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## Crystal's Vardo Rolls Into Woolavington

**Friday 20 May:** *Crystal's Vardo* by Suzanna King tells the story of the Romani community in England. It will play at Woolavington Village Hall on Friday 10 June for one night only. Coinciding with Gypsy-Romani-Traveller History month, the play puts a spotlight on that history from the point of view of a modern girl discovering her heritage.

Join Crystal as she travels through time on an extraordinary journey through Romani history. Brimming with a wealth of colourful characters, humour, music and storytelling, *Crystal's Vardo* brings to life the rich tapestry of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller history and culture. This is a time travelling experience you will not forget!

The performance was created by Friends, Families and Travellers and is presented by Seed. Phil Shepherd of Seed says *"This is a wonderful piece of theatre, suitable for all ages, and with the potential to bring people closer together. Seed is thrilled to bring it to the Polden Villages and we hope it can start a conversation about what kind of creative activities our local communities might like to do for themselves and how we can help to make that happen."*

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start and the play runs for one hour followed by a Q&A session with the cast. The performances will be offered on a 'pay what you feel' basis where you can choose any amount per person to donate towards the cost of the performance.

### **Performance Details:**

#### ***Crystal's Vardo***

Woolavington Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington, Somerset, TA7 8D

Friday 10 June 2022, 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: available at the door or in advance via Eventbrite at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crystals-vardo-tickets-339985454647>

Charge: Free – please pay what you feel as a donation

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## IMAGES



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### Seed Sedgemoor

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**Seed** is a Consortium of local organisations comprising:

- Homes in Sedgemoor,
- Community Council for Somerset,
- Bridgwater Senior Citizens Forum,
- Somerset Film;
- Young Somerset and
- Bridgwater Town Council.

We believe that arts, culture and creativity are not elite activities, but should be an ordinary part of everyday life, created by, with and for the people. This can be achieved in partnerships with artists in all forms of the creative arts, working in response to the collective imagination and reflecting the things that are important to the communities of Sedgemoor. We seek to make creative arts, culture and heritage part of everyday life in Sedgemoor by growing new opportunities for its people to participate, create and celebrate.

**Seed** is part of Arts Council England's **Creative People and Places** programme (**CPP**). Creative People and Places is about more people taking the lead in choosing, creating and taking part in arts and culture

experiences in the places where they live. There are 33 projects, each located in a place where people are least likely to engage with arts and culture. We've committed £108 million to the programme so far, covering 33 Projects, 33 Places, 30 consortia and 45 local authorities. Since 2013, there have been 4.5 million engagements with the CPP programme and 86% of people who participate in weren't previously engaging regularly with arts and culture.

[www.creativepeopleplaces.org.uk](http://www.creativepeopleplaces.org.uk)

[www.artscouncil.org.uk/creative-people-and-places/creative-people-and-places-projects](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/creative-people-and-places/creative-people-and-places-projects)

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