic folk songs on the oud and percussion, performing together since they met as part of the Sussex Syrian Community Group in January 2017.

Jamal spent over 40 years of his life as a professional musician before coming to the UK, running a recording studio and lecturing in universities on Arabic music. He has toured with Damon Albarn, Gorillaz and is a member of the London Syrian Ensemble. Alaa is from a famous musical family and has played the Oud and sung for 25 years. They have performed at the Royal Festival Hall as well as numerous events around the South East. This assured duo always create a vibrant, exciting mood whenever they perform, lifting the audience out of their seats and into the aisles to dance!

Hastings and Rye Palestine Solidarity Campaign

We are a small but active group campaigning for justice, equality and freedom for Palestinians. We hold weekly stalls in Hastings town centre, giving out information and raising awareness about the occupation in Palestine. We collect signatures for petitions, put on cultural events like film and theatre shows and host speakers on a variety of topics. Most recently, during lockdown, we have held Zoom meetings featuring eminent authors and academics from all over the world, including Dr Ghada Karmi, Professor Ilan Pappé, Jonathan Cook and Dr Ramzy Baroud.

Founded seven years ago our group has now raised over £9,000 for the UK humanitarian charity Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) through a variety of fundraisers including a musical dinner evening 'Come Dine for Palestine' in September 2019 and an online Raffle and Musical Extravaganza in November 2000 (see right), which featured Palestinian musicians as well as a piece of 'remote theatre' performed by children in Gaza, courtesy of the award-winning Hands Up Project. Ours is just one of over 60 branches of the National PSC, the fastest growing political movement in this country.
www.hastingspalestinecampaign.org