

What's on

Laughs delivered at the depot

REVIEW Angie Belcher's Comedy Depot, Zion

ANGIE Belcher has been delivering great stand-up comedy and performance poetry in South Bristol and beyond (Edinburgh Fringe, Glastonbury, Cheltenham Festival and more) for many years. Her latest comedy service to the area is Angie Belcher's Comedy Depot, held monthly at Zion in Bishopsworth, which has been going since January this year.

Angie might come across a bit bright and breezy but she is also disarmingly and charmingly swears, with some innocently-delivered, brash subject matter and scathing one-liners.

Angie compers the night, geeing up the audience and welcoming the four other

acts on stage. Cornishman Matt Price tells a good story, and drops in some groan-inducing puns. Harry Potter look-a-like Chris Chopping is a likeable comic who delivers a slick funny set. Cressida Wetton is determined to prove she's not as posh as she sounds, and tells some convincing office-life jokes. Bob Wildlife is a snitty animal-handler character with a chip on his shoulder and a badger in his arms.

Zion is a great little venue which deserves our support. Tickets for Comedy Depot nights are a remarkably affordable £5 and I shall definitely go again. Every month there'll be different acts, with different styles, but – ah! Lucky us! – there will always be Angie!

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• Next date: Friday August 19, a special Summer Cabaret Depot
• zionbristol.co.uk



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Saturday August 13

Sale of books ("all pre-read and cheap!"), bric-a-brac and cakes, 10-12am at Knowle Methodist Church, junction of Wells Road and Redcatch Road. Proceeds to Homeless Day Centre at Barton Hill and church funds.

The Big 'Un music night at Windmill Hill community centre, Vivian Street. Takes place the second Saturday of every month, 8pm-late. Tonight's genre: rock and pop. Next month: Motown.
• whca.org.uk

Sunday August 14

Vintage kilo sale of clothing, Paintworks, Bath Road, Totterdown. Trade hour 10am-11am. Early-bird admission £3 11am-12pm, £1.50 after 12pm. The UK's largest vintage clothing wholesaler will be bringing 5 tonnes of clothing, including accessories and jewellery. Pick what you like, weigh it and pay £15 per kilo.
• paintworksbristol.co.uk

Monday August 15

Farm and Bushcraft holiday club, 9am-3pm, Windmill Hill City Farm, Philip Street, Bedminster. "Sign up for a day of challenging activities on the farm. Go behind the scenes to feed the animals and help our farm team. Create dens, make fires and learn bushcraft skills

in the woodland area. Bring a packed lunch, waterproofs and wellies." For ages 8 to 12. £25.

• windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk

Thursday August 18

Flower arranging with Lizzie Valentine. Zion Bristol in Bishopsworth Road hosts a session on making a floral crown or head circlet. 7.30-9pm, £20. "Lizzie will give step-by-step guidance and you will take home a beautiful arrangement."
• zionbristol.co.uk

Friday August 19

Four Fighters The Tunnels, Temple Meads. Foo Fighters tribute band who have appeared at tribute festivals in the UK, Ireland, mainland Europe, United Arab Emirates and South America. 7.30pm, £10.
• thetunnelsbristol.co.uk

Saturday August 20

A Foreigners Journey Tribute to the adult-orientated rock of Foreigner and Journey. The Tunnels, Temple Meads. 7.30pm, £10.
• thetunnelsbristol.co.uk

Thursday August 25

Franklin Mint + Hierarchy + Sirens Of Titan The Thunderbolt, Bath Road, Totterdown. Expect freaky prog metal from Franklin Mint, billed as "one of Bristol's rock oddities" after air play on BBC 6 Music's

Freak Zone with Stuart Maconie, and recently supporting Evil Scarecrow on tour. Hierarchy are described as chain gang punk and Sirens Of Titan as dirty robot rock. 7.30pm, £5.
• thethunderbolt.net

Friday August 26

Quiz and supper night at Windmill Hill community centre, Vivian Street. Held on the last Friday of every month, 8.30pm-late.

• whca.org.uk

A Night of Lead Belly

The Thunderbolt, Bath Road, Totterdown. An evening of blues, country, folk and rock 'n' roll in celebration of the life and music of Huddie Ledbetter, including a short documentary, while Bristol bands Urban Cohorts, Ponchartrain, Will Edmunds Trio and The Lewis Creaven Band perform their takes on some of Lead Belly's most popular tunes. All proceeds will go towards helping to support and keep open some of Bristol's autistic out of school clubs. 7.30pm, £5.
• thethunderbolt.net

Thursday September 1

Haze EP launch + Stone Theory + Silverfield + Peter Pan Syndrome The Thunderbolt, Bath Road, Totterdown. 7.15pm, £5.
• thethunderbolt.net

Trainspotting The stage version of the cult novel and film by Irvine Welsh returns to Bristol in this Tobacco Factory production in the memorable location of the Loco Club under Temple Meads station. The first, extended run in April sold out; now the same cast are back until September 18. Contains violence, drug use, nudity and swearing, as well as the infamous immersive Worst Toilet in Scotland scene: not for the faint-hearted. Do not wear your best clothes. Tickets £14 & £10 until September 4, £16 and £12 September 5-18.
• tobaccofactorytheatres.com

Saturday September 3

Saltcellar folk club 7.30pm. Jez Lowe, nominated for best singer and for best song at the 2015 BBC Folk Awards. Club meets on the first Saturday of each month (not August) in the basement (or salt cellar) of Totterdown Baptist Church on Wells Road, BS4 2AX. Admission £5. "The club invites good quality folk and acoustic acts from Bristol and surrounding counties to headline each month. In addition, each evening includes local floor singers and musicians. Floor acts should make themselves known on arrival."
• jezwowe.com

• saltcellarfolk.org.uk