



30 days in June over 200 events

theatre, fringe, visual arts, literature, sports, music, dance, fayres, nature & the best setting a Festival could have

10TH ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 08

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This year the North Devon Festival celebrates its 10th Anniversary in style with an expanded programme including even more special commissions and innovations.

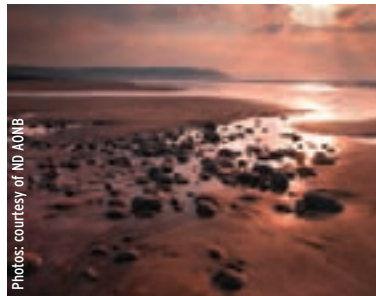
When the Festival began in 1999, it ran for 16 days involving just 27 events; now it has become an amazing large scale 'festival of festivals', spanning the whole of June and featuring over 200 events in hundreds of locations throughout the region.

What makes the Festival so special is the mix of top-quality arts and entertainment, the familiar and eagerly anticipated blockbuster events and the variety of community involvement throughout the region, all set against the most spectacular landscape and coastline that any festival could offer.

North Devon Festival
Queen's Theatre,
Boutport Street, Barnstaple,
North Devon EX31 1SY

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42
northdevonfestival.org

Beaches, moors, rivers, woods, parks, villages



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The best setting a Festival could offer...

The North Devon Festival is set amidst amazing locations in a region that boasts the first UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Britain.

A Biosphere Reserve is so much more than just a nature reserve or a line drawn on a map. It's an area recognised for its exceptional natural habitat supporting animals and marine life, where plants flourish and where people enjoy this environment in a harmonious and supportive way.

Here in North Devon we realise the importance of

our environment and how it underpins our culture. It has inspired literature and art, reveals our history through the patterns of its fields, rivers and woods, provides waves to ride and locally distinctive produce to eat and drink. For 30 days the North Devon Festival celebrates this vibrant cultural life.

So whether you find yourself amongst the wild

beauty of Exmoor, the lush fields of the Ruby Country, miles of glorious coastline in our Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty or a bustling traditional market town; with a rich variety of venues there is always an event close to you - see the Festival map p35.



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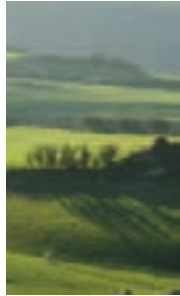
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and towns - are all the stage of the North Devon Festival



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or visit: carsharedevon.com

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Stagecoach DEVON
Barnstaple: 01271 329089
Exeter: 01392 427711
Torbay: 01803 664500
or visit stagecoachbus.com

National Rail enquiries
Tel: 08457 484950

North Devon Shopmobility & Leisuremobility
Tel: 01271 328866
or visit gonorthdevon.co.uk

Visiting North Devon

In addition to the Festival there are many excellent attractions:

Entertainment & theme parks
Museums & heritage centres
Delightful coast & glorious beaches
Stunning countryside
Pannier markets
Restaurants, pubs & hotels
Historic and famous golf courses
Course and game fishing
Market towns & villages

To find out more about North Devon's attractions and accommodation providers, simply visit: northdevon.com

Visit any of North Devon's network of Tourist Information Centres for helpful recommendations.



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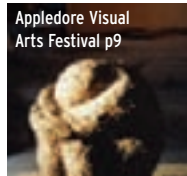


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Angelina's Star Performance

Performed by
English National Ballet



Queen's Theatre,
Barnstaple
Fri 7pm, Sat
1.30pm
& 4.30pm
Admission:
£15, young
person £9.50,
family £45
Box Office:
01271 32 42 42

The little star with big dreams stages her first real live ballet, based on *Angelina at the Palace* by Katherine Holabird.

Angelina has been given the honour of putting on her very own performance for the Queen in her splendid palace. She even

has Princess Valentine to star alongside her in the show. It's Angelina's biggest challenge yet... will she manage to pull it off?

This magical introduction to ballet for children from

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the age of 3 upwards features dazzling sets and costumes. Don't miss this rare treat to see Angelina Ballerina dance her pirouettes and grand jetés for the first time.

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ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET



Fri 30 May

The British Blues Quintet

Starring Maggie Bell, Zoot Money, Miller Anderson, Colin Hodgkinson and Colin Allen

Landmark Pavilion,
Ilfracombe
Time: 8.15pm
Admission: £12.50
Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Maggie Bell, one of the greatest blues and soul singers this country has produced, sings her heart out with fellow rhythm and blues musicians: Zoot Money (keys and vocals), Miller Anderson (guitar & vocals), Colin Hodgkinson

(bass and vocals) and Colin Allen (drums).

These artists are the best in their field and they've performed with some of the greatest names in music over the past 40 years. As a quintet they play a selection of music from those heady, foot stomping days and nights of the 60s. This is a must if you like good music!

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Thurs 29 May - Sun 1 June

Seize the Moment

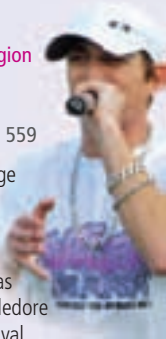
Part of Appledore Visual Arts Festival

Royal British Legion Club, Appledore
Admission: Free
Info: 07773 679 559

An exciting range of youth drop in events and workshops held over four days as part of the Appledore Visual Arts Festival. These workshops are specifically aimed at young people between the ages of 11 - 21 years. This is a great opportunity to try out beat boxing, dance, art and much, much more working alongside Seize-the-Moment artists. It is an opportunity for local young people to showcase their talents. Just turn up.

Seize-the-Moment Ltd is a non-profit making organisation empowering young people through the arts.

seize-the-moment.net
jane@seize-the-moment.net



Mon 26 April - Sat 28 June

Devon Rocks

A family friendly celebration of our area's geology, and how it can inspire us and shape our lives

Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon

Admission: Free

Time: Mon to Sat, 9.30am to 5pm

Info: 01271 346747

Find out about wavellite, North Devon's own mineral, and investigate Devonian fossils with our video microscope. Learn about Devonian rocks, including Delabole slate, and how they have shaped our towns and villages. You can even practise your climbing!

Have a closer look at North Devon's clays and pigments, including Bideford Black. Watch out for other events in the Devon Rocks programme, Devon County Council's range of projects to celebrate the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) in 2008.

In collaboration with Appledore Visual Arts Festival and the North Devon Coast & Countryside Service.



Thurs 29 May - Sun 1 June

Appledore Visual Arts Festival

The first and best annual visual arts festival in the country

Appledore, various locations
Time: 11am to 6pm each day, evening events on 29th, 30th and 31st

Admission: Festival Pass £3, most events free
Advanced booking required for workshops and performances

This year the Festival celebrates its 11th anniversary. Over the years the Festival has grown significantly and is now

recognised as a major high quality arts event with a reputation for an innovative programme.

The theme for 2008 is 'Earth'. Appledore Arts in association with Resurgence will be running a specific programme of events linked to 'Earth, Art and Spirit'. Satish Kumar of Resurgence will open the

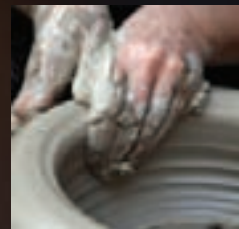
Festival in the Glove Factory at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th May.

The Festival will be a contemporary celebration of the Earth and how we are all inspired and affected by the environments around us.

The programme of exhibitions, events and residencies, educational projects, open studios and workshops involves everyone from internationally known artists to Torridge based craftspeople, children and community groups. The majority of events are free and everyone is encouraged to participate.

To request advance booking leaflet:
info@appledorearts.org
or call 07900 212747

appledorearts.org



Sat 31 May

Guy Barker & Ian Shaw... go to The Movies



Gallery Café, Barnstaple
Time: 8pm
Admission: £9.50
Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Award-winning trumpeter, composer and broadcaster, Guy Barker joins award-winning jazz vocalist, pianist and broadcaster, Ian Shaw to open the Barnstaple Fringe with this intimate performance to celebrate the fabulous force that is 'cinema'. This jazz duo present a

musical babylon through Chaplin, Bogart, Balloo and Bond. Guy's love of the sensual filmic moment, partnered with Ian's musical harmonies create all the drama, comedy and romance of the silver screen.

This is just one in a series of regular Gallery Sessions in the Gallery Café.

Part of Barnstaple Fringe
northdevontheatres.org.uk

1 May - 30 June

AONB Local Life Photographic Competition

Capturing the essence of the local communities in the North Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and North Devon Festival

Photographers of all ages, budding and professional, are invited to grab a camera and capture the essence of local life within the North Devon AONB and the North Devon Festival - a chance to win superb prizes and to be selected for the AONB's Local Life Photographic Exhibition.

All photos must be digital, taken within North Devon's AONB between 1 May and 30 June 2008, and submitted by 6 July 2008 with an entry form via the AONB website.

In selecting the finalists the judges will be looking for images that demonstrate originality, humour or technical expertise. The winners will then be chosen via a public vote from early July to the end of September 2008, with opportunities to vote at the North Devon Show on 6 August or online at:

northdevon-aonb.org.uk
aonb@devon.gov.uk



The four categories are:

Village life - the centre of the community, every-day life, special occasions, festivals, fairs and shows, local personalities.

People at work - from traditional skills and crafts to present vocations or trades.

Hidden treasures - forgotten and special buildings, boundaries, monuments, relics and archaeological sites.

North Devon Festival - Capture the essence of the Festival, the notion of celebration, togetherness, cultural vitality, rural sophistication, culture in the countryside. What does the Festival mean to you?

*Prizes donated by
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A special Festival commission

Sat 31 May - Sun 8 June

Barnstaple Colourscape Festival

A labyrinth of colour, light and music

Castle Green, Barnstaple
Sat & Sun 11am to 4pm
Mon to Fri 12pm to 1pm
Admission: £4, young person £2, family £10
Info: 01271 32 42 42

Last year hundreds of people experienced Colourdome; this year we take you one step further with its big brother, Colourscape. This is the first time this extraordinary walk-in colour environment will have appeared in the South West.

Colourscape is a labyrinth of highly coloured

interconnected chambers. As you enter you are invited to put on a coloured cape to become part of the experience and enter a new world where all the colours of the rainbow are created by natural sunlight.

Both weekends feature a wide range of music performances open to the public, from Balinese Gamelan Ensemble, Kembang Kirang, and contemporary folk to contemporary classical music and local acoustic musicians. Throughout the

week education workshops linking participatory music with colour and light are available for schools in North Devon.

Students from The Park Community School will create an eye-catching display around the perimeter of Colourscape (see p17).

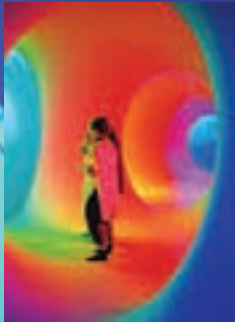
Colourscape is for all ages, appreciated by young and old alike.

Part of Barnstaple Fringe

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Eye Music Trust is funded by the Arts Council England and Performing Rights Society Foundation

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Sat 24 May - Sat 14 June

Animal Vegetable Mineral

Appledore Crafts Company's Festival Exhibition

Appledore Crafts Company

Time: 10am to 5pm

Admission: Free

Info: 01237 423457

The artists' co-operative gives centre stage to four of its members:

leatherworkers **Jon** and **Bridget Stacey**, basketmaker **Mary Melling** and photographer **Bob Seymour**.

Leather, willow, and our everyday world are transformed into objects of desire, to be used or displayed - it's not what you see, but the way that you look at it.

appledorecraftscompany.co.uk
info@appledorecraftscompany.co.uk



Throughout June

The Art of Good Food



A month long celebration of North Devon's local produce

Broomhill Art Hotel

Wed to Sun, 11am to 4pm

Admission: Please visit our website for menus & prices

Info: 01271 850262

A celebration of fresh, organic, fair and genuine local food.

The organisation **Slow Food** is supporting this mouth-watering month by offering up its knowledge and experience to show us how we can counteract our fast-food/fast-life lifestyle.

Broomhill will be displaying Slow Food literature and showcasing a different local food producer each week in June, including tasting sessions and displays. Visitors as always will have the pleasure of discovering new flavours, tastes and traditions with produce from the regions local food producers.

slowfood.org.uk
broomhillart.co.uk
info@broomhillart.co.uk

Sat 31 May & Wed 4 June

The Bahamian Experience

Bringing The Bahamas to Barnstaple

Zena's, Barnstaple

Time: 7pm food, 8.30pm performance

Admission: £30 per person

Booking: 01271 378844

Zena is flying in her musical friends all the way from The Bahamas so that you can experience Bahamian culture first hand.

Immerse yourself in the taste, sights & sounds of The Bahamas this summer with limbo dancing, Junkanoo drumming and a spirit dance from the Obeah Man. Together with Bahamian food, including BBQ Jerk Chicken, palm trees and the warm, friendly atmosphere at Zena's, you will be transported to a tropical paradise island.

zenasrestaurant.com



Throughout June

The Square Picture Show

North Devon Arts, Summer Exhibition

Broomhill Art Hotel

Wed to Sun,
11am to 3.30pm

Admission: Free

Info: 01271 850262

Members of North Devon Arts will be showing an eclectic mix of small, square, affordable artwork. With nothing priced over £150, this is your chance to

buy from some of the area's top artists. Work from this Summer Exhibition can be taken away as soon as you pay, creating an ever-changing show, fresh and full of vigour. One show certainly not to be missed.

northdevonarts.co.uk
chair@northdevonarts.co.uk



Tim Saunders

Part of Art Trek see p45

Throughout June

North Devon Hospice Art

In association with Art Trek

North Devon Hospice

Art Trek and the North Devon Hospice are running a series of art workshops in the Hospice and surrounding gardens throughout June. Patients, their families, friends and supporters, will be working under the guidance of nine different local artists.

Art Exhibition

Foyer, Barnstaple Library

Sat 14 to Sat 28 June

Time: Library opening hours

Admission: Free

Meet the artists:

Thurs 19 to Mon 22,

10.30am and 2.30pm

Artworks created can be viewed at the Library. You will also have the opportunity to meet and talk with the artists involved in this great partnership project. Artworks can also be viewed in other North Devon locations - please see website or local press for details.

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Throughout June

Artists of the Silk Road Sculptures by Laury Dizengremal

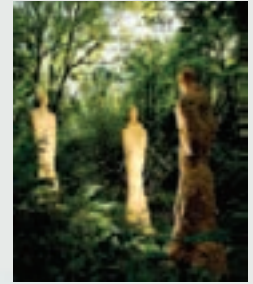
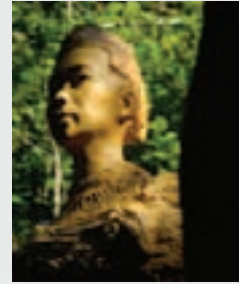
**Broomhill Sculpture
Gardens**

Wed to Sun, 11am to 4pm

**Admission: £4.50,
conc £3.50, young person
£1.50 (15yrs & under),
family £10 (2 adults and
2 young people)**

Info: 01271 850262

'Artists of the Silk Road' is a monumental installation created by the world renowned sculptor Laury Dizengremal. The installation is a follow-on from the current three large 'Artists' sculptures taking its audience further on in the journey.

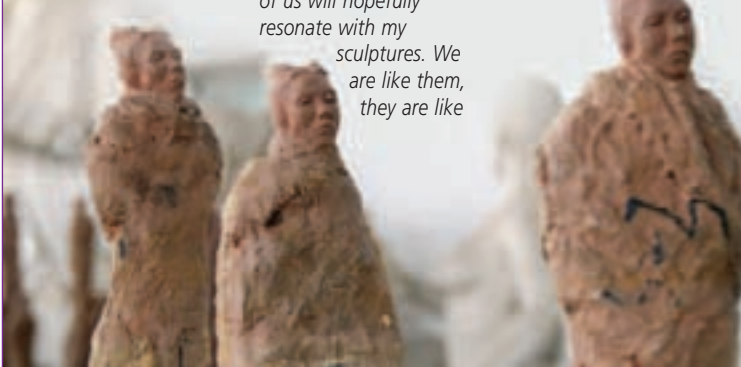


102 resin figures stand on 21 steel platforms and 27 bronze figures stand on 9 bronze platforms located on the flood plain of the Broomhill river.

us. They are individuals, yet they relate. They live, they love, they relate to others.' Laury Dizengremal

broomhillart.co.uk
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'The 'Artist' in every one of us will hopefully resonate with my sculptures. We are like them, they are like



Full details & final line-up in the Barnstaple Fringe leaflet (available from the beginning of May)

Throughout June

Barnstaple Fringe

100 performances in 14 venues

Admission: Free & ticketed events

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

The 5th Barnstaple Fringe is now a very well established strand of the North Devon Festival and in every seeker of adventurous entertainment's diary. It features unconventional performances on the edge, covering a wide spectrum of genres - jazz, folk, country, bluegrass, bhangra, soul, americana, blues, comedy, performance

poetry, fringe theatre and many more - all taking place in familiar locations throughout the town.

Boston Tea Party

Unusual Suspects, Jenna, Boston Tea Party House Band, Dominic Norcross Qrt

Broomhill Art Hotel

Polar Bear



Castle Green

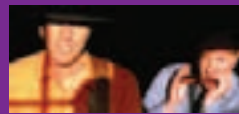
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Blue Soup, Neil Maya Quartet

Gallery Café, Queen's Theatre

Guy Barker and Ian Shaw, The Eduardo Niebla Experience, John Law - The Art of Sound, Rachel Harrington, Led Bib, Polarbear (Apples & Snakes)



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Lilico's

Four special solo acoustic sessions.

Marshalls

Miller Anderson, Ian Siegal, Nigel Bagge & Eddie Armer, Stompin' Dave Allen, Michael Messer and Ed Genis Duo

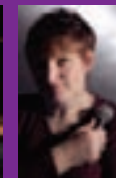


North Country Inn

Rory Ellis Duo, Sean Taylor, Red Dirt

The Olive Branch

Chris Jagger Acoustic Band, Paul Lamb & The King Snakes, Matt Taylor Band, Gary Fletcher Band



Pilton Hall

Wild West Country featuring: John Power, The Left Outsides, The See See & Furlined (see p62)

The Riverfront

Rachel Brand Quartet, Brendon Taylor, Jo Caulfield, Tiernan Douieb, Kit Holmes

Zena's

The Angelo Debarre Quartet, Cuatro Monos, JS Sextet, Pete Canter's October Quintet

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The Factory

Barnstaple's newest music and performance venue

The Factory hosts many North Devon Festival events during June. The Barnstaple Fringe events include:

Courtney Pine, James Taylor Quartet, Toots and The Maytals, Achanak, North Devon Fringe Theatre Festival, Acoustic Tuesday, Glitch Factory, The Summer Sound

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NORTH DEVON JOURNAL

Throughout June

Explore North Devon



At various locations, events, days and times throughout the North Devon Festival

Admission: Free

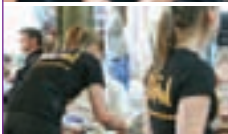
Information: 01271 346747



Over the last year, five North Devon community history groups have been working with the North Devon Record Office and Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon, collecting photographs, oral histories, documents, paintings, poetry and adding them to the website. Now it's your turn as we work with the Festival to add to their 10 years of archives.



Have you any photographs, films or stories to tell of past Festival events? If so, there will be an Explore North Devon Showcase Exhibition at a number of key Festival events and venues including Ilfracombe Victorian Celebration, Witheridge St John's Fair, Extra Extra at Newton Tracey and The Factory.



Explore North Devon is part of the Heritage Lottery funded Archives 4 All phase of Access 2 Archives and is also funded by North Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in partnership with Devon County Council archives, Coast and Countryside Services and North Devon District Council's museums service.

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See Colourscape p11

Throughout June

Flower Power

Part of Barnstaple in Bloom



Barnstaple

Admission: Free

Info: 01271 375348

This year **The Park Community School** present a range of art work based on flower and plant structures. Working closely with the Barnstaple in Bloom team, this range of paintings and sculptures create an eye catching display of vibrant colour around the town and the perimeter of Colourscape.

kphillips@parkcommunity.devon.sch.uk

Throughout June

Children's Art

Part of Barnstaple in Bloom



Green Lanes, Barnstaple

Throughout June

Mon to Sat, 9am to 5.30pm

Sun, 10.30am to 4.30pm

Admission: Free

Info: John Wilsher

01271 374899

An exhibition of children's artwork in various media inspired by the natural environment and particularly by flowers.

barnstapleinbloom.org

[barnstaple.inbloom@](mailto:barnstaple.inbloom@virgin.net)

virgin.net

Sun 1 June

Sports & Classic Car Run and Family Fun Day

A proper great Devon day out!

Edgehill College, Bideford

Time: 11am to 4pm

Admission: £2.50,

young person 50p (under 16)

Info: Application forms for Classic Car Run available from all hospice shops or North Devon Hospice.

A fantastic event for car enthusiasts of all ages. The cars take one of two scenic routes through some of North Devon's most picturesque places, before ending at Edgehill College to join in the fun displays and activities for all the family. Drool at the cars, cruise the attractions and enjoy some of Devon's finest foods and crafts.

northdevonhospice.org.uk

fundraising@northdevonhospice.org.uk



Sun 1 June

Carlo Curley

Organ Spectacular

Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Great Torrington

Time: 3pm, doors open 2pm

Admission: £10

The world famous American concert organist Carlo Curley has dedicated his life to blowing the cobwebs out of the organ loft and playing music to suit all tastes. Here he is playing the Mighty Willis, one of the finest organs in any Parish Church in the country.

Other June concerts at the church:

Charity Concert - Barnstaple and Brixham Male Voice Choirs

Sat 14 June, 7pm

Concert of English Organ Music - Greg Abrahams

Sat 28 June, 7.30pm

great-torrington.org.uk
carlo.com



Sun 1 June

John Law

The Art of Sound



Gallery Café, Barnstaple

Time: 8pm

Admission: £7.50

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Prize-winning pianist John Law's new trio features the in-demand and much-travelled bass-player **Sam Burgess** and, from Gilad Atzmon's group, the world-class drummer **Asaf Sirkis**. Law has moved easily from classical music to jazz, inviting comparisons with Brad Mehldau's approach,

but his beautiful and lyrical compositions are distinctly his own.

The trio have wowed audiences across the UK and Europe and their debut album is receiving outstanding reviews.

'John Law is a hidden treasure of the UK jazz scene' The Guardian

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northdevontheatres.org.uk

A Plough Arts Centre and RHS Rosemoor event

Sun 1 June

Blowin' the Blues

Paul Jones & Digby Fairweather's Half Dozen

RHS Rosemoor, Great Torrington

Time: 7.30 pm

Admission: £20,

conc & RHS members £18,

Plough supporters £16

Box Office: 01805 624 624

Digby Fairweather's Half Dozen have been described as relaxed, witty and amazingly accomplished. For two consecutive years they have been voted best small group at

the Birmingham Jazz Awards. They have collaborated with R'n'B legend Paul Jones to produce this dynamic new show. Blowin' the Blues combines exciting new forays in the jazz genre with jubilant recreations of the hits which turned Paul into a pop icon back in the 1960s with Manfred Mann.

plough-arts.org



Mon 2 to Sat 7 June

Blood Brothers

BILL KENWRIGHT PRESENTS

WILLY RUSSELL'S

BLOOD Brothers

Queen's Theatre,
Barnstaple
Mon to Sat eves
7.30pm
Thurs & Sat mats
2.30pm

Admission:
Mon to Thurs
eves: stalls/dress
circle £25.50
(£23.50), upper circle
£23.50 (£21.50)

Fri & Sat eve: stalls/dress
circle £29.50 (£27.50),
upper circle £27.50
(£25.50)

Matinees: £19.50
Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Hailed by critics as one
of the best musicals of
all time, Blood Brothers
has triumphed around



the world. Scooping up
no less than four awards
for Best Musical in
London, seven Tony
nominations on
Broadway, whilst
continuing to receive a
standing ovation at every

performance, Blood
Brothers is now in its
21st phenomenal year
in the West End.

Set in Willy Russell's
native Liverpool, it
tells the captivating
and moving tale of
twin boys, separated
at birth and flung to
opposite ends of the
social spectrum, only to
be re-united by a twist of
fate and a mother's
haunting secret.

*'Devastating... a
masterpiece. If you
haven't seen it, go. If
you have, go again'* News
of the World

northdevontheatres.org.uk

Wed 4 June

Shore Safari

Cliffs, shores, sea & wildlife



**Barricane Beach,
Woolacombe**
Meeting at the top of the
beach at 11am to 1pm
Info: 01271 812789

Join the Coast Team and
North Devon Coastwise for
a Festival Shore Safari.
North Devon has some of
the finest rocky shores in
the country that are home
to lots of amazing wildlife.
It's not just crabs and
blennies, we have plenty of
beautiful anemones and
weird animals - you just
need help to find them.

Accompanied children only.
Wear appropriate footwear
and clothing. Bad weather,
slide show 11am in
Methodist Church Hall.

p.s.ferris@btinternet.com

Mon 2 to Mon 30 June

Bespoke

North Devon School of
Art Graduate Show

**The Goodwin Gallery,
North Devon School of Art**
Mon to Fri, 9.30am to 4pm
Admission: Free
Information: 01271 852341

This is the first major show
at The Goodwin Gallery
and the North Devon
School of Art. Thirty
graduates and Foundation
Diploma students will be

showing ceramics,
illustration and fine art
works, representing a
culmination of their years
of study. The exhibition
embraces contemporary
and traditional issues
relating to the individual's
specific areas of practice
and will provide a thought
provoking and enjoyable
exhibition experience.

ndevon.ac.uk/ke
pnewell@ndevon.ac.uk



Wed 4 June

Polar Bear



Broomhill Art Hotel
Time: 8pm
Admission: £15 including Mediterranean Tapas buffet
Booking essential:
01271 850262

One of the F-ire Collective's success stories, Mercury Music Prize nominees Polar Bear combine the fervour of free jazz with the intensity of punk and are the most exciting development for years in post-jazz music.

Their unusual line-up features two tenor saxophones, bass and

drums. Though a twin tenor frontline may sound risky, Pete Wareham's boisterous playing blends and contrasts with the measured sound of Mark Lockheart, whilst Seb Rochford's drums and Tom Herbert's bass grooves really get you in the chest. Together they defy categorisation and cross boundaries.

Part of Barnstaple Fringe

broomhillart.co.uk
polarbearmusic.com
info@broomhillart.co.uk

Thurs 5 June

Cook Island Festival Purple Mike

Live music in a warm friendly atmosphere

Cook Island, Mullacott Cross
Time: 8pm
Admission: Free

As usual, hosting this event will be the established Average Blues Band and in addition some excellent local solo singers, duos, bands, (electric and unplugged), from all over North Devon. The large room and bar has plenty of seating for the audience, plenty of room for performers, plus excellent acoustics. Don't miss this night of outstanding local talent.

redshoesmusic.com
redshoesmusic@btinternet.com



Thurs 5 June

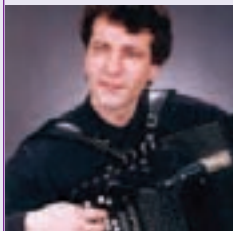
Alexander Korbakov

Russian master of the accordion

The Plough Arts Centre
Time: 8pm
Admission: £8, conc £7, supporters £6
Box Office: 01805 624 624 or 622552 (School Workshop)

Alexander Korbakov began studying the bayan (Russian accordion) at the St. Petersburg Conservatoire in 1980. He regularly performs with the Russian State Concert Orchestra and has received acclaim as a soloist in many European countries. This special performance, on a rare trip to the UK, features works by Bach, Beethoven and Russian composers.

plough-arts.org



Thurs 5 to Sat 7 June

Ivan Pollard

Watercolours

The Guildhall, Barnstaple
Time: 10am to 5pm
Admission: Free

The Open University supported Ivan's interest in art and tuition with John Hoar providing the foundations. Now six years later watercolours are his passion, landscapes and seascapes are his main subjects. He exhibits with the Bishops Tawton Mixed Media Group which he helped found and also exhibits in their main shows. Oil paintings also make an appearance.



Fri 6 June

Led Zep Too

The return of the best Zep tribute



The Marlboro, Ilfracombe
Time: 8pm
Admission: advance £6
Booking: 01271 863001

Led Zep Too have achieved an imitation that is so faithful, so accurate and so passionate, that they make many other tribute bands seem redundant and trampled underfoot. They capture the very essence of Led Zeppelin, whilst adding their own magic to the mix.

myspace.com/ledzeppelintributecouk
myspace.com/themarlbocorclub

Fri 6 & Thurs 12 June

Starting in Art

Workshops for budding artists using traditional and innovative techniques

Broomhill Art Hotel

Admission: £5 per person per workshop plus small charge for materials

Booking essential: Devon Adult & Community Learning 01271 864171

An exciting new event aimed at people who would like to be creative, but who haven't had the courage to start. You will learn in a supportive environment with a qualified tutor. Each workshop has been designed to encourage you to develop those latent talents.

Fri 6 June

Can't Draw - Want to Draw! (beginners)
10.30am to 12.30pm
Introduction to Pastels
Drawing and using colour
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Thurs 12 June

Environmental Art
Coiled grass forms
10.30am to 12.30pm
Making a ground sculpture/ picture
1.30pm to 4.30pm

devon.gov.uk/adultlearning
adilfracombe-mailbox@devon.gov.uk



Fri 6 June

A Baroque Musical Feast: Duo Dorado

Music for violin & harpsichord



Chittlehampton Church

Time: 7.30pm, supper 6.15pm (pre-book)
Admission: £10 inc supper, £7 concert
Booking: 01769 540581 or 540887

A sparkling evening of music from eighteenth-century Europe by Vivaldi and his contemporaries, including the ever-popular 'Spring' and 'Summer' from Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons' & work by Handel, Scarlatti & Corelli arranged for violin & harpsichord. We advise bringing a cushion.

beaford-arts.org.uk
chumpchurches.org.uk
events@chumpchurches.org.uk

The Factory - see p16

Fri 6 June

Achanak

A powerful force in world music

The Factory, Barnstaple

Time: 8pm

Admission: £9.50 (standing), 18+ Book for both Achanak and Courtney Pine and only pay £25
Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Following Achanak's uplifting hit performance at the 2007 North Devon Folk Festival, this dynamic group of musicians return to North Devon to raise the roof of The Factory.

A six piece bhangra band, Achanak perform an energetic

fusion of asian and western beats. They have received numerous awards for their unforgettable live performances as well as achieving platinum sales on all of their albums. Achanak have also toured extensively and performed at all the major festivals in the UK and Europe.

Part of Barnstaple Fringe

northdevontheatres.org.uk
thefactoryonline.co.uk



Fri 6, Sat 7, Fri 13 & Sun 15 June

The Canterbury Tales

Presented by Lord Basil's Reformers

Welcombe Village Hall

Fri 6, 7.30pm
Info: 01288 331796 (bar)

West Down Village Hall

Sat 7, 7.30pm
Info: 01271 866396 (bar)

The gardens at Croft, Winkleigh

Fri 13, 7.30pm
Info: 01837 83209
Refreshments available

Loxhore playing fields

Sun 15, 5pm,
gates open 4pm
Info: 01271 850279

Admission: £6, young person (12-16) £3, under 12s free

A new, vigorous telling of six of Chaucer's classic stories by the Pilton based drama group. Come with your blankets and chairs to share Chaucer's take on life, warts and all, as you watch the travellers' stories unfold. Treachery, lust and avarice are writ large in this testament to the human condition. Profits will be shared between the local village halls & Beaford Arts. All performances are outside, but there is an indoor alternative at each venue.

beaford-arts.co.uk



Fri 6 June

The Two Noble Kinsmen



Presented by
Cygnet Theatre

A Plough Arts Centre event, outdoors at Torrington 1646

Time: 7.30pm
Admission: £8, conc £7, supporters £6, pre-booked school groups £5

Box Office: 01805 624 624

Is all fair in love and war? Athens is at war with Thebes. After a battle, two captured Theban soldiers, brothers in arms, cousins in blood, become rivals for a woman's love and strain the bonds of friendship to breaking point, in this romantic gem filled with chivalry, treachery and passion.

plough-arts.org

Fri 6 to Sun 8 June

Smash Boyz

Dance and physical theatre spectacle

The Woodlands, Hollerday Hill, Lynton

Fri 1pm (schools),
Sat 8pm and Sun 6pm

Admission: Free, but tickets must be pre-booked through the Box Office due to limited numbers.

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Following three successful years of site specific dance projects, the Smash Boyz return with another unforgettable cutting edge performance. From March

through to June the boys take part in a number of workshops which incorporate the use of free running, contemporary dance, physical theatre, production design and media, led by artistic director **Sarah Shorten** of **Stacked Wonky**.

This year the Smash Boyz create work in an outdoor natural space, in contrast to last year's hi-tech

industrial performance at The Factory. Set in the Lynton woods the boys create a world of their own, to which you are invited as part of the performance.

Assemble at Lynton Town Hall 15 mins prior to the performance, to be escorted to the performance location.

A North Devon Theatres' education production

northdevontheatres.org.uk



Fri 6 June

Night Flights

Late night wildlife safari - see which animals work the night shift

Puffing Billy, Torrington on the Tarka Trail

Time: 9.30pm to 11.30pm approx

Admission: Free

Booking essential:
01237 423655

Join us for a nocturnal adventure along the Tarka Trail, near Torrington. Listen to the bats with our bat detector and see the moths attracted to our light.



Total distance 2 miles max. Level easy walking. Bring a torch and a sense of adventure.

northdevonbiosphere.org.uk
ndccs@devon.gov.uk

Fri 6 to Sat 28 June

Print Inc - Exhibition

The Plough Arts Centre, Great Torrington

Tues to Sat 10am to 10.30pm

Admission: Free

Print Inc is an exhibition showcasing the eclectic talent of the members and course participants at Double Elephant Print Workshops. They have a strong grounding in the traditional methods of producing original print combined with the creative freedom to experiment.

Double Elephant Print Workshops

Wed 11, 10am to 1pm
Demonstration and workshop for adults £12
Sat 14, 10am to 12.30pm

Family workshop £8

Booking essential:
01805 624 624

Learn print making skills and techniques with the team from Double Elephant Print Workshops, all materials and press equipment supplied.

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Sat 7 June

The Lady of Burma

The powerful story of a political heroine

The Plough Arts Centre,
Great Torrington

Time: 8pm

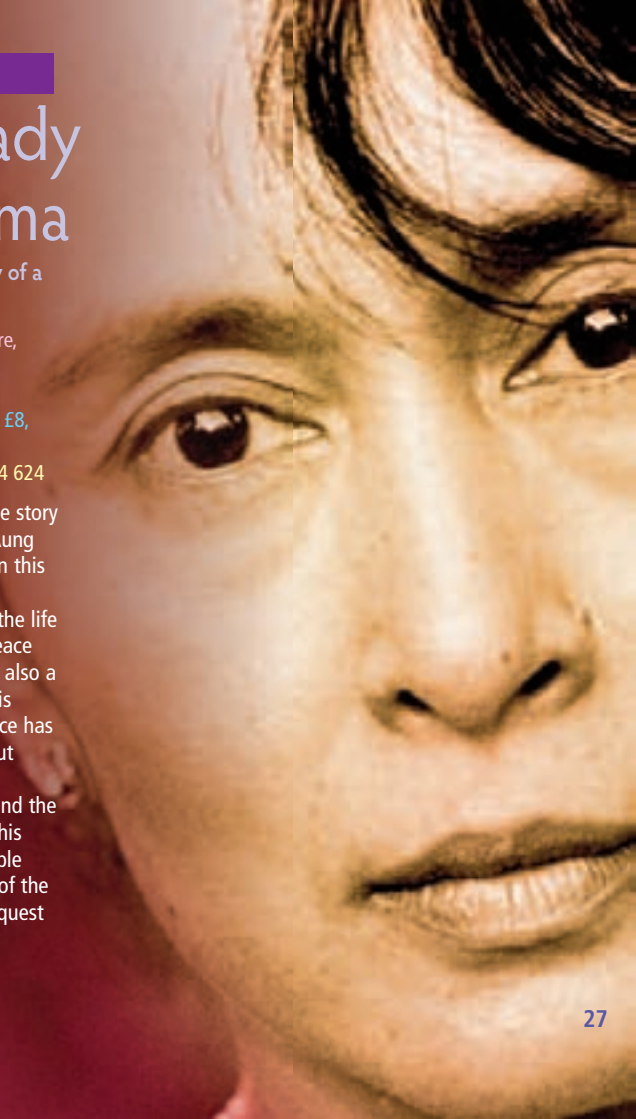
Admission: £10, conc £8, supporters £7

Box Office: 01805 624 624

The inspirational true story of Burmese leader Aung San Suu Kyi is told in this compelling solo performance about the life of the only Nobel Peace Prize winner, who is also a political prisoner. This powerful performance has already made sell-out appearances at the Edinburgh Festival and the Old Vic in London. This show is an unmissable hymn to the power of the human spirit in the quest for freedom.

A James Seabright production

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Sat 7 to Sat 15 June

Ilfracombe Victorian Celebration

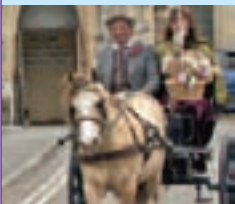
8 Days of Victorian Exuberance

Ilfracombe

Daily from 10am

Admission: Many free events some ticketed

Booking: 07929 923457



Join in with this unique event celebrating Ilfracombe's Victorian heyday. Dressing up is not obligatory, but such fun, and Queen Victoria oversees all. A variety of events will be taking place all over Ilfracombe. A protest from the noisy suffragettes on Thursday 12th June, will no doubt incense the gentlemen who will turn out in force to decry them. Free souvenir programmes are available at various shops, Ilfracombe Tourist

Information Centre at the Landmark or stop a passing Victorian laden with literature. You will not want to miss the parades, bands, miniature horses, theatricals and much more.

Sat 7, first parade along the High Street.
Sun 15, last parade along the sea front.
Sun 15, Ilfracombe Town Criers Competition.

ilfracombevictoriancelebration.org.uk



Sat 7 June

Carriage Driving Experience Day

Try out true horsepower!

Arlington Court

Time: 10.30am to 3.30pm

Admission: £45, includes 2 course lunch

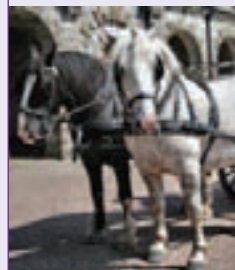
Booking essential:

01271 850296

Spend the day with our expert Head Coachman and groom as you master the art of driving a real horse-powered vehicle and discover more about the fascinating history of carriage driving. The day will suit beginners or those with some experience.

nationaltrust.org.uk

arlingtoncourt@nationaltrust.org.uk



Sat 7 June

Rolling Stones at Westward Ho!

A journey through time looking at the geology and landforms in North Devon

Seaford car park, Westward Ho!

Time: 10am to 3pm

Admission: Free

Booking: 01237 423655

'Satisfaction' guaranteed as we stroll back in time beyond the 1960s when rock's dinosaurs ruled the Earth, to a time of great lakes, enormous river deltas, towering mountains, hot deserts...and all at Westward Ho!. Have you an unhealthy interest in 300 million year old fish poo, or ever fancied learning how to bend rock? Then this is the walk for you.

A fascinating event for all the family.

This walk includes some uneven terrain so suitable footwear is advisable.

northdevonbiosphere.org.uk
ndccs@devon.gov.uk

Sat 7 June

Musical Youth III

Showcasing North Devon's talented young bands



Croyde Village Hall

Time: all day

Admission: £2 on the door

Hot on the heels of last summer's previous events Musical Youth III presents a day of great live music and skateboarding competitions. The day will feature some of North Devon's most talented young artists, such as Ellie Campbell, The Chimps with Lipstick, Moo Young Moon, Deluded and many more.

croydevillagehall.info

The Factory - see p16

Sat 7 June

The Summer Sound

The best in youth music

The Factory, Barnstaple

Time: 1pm to 5pm, 6pm to late

Admission: day £2, evening £4

Info: 01271 373311

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

As part of the North Devon Festival the Barnstaple Youth Council presents The Summer Sound. A music festival showcasing young bands from indie to rock. The only place to be this summer.

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thefactoryonline.co.uk

northdevontheatres.org.uk

thelocalchannel.co.uk/barnstapletowncouncil

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youthcouncil@barnstapletowncouncil.co.uk



Part of Ilfracombe Victorian Celebration

Sat 7 June

On the Stage and Off

Starring Rodney Bewes

Landmark Theatre, Ilfracombe

Time: 8.15pm

Admission: £12.50, conc £11

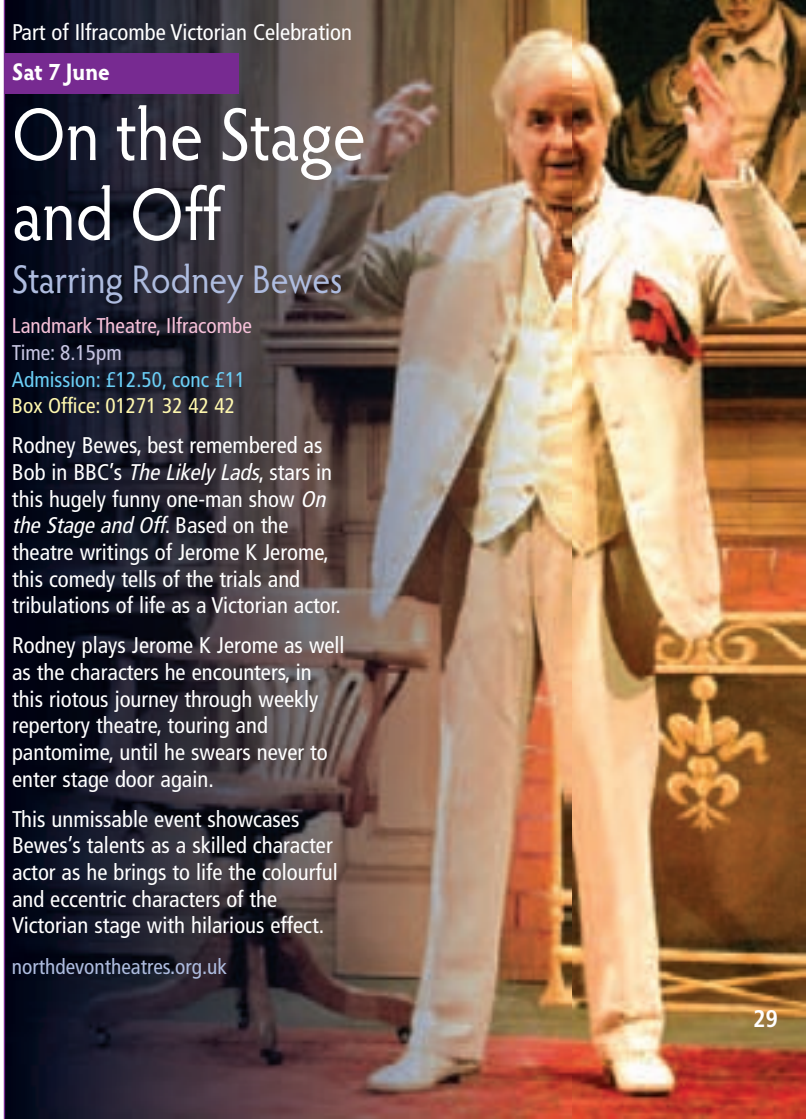
Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Rodney Bewes, best remembered as Bob in BBC's *The Likely Lads*, stars in this hugely funny one-man show *On the Stage and Off*. Based on the theatre writings of Jerome K Jerome, this comedy tells of the trials and tribulations of life as a Victorian actor.

Rodney plays Jerome K Jerome as well as the characters he encounters, in this riotous journey through weekly repertory theatre, touring and pantomime, until he swears never to enter stage door again.

This unmissable event showcases Bewes's talents as a skilled character actor as he brings to life the colourful and eccentric characters of the Victorian stage with hilarious effect.

northdevontheatres.org.uk



Sat 7 June

Artavian Baroque

Acis & Galatea, GF Handel



Marwood Church near Barnstaple

Time: 7.30pm

Admission: £12.50

Booking: John Marston
01271 323202

Handel's popular dramatic piece tells the story of the love of the shepherd Acis for the beautiful Galatea, and his murder at the hands of the monster Polyphemus. The Artavian Baroque Orchestra, Artavian singers and soloists join together to tell the tale.

Pre-concert supper available at Marwood Hill Gardens.
Booking essential: 01271 342528

artavian.baroque@gmail.com

Sat 7 June

North Devon Community Gospel Choir

Fund raising concert

Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple

Time: 7.30pm

Admission: £5

Booking: 01271 831448

This is a special event to raise funds to support a local youth group who are going to Tanzania in August 2008. Whilst in Tanzania the youth group will provide much needed help in both a school and orphanage. Come and support this worthy cause. Refreshments available.



Sun 8 June

Ruby Run Half Marathon

4 The Square, Holsworthy

Time: 10.30am

Admission: £10 affiliated, £12 non affiliated

Info: 01409 259001

This is the 6th Ruby Run Half Marathon between Holsworthy and Hatherleigh. Entry fees are £10 for affiliated runners and £12 for non affiliated, £12 and £14 on the day. There will be a team event so why not get a group together and run a few miles each. Walkers welcome.

rubyrun.co.uk

transport@ntcta.org.uk



Sun 8 June

Extra Extra

Read All About It



Lovacott Village Hall, near Newton Tracey

Time: 12pm to 4pm

Admission: £2, young person 50p

Booking: 01271 858698

Come and read original and copy newspapers, from 1900 through to the present day. Read all the major headlines as they happened, from the Titanic to Tony Blair. There will also be comics from days gone by. An excellent informative day for all ages.

standard@tinyworld.co.uk

Sun 8 June

Devon Coast To Coast Challenge

Sponsored cycling challenge through the finest countryside Devon has to offer

Starting at Landmark Theatre, Ilfracombe

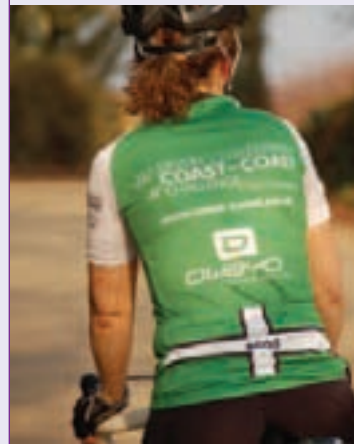
Time: 8am start

Admission: £10 per person, plus min £50 sponsorship

Booking: via website

The 5th Devon Coast-Coast Challenge will see riders from all over the country pedal from Ilfracombe to Teignmouth. Two specially designed challenges will allow cyclists to ride on the road at their own pace. Glorious landscapes, great atmosphere, and raising vital funds for North Devon Hospice.

coast-coast.co.uk



Sun 8 June

Wildlife Festival

Devon Wildlife Trust's Big Wild Party

Barnstaple Pannier Market

Time: 10am to 4pm

Admission: Free

Wildlife is coming to town! There will be birds and bugs, mammals and marine life at the Devon Wildlife Trust Wildlife Festival. Wildlife does not just live in the countryside and there will be opportunities to explore the wild plants and animals that already

live in the town as well as those from around the county.

There are activities for all ages, as well as meeting the creatures, you can make some wild crafts, find out how to help wildlife in your garden and play wildlife games. A great family day out.

devonwildlifetrust.org
contactus@devonwildlifetrust.org



The Factory - see p16

Tues 10 June

Acoustic Tuesday

The finest homegrown acoustic talent

The Factory, Barnstaple

Time: 8pm

Admission: £5

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

An evening of acoustic singer songwriters featuring **Pete Bruntnell, Tom 'Silver Fox' Nordon, Jim Jones and Dave Little.**

Compared to the likes of Neil Young with a hint of Pink Floyd, Pete's exquisite blues folk writing makes him 'one of England's best kept musical secrets' Rolling Stone. Tom has had a varied career as an Edgar Broughton Band guitarist, studio engineer, songwriter and teacher.

Jim has performed at Glastonbury Festival, supported Suzanne Vega and is recording his first solo album. Dave, an accomplished musician, appears in many guises, accompanying the above and solo.

Part of *Barnstaple Fringe*

thefactoryonline.co.uk



Tues 10 June

Rachel Harrington

Acoustic americana

Gallery Café, Queen's Theatre

Time: 8pm

Admission: £7.50

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Rachel Harrington has been doing things in the wrong order for quite some time. She had extensive radio airplay before performing her first live solo show, and opened several concerts for Grammy winners before her debut album, *The Bootlegger's Daughter*, became a top-shelf spin on Bob Harris's renowned BBC radio show.

Reared among the Pentecostal pines of Oregon, Rachel represents a new generation of singer-songwriters who carefully craft songs that cross folk, country and bluegrass genres. Rachel's evocative vocals and gifted songwriting, coupled with duo partner and multi-



instrumentalist Zak Borden on vocals, mandolin and guitar, create a deep and haunting sound.

Harrington's new album is due out May, 2008.

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A special Festival commission

Tues 10 June

The Station

Presented by Bash Street Theatre

The Landmark Green,
Ilfracombe

Time: 6pm

Admission: Free

Info: 01271 32 42 42

Masters of physical theatre and silent movie stunts, the Bash Street Theatre company return to North Devon with this specially commissioned hour-long, silent show with a European flavour.

Set in a dilapidated railway station in the age of steam locomotives The Station involves a gang of art thieves who are on

the search for some stolen masterpieces which have been delivered accidentally to a remote railway station.

Be prepared for a dramatic train crash, a dare-devil rescue and some great comedy action, combined with an original soundtrack from this award-winning street theatre company.

Part of Ilfracombe Victorian Celebration

bashstreet.co.uk

Funded by Arts Council England



Wed 11 June

Linking Music and Art

North Devon Arts

Broomhill Art Hotel

Time: 8pm

Admission: £4 non-members

Info: 01271 850262

A special evening hosted by North Devon Arts, with musical instrument maker, **Tony Benson**, musician friends Babelfish and plenty of artists making up this informal gathering. The evening will centre on the relationship between the visual arts and music.

northdevonarts.co.uk
chair@northdevonarts.co.uk



Tues 10 & Wed 11 June

Tag Rugby Festival

Great fun and prizes



Barnstaple Rugby Club

Time: 10am to 3pm

Admission: Spectators: Free

Information: Nathan Kelly
01271 338112

Now in its 15th year, the Tag Rugby Festival attracts over 450 children from North Devon primary schools.

The winners on each day enter a play-off for the honour of representing North Devon in the Devon Youth Games. Organised by the first year sports students at North Devon College.

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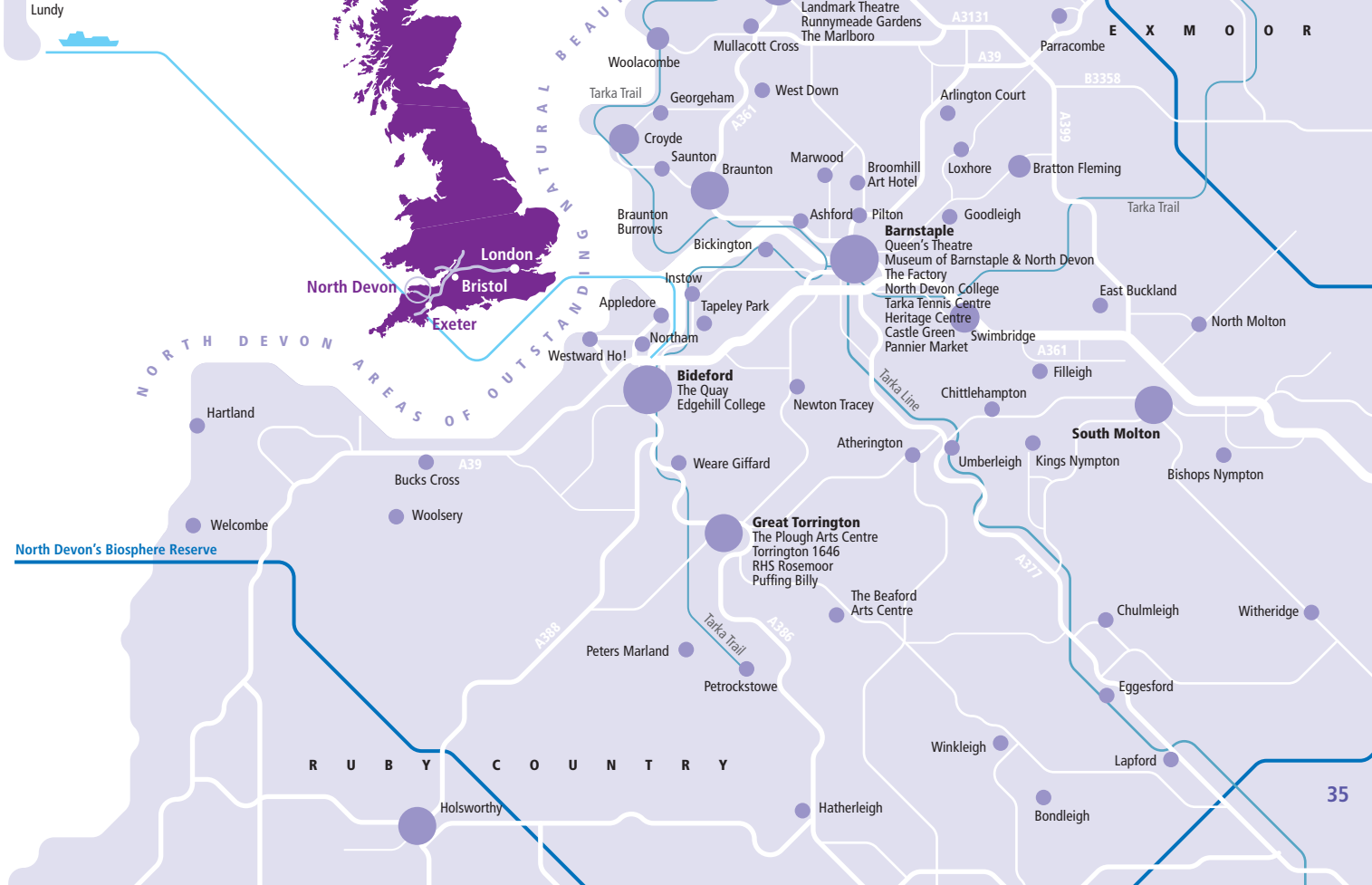
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Boutport Street
Barnstaple
North Devon EX31 1SY

Box Office:
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Wed 11 June

Alfie Boe

One of the UK's finest tenors

Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple

Time: 7.45pm

Admission: £18.50, conc £17.50

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

As a ROH Young Artist, Alfie Boe was offered one of the leads in Baz Luhrmann's controversial Broadway production of *La Bohème*. His performance won him a Tony Award, which sits comfortably next to his John McCormack Young Voice Award and Lyric Tenor of the World Audience Award.

His sheer talent and hard work has taken him on an incredible journey in the classical arena. Since 2006 he has been signed to the prestigious EMI Classics label, released three highly regarded albums and performed at the Royal Opera House, Glyndebourne, Royal Albert Hall and for the English National Opera.

Alfie's debut performance at the Queen's Theatre will include arias by Mozart, Puccini, Donizetti and songs from his album *La Passione*.

northdevontheatres.org.uk

The Factory - see p16

Wed 11 June

The Glitch Factory

Exotic sounds from boxes and stuff



The Factory, Barnstaple

Time: 8pm

Admission: £3.50

Booking: On the door

Top underground artists from London, Bristol and our own South West will be performing across two rooms to provide a musical experience unlike anything else. With musical genres ranging from drum 'n' bass to break-core to grime, this is an event not to be missed. Expect cutting edge sounds and maniacal throbs.

Part of Barnstaple Fringe

thefactoryonline.co.uk

gustavesavy@hotmail.com

Fri 13 June

Pendragon

30th Anniversary Tour



The Marlboro, Ilfracombe

Time: 8pm

Admission: advance £8

Box Office: 01271 863001

Formed in 1978 playing cover versions of classic rock tunes, Pendragon released their debut album in 1985. Since then they have performed at countless festivals including the infamous Reading Festival, recorded a live session for the BBC Radio 1 Friday Rock Show and regularly tour Europe. In 2001 founding member Nick Barrett was awarded Best Guitarist by The Classic Rock Society.

Support from Old School Tie & Sanction.

pendragon.mu

myspace.com/themarlbtorclub

Fri 13 June

Tarka Line Jazz Train

Live jazz with **Guy Fenton**

The Fox & Hounds, Eggesford

Trains leave Barnstaple at 6.08pm

Admission: £2.50 (free to diners)

Booking essential: to reserve a table call 01769 580345

Enjoy a train ride through the beautiful Devon countryside from Barnstaple with Guy Fenton and after at The Fox and Hounds, where you can enjoy some delicious traditional country food and fine local ales and ciders whilst listening to some classic jazz.

Train: A Cheap Day Return fare from Barnstaple to Eggesford is £4.50 (GroupSave 4 train tickets for the price of 2). For times visit: nationalrail.co.uk

foxandhoundshotel.co.uk
relax@foxandhoundshotel.co.uk



Thurs 12 June

Open Mic Poetry Night



Guest poet **Dana Smith**

**The Plough Arts Centre,
Great Torrington**

Time: 8pm

Admission: Donations only

Info: 01805 624 624

Dana reads from her own work, a new collection of poems *Black Elk Dances for Queen Victoria*, inspired by subjects from Afganistan to Exeter and from Fengdale Beck to the Drakensberg. Throughout the evening there will be plenty of open mic slots available for poets and acoustic musicians.

plough-arts.org

The Factory - see p16

Thurs 12 June

Courtney Pine

'The UK's most important jazz instrumentalist' Observer

The Factory, Barnstaple

Time: 8pm

Admission: £17.50

(standing), 18+

**Book for both Achanak
and Courtney Pine and
pay only £25**

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Credited with transforming the face of British jazz, Courtney is revered across the world for his innovative style and love of playing live. The characteristic Courtney sound fuses jazz, reggae, hip hop and drum and bass influences and has a cross genre appeal.

His debut album, *Journey To The Urge Within* in 1987, was the first serious jazz album ever to make the British Top 40, notching up sales to qualify for a silver disc. It was a remarkable achievement in British jazz. Today he is a multi-award winning artist and broadcaster with a live

touring history that has brought his sound to audiences across the World.

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thefactoryonline.co.uk



Fri 13 & Sat 14 June

Barnstaple Heritage Days

History comes to life

Barnstaple Guildhall, The Strand & Heritage Centre Throughout the day

Admission: Free

Now in its 6th year, join in the festival fun and frolics at Barnstaple Heritage Days. There is something for everyone including re-enactments, Victorian trials, demonstrations, heckling and promenading!

Friday at the Guildhall, and Saturday at the Heritage Centre and The Strand.

thelocalchannel.co.uk/barnstapletowncouncil
dteague.barumheritage@btconnect.com



ReCyc Junk Band

River Taw from Moor to Shore



Barnstaple Heritage Centre
Sat 14, 11.30am & 2.30pm
Admission: Free

Barnstaple's youth junk band ReCyc will be performing their new piece of music inspired by the River Taw. ReCyc have spent the year exploring the river's heritage and have created a series of original compositions on their junk instruments. This will be the premier performance of the entire piece.

wrenmusic.co.uk

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund

A Biosphere Event

Sat 14 June

Baggy Alps, Baggy Ice

A family geology adventure into the past

Meet at Baggy Point
NT car park, Croyme
Time: 10am to 12pm

Admission: Free

Booking essential:
01237 423655

Join local geologist Paul Madgett on a family friendly walk, to look at how millions of years have shaped one of the South West's most dramatic landscapes.

northdevonbiosphere.org.uk
ndccs@devon.gov.uk



Fri 13 & Sat 14 June

Paul Merton's Impro Chums

Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple

Time: 7.45pm

Admission: £18.50, conc £16.50

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Actor, award-winning comedian and writer Paul Merton leads his troupe of Impro Chums, Richard Vranck, Lee Simpson and Suki Webster through an evening of inventive and surreal comedy.

This razor sharp and spontaneous show follows the format of Channel 4's *Whose Line is it Anyway?* and the Comedy Store Players stage show. The Impro Chums take audience suggestions and respond by creating impromptu short scenes, speeches or jokes which result in the audience cascading into un-controllable laughter. Most of the time.

Pre-show Piano Bar

Get in the impro mood

Gallery Café

Time: 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Join two punchy

pianists in the Gallery

Café for an hour of

great music before the

Paul Merton show.

The brilliant musician,

improviser and Festival regular **Craig**

Milverton performs on

Friday followed by the

talented pianist and

organist **John**

McDonald on Saturday. 39

And it's free.

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Fri 13 to Sun 15 June

The LLAMA Music Festival

The Lynton & Lynmouth Music Festival

Lynmouth Manor Green (Mainstage) and various other venues.

Time: Various

Admission: Free (except Town Hall gig on Fri 13)

This very special Festival, now in its 6th year, has achieved national acclaim for its diversity, quality and truly fantastic

family atmosphere. 'Not for profit, just for music' is the continuing ethos, bringing bands and acts from all over the UK (and last year the USA) to entertain festival goers for free.

Acts already booked include: Bristol's **Babyhead**, Newcastle's **Booger Red**, London based **Moon Music Orchestra**



and **Wolf People** and North Devon's own **Dan Arborise**. Many more 'up and quirky' acts to be confirmed.

On top of the mainstage line-up there will again be an extensive Fringe, and of

course the now famous International Busking Competition. A weekend described by many of the bands that have appeared here as '*the best Music Festival of the year*'.

llama.org.uk



Sat 14 & Sun 15 June

Steam Trains & Live Music

Free Music For All - and train rides too!

Woody Bay Station, Parracombe

Time: 11am to 5pm

Admission: Free, train rides at normal fares.

Info: 01598 763487

Woody Bay Station will be one of The LLAMA Music Festival venues.

Commended as having one of the best stages in the festival, we will let you make up your own mind!

This year sees another fantastic line-up of artists performing on the tea garden stage, all free.

Steam trains will also be running daily throughout the whole of June.

lynton-rail.co.uk
enquiries@lynton-rail.co.uk



Sat 14 June

Hospice Hootenanny

Bluegrass Concert in aid of the North Devon Hospice

The Plough Arts Centre, Great Torrington

Time: 7pm to 11pm

Admission: £15, conc & supporters £13

Workshop: £7, conc £6

Concert + workshop: £20, conc £17

Booking: 01805 624 624

Organised by Martin & Marianne Lucas, founders of the Wildwood Flower Mountain Music Club (an acoustic 'open mic' club), the concert features Kate Lissauer & The Buffalo Gals, Cloudy in the West, Carrivick Sisters and the Thunderbridge Bluegrass Boys.

There will also be an American Shapenote Singing Workshop during the day, 10am to 3pm.

plough-arts.org



Sat 14 & Sun 15 June

Tarka Tennis Weekend

Tarka Tennis Weekend and Festival Fun!



Tarka Tennis Centre, Barnstaple

Time: 10am to 7pm,

Festival activities Sat 3pm onwards

Admission: Free

Booking advisable: 01271 377701

Celebrate tennis this Summer at the Tarka Tennis Centre. Come along to the Tennis Festival on Saturday afternoon at 3pm, with many prizes to be won. Alternatively hire a court and equipment (free of charge) to play with friends or family over the weekend.

tarkatennis.net

info@tarkatennis.net

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A Biosphere Event

Sun 15 June

Drystone Walling

Learn how local stone is used to make one of North Devon's distinctive landscape features

Hartland

Time: 10am

Admission: Free

Booking essential:

01237 423655

A one-day course learning the traditional skills to build or repair a drystone wall. No cement is used in building these walls so it is essential to follow the rules to ensure that the wall stays up. Well built walls can last up to one hundred years with minimal maintenance.

northdevonbiosphere.org.uk

tom.hynes@devon.gov.uk



Sun 15 June

Race for Life

Together we will beat cancer

Tarka Tennis Centre, Barnstaple

Time: 11am and 2.30pm

Admission: £12.50

Booking: 0871 6412282

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life 2008 is the UK's largest women only fundraising event where women of all ages and fitness levels are invited to come together to walk, jog or run 5k and raise money to help beat cancer.

raceforlife.org



Sun 15 June

Cider & Pasty Walk



A pleasant and sociable way to spend a summer Sunday afternoon

Woolsery

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Admission: £7, young person £3, family £18

Info: 01237 451627/431721

Spend an afternoon in unspoilt countryside near Woolsery, walking fields, footpaths and lanes, with occasional stops for a glass of cider or apple juice. There will be locally made salads, pasties and puddings at the finish. This is a 4 mile walk, with shorter options.

The walking will be stimulating, the cider relaxing and the views glorious.

brianbutler@ukonline.co.uk

Mon 16 June

Writers Evening

Barnstaple Writers' Group and Friends

Barnstaple Library

Time: 7.30pm

Admission: £3, conc £2

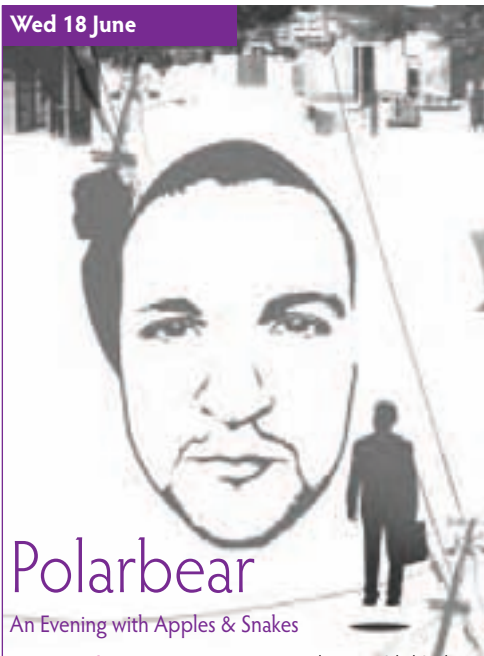
Booking: 01271 388724 in advance from the library

An evening of varied offerings as local writers, augmented by some guest appearances, read out a mostly light-hearted mix of stories, poems and other unclassifiable items, all intended to entertain and stimulate, including wine and other interval refreshments to match.

Geoff.king@devon.gov.uk



Wed 18 June



Polarbear

An Evening with Apples & Snakes

Gallery Cafe, Queen's Theatre

Time: 8pm

Admission: £7.50, students £5

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Last year this charismatic Brummie, Steven 'Polarbear' Camden, stole the show when the Apples & Snakes performance poets came to town. He returns with *If I Cover My Nose You Can't See Me*, a dramatic

monologue with hip-hop rhythms. It is the touching story of a 28 year old man stuck in a job he never wanted; a 10 year old private detective; an affair; an imaginary friend; an absent father and a tragic accident.

Part of Barnstaple Fringe

applesandsnakes.org
northdevontheatres.org.uk

Wed 18 to Sat 21 June

Under Milk Wood

by Dylan Thomas



A Plough Arts Centre production outdoors at Torrington 1646 and country pubs tbc

Time: 7.30pm

Admission: £8, conc £7, supporters £6, family £25 (2 adults and up to 3 children)

Booking: 01805 624 624

Plough Community Theatre presents *Under Milk Wood*, a play by Dylan Thomas. A lyrical feast for eye and ear in this classic play as sixty-nine wonderfully weird characters, from a small Welsh coastal town, come to life in the great outdoors. A one act play.

Pre-show meals available. Please bring seating and blankets.

plough-arts.org

Wed 18 to Fri 20 June

The Threepenny Opera

By Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill

The Factory, Barnstaple

Time: 7.30pm

Admission: £7, conc £5

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

First performed in Berlin in 1928, Brecht's text creates a world of beggars, thieves and prostitutes in which there is no honour; every character would sell out any other were there an advantage to be gained. Weill's music transforms

saccharine, old-fashioned opera into sharp, political satire with the sound of 1920s Berlin dance bands and cabaret. A milestone of twentieth century musical theatre, this is the show which inspired *Cabaret* and *Chicago*.

A North Devon College production

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Thurs 19 to Sun 22 June

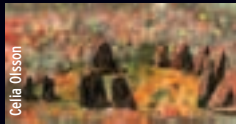
Art Trek 2008



Chris Taylor



Tony Benson



Celia Olsson



Roger Cockram



Tim Sargent



April Doubleday

Open Studios & Associated Art Events

Throughout North Devon and Torridge
Time: 11am to 4.15pm or by appointment with artists
Admission: Free

Info: 01769 540602

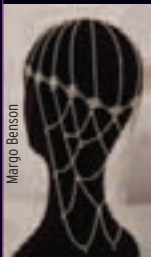
Each year Art Trek grows in popularity and is now one of the foremost events of its type in the area. As you might expect in North Devon, this is a friendly affair, where you will find yourself engaged in conversation over a cup of tea, watching the artists at

work. An exhibition of work by the Art Trek artists will be held in the Queen's Theatre, Gallery Café, during June. New this year, are opportunities for the public to join in a variety of artist workshops, taking place at the North Devon Hospice prior to Art Trek (see p15).

Completed artworks will then be displayed in various venues across the area throughout the summer.

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Margo Benson



Pete Caswell



Allison Nicholson



Linda Gordon

Thurs 19 to Sun 22

South Molton Olde English Fayre

Four days of olde English charm and tradition

South Molton Town Square
Admission: Free

This is a celebration steeped in olde English tradition. Numerous events are held over the long weekend so come along and join in the fun.

Sat 21

Fayre Day - Entertainment throughout the day including Punch and Judy, face painting, drumming and dance displays.
8am Stalls in the Pannier Market, 11am Crowning of the Fayre Queen, 7.30pm Choral Society Concert, Town Hall

Sun 22

10.30am Civic Parade from the Town Hall to Parish Church, 3pm Car Treasure Hunt, from main car park

visitsouthmolton.co.uk
enquiries@visitsouthmolton.co.uk

Thurs 19 June

Bill Giles' Weather Show

A humorous outlook

Landmark Theatre,
Ilfracombe

Time: 8.15pm

Admission: £12.50,
conc £11.50

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

An entertaining evening liberally splashed with anecdotes on Bill's fellow presenters, answers to all your questions on weather phenomena, climate change, UFOs and audience participation.

Find out how Michael Fish missed the hurricane in 1987, why Ian McCaskill broadcast without his shoes on and if global warming will affect you.

For 17 years Bill Giles led the BBC Weather Team and in 1995 was awarded and OBE for his services to weather broadcasting. Some 20 years ago he presented theories about Global Warming, which are today fully accepted by scientists and politicians alike. In this unique show Bill translates the Met. Office jargon and tells us how it is. Are you ready to weather the storm?

northdevontheatres.org.uk



Thurs 19 to Fri 20 June

Mtiebi

Folk music from Georgia to celebrate life



Admission: £7, young person £3

St Mary's Church, Atherington

Thurs 19, 7.30pm

Booking: 01769 560572

Christ Church, Parracombe

Fri 20, 7.30pm

Booking: 01598 763325 or from

Parracombe stores

From the vibrant folk culture of Georgia come Mtiebi, an all-male troupe of musicians who will thrill you with their harmony singing, music & dancing. Their work shares an ancient tradition of earthy rural celebration, bringing infectious delight to songs & dances showing all aspects of village life - harvest, growth, love, community and one-ness with the land. A portion of all ticket sales will go towards conserving these two fine local churches.

beaford-arts.org.uk

Fri 20 to Sun 22 June

The Winkleigh Singers Tour

Singing Marathon

St Petroc's Church,
Petrockstowe

Fri 20, 7.30pm, £7

St Peter's Parish Church,
Bratton Fleming

Sat 21, 7.30pm, £6.50

St Mary's Church,
High Bickington

Sun 22, 3pm, £6

St Mary Magdelene Church,
Chulmleigh

Sun 22, 7.30pm, £7.50

Accompanied under 16s
free to all concerts

The programme for the first three concerts of the tour will include a variety of unaccompanied sacred and much lighter music. The fourth concert, at Chulmleigh, sees the singers joined by organist Andrew Daldorph and features the addition of music for choir and organ and organ solo items.

winkleighsingers.org.uk

Fri 20 to Sun 22 June

Another Fine Mess

Laurel & Hardy ride again

Witheridge Parish Hall

Fri 20, 7pm

Admission: £5, child £2.50,
family £13

Booking: 01884 860557

Pilton Hall, Barnstaple

Sun 22, 7pm

Admission: £6, child £3

Booking: 01271 378168

Chulmleigh Pavilion

Sat 21, 7.30pm

Admission: £6, child £3,
Chulmleigh Society £5

Booking: 01769 581398



A laugh a minute as Stan & Ollie star in some of their best silent shorts accompanied by internationally acclaimed pianist Stephen Horne, who dazzled North Devon audiences last year accompanying Buster Keaton. The show climaxes with a performance of *Liberty* when the hapless duo need to exchange trousers on girders atop a skyscraper. Don't ask why; just laugh.

beaford-arts.org.uk

Fri 20 to Sun 22 June

Mid-summer Charity Weekend

Hartland Abbey presents a weekend of great entertainment to raise much needed funds for the North Devon Hospice and Cancer Research UK.

Hartland Abbey, Hartland

The weekend begins with a Charity Ball on the Friday night (sold out) and continues on Saturday with Jazz at the Abbey and a Traditional Country Fayre on Sunday.



Jazz at the Abbey

Sat 21, 6.30pm

supper from 7pm

Admission: £25 (inc supper)

Booking: 01271 344248 or 01237 441996

Kenny Ball, Val Wiseman and Digby Fairweather will be joined by Digby Fairweather's Half-Dozen



and The Four Fairweather Friends at Hartland Abbey. Enjoy a wonderful night out with world class jazz musicians in a beautiful setting. This 10-piece band brings an atmosphere of informality yet delivers the very highest quality of music. Licensed bar available, plus great prizes to be won in our Grand Raffle, and a Champagne Bar to add a little fizz to the evening.

Traditional Country Fayre

Sun 22, 12 noon to 6pm

Admission: £2.50 (children under 12 free)

Relax in the beautiful gardens of Hartland Abbey and enjoy a true Country Fayre and Farmers Market,

complete with an array of wonderful local arts and crafts for sale, plus delicious local Farmers' produce. Delight in a delicious Devonshire Cream Tea whilst listening to the Hartland Town Band, take a ride on a traditional merry-go-round and fairground attractions - ideal for the kids and the young at heart. Enter your dog in the 'Fun Dog Show' or try your hand at throwing a welly. Take a leisurely stroll down to the sea at Blackpool Mill and the cottage featured in the recent BBC adaptation of 'Sense & Sensibility'.

abbeymidsummer.co.uk
event-team@
abbeymidsummer.co.uk

Fri 20 to Sun 22 June

Witheridge St John's Fair

The oldest fair in the country

Village Square & Parish Hall

Sat 21, 10.30am onwards

Admission: Free

The 2008 St John's Fair promises to be the best yet, with more attractions and entertainments than ever before - including marching bands, majorettes, jazz, farm



animals, fortune telling, Punch and Judy, street stalls, vintage tractors, children's races and a fun dog show (all dogs welcome!).

The grand parade starts at 10.30am on Sat 21 and the fun continues through to the evening with a lively ceilidh. The town criers' Devon Championship, held annually in Witheridge, is again taking place as part of the fair.

Another Fine Mess

Parish Hall

Fri 20, 7pm

The weekend's fun begins on Friday evening with a hilarious Laurel & Hardy silent film, see p46.

The Oggle Band

Parish Hall

Sat 21, 7.30pm

Tickets: £7.50, child £3, seniors £6, family £20

Booking: 01884 860557

witheridge-devon.com/fair.htm
gill@dartraffe.eclipse.co.uk

Sat 21 June

Goodleigh Fun Day

Fun and games for all the family



Goodleigh Village Hall

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Admission: Free

Information: 01271 343586 or 859564

Annual event run by the Parish Council and supported by local organisations to create a lively afternoon for all. Complete with home produce, plants, games, crafts, an obstacle course and football for children. There will also be a strong man 'Sheaf Pitching' competition and Village Stocks looking for 'willing' volunteers to get soaked with sponges.

jjcole@goodleigh.org.uk

Sat 21 June

Summer Science Day

Sustainability



Tapeley Park, Instow

Time: 11am to 5pm

Admission: £2, senior citizens £1.50, young person 50p. Admission to gardens incl.

Info: 01237 477611 tickets to be purchased at the gate on the day

After three highly successful Science Days on site, Bideford College's event this year will be held at Tapeley Park, the 'Sustainable Stately Home', by kind permission of Hector Christie. There will be many stalls, attractions and activities from nature trails to pond dipping, and giant bubbles to the Exmoor Zoo roadshow. Plus internationally renowned guest speaker Phil Williams of *Plan It Eco*.

bideford.devon.sch.uk

mail@bideford.devon.sch.uk

Sat 21 to Sat 28 June

Brannockstown Week

Sat 21 June

Time: 10am

Braunton Parish Hall

Coffee Morning

Lots to buy - crafts, books, different gifts and refreshments with a local flavour.

Thurs 26 June

Time: 6.30pm

Braunton Recreation Ground

St Brannocks Day Songs Of Praise

A celebration day for the founder of our community with a chance to sing those well loved hymns - both old and new with musical accompaniment and choir. Free barbecue to follow.

Sat 28 June

Time: 2.30pm

St Brannocks Vicarage, Church Street

Olde English Vicarage Fete

A typical English summer afternoon. Enjoy all the fun of yesteryear with a typical garden fete complete with Devon cream teas, local strawberries and cream, afternoon teas, coconut shy, skittles, games, book stall, crafts and more.

Time: 7.30pm

St Brannocks Church

Julie Felix -

Highway Of

Diamonds

see page 55



Sat 21 June

Simon Amstell

On tour plus support

Queen's Theatre

Time: 7.45pm

Admission: £19, conc £17

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Simon became a household name as the presenter of Channel 4's *Popworld*. Today he is the face of BBC2's *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, winning him two British Comedy Awards and a Royal Television Society Award.

Simon was the youngest finalist of the BBC New Comedy Awards, in 2005 he appeared at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, which he returned to in 2006 and 2007, gaining fantastic reviews and adding extra shows to his sell-out runs. He has since performed in the West End at the Haymarket Theatre.

'Subversive anti-hype... clever waspish stand-up.' Evening Standard

simonamstell.co.uk

mickperrin.com

northdevontheatres.org.uk



Sun 22 June

Past Times and Pleasures

Venture into the world of the Victorians

Arlington Court

Time: 11am to 3pm

Admission: £5.60, child £2.80, under 5's free, includes Carriage Collection and Gardens
Info: 01271 850296

Discover what the Victorians did in their spare time, and have-a-go yourself, from crocheting to croquet.

nationaltrust.org.uk
arlingtoncourt@nationaltrust.org.uk



Sun 22 June

Rotary Sunset Jazz River Cruise



Jazz aboard MS Oldenburg

The Quay, Bideford

Admission: £13, under 13s £7

Time: 6.30 boarding for 7pm departure

Booking: 01271 375271, 01237 477021 or 07710 254781

Following the sell-out success of last year's cruise, you can once again enjoy a wonderful sunset tour aboard MS Oldenburg from Bideford Quay along the river Torridge enjoying live jazz from Guy Fenton and his All Stars Band. We will also head up the Taw river towards the New Bridge, we may even cross the bar and follow the sunset.

brian@gloverstanbury.co.uk

The Factory - see p16

Tues 24 June

Toots and The Maytals

Reggae, soul legend

The Factory, Barnstaple

Time: 8.30pm

Admission: £22.50 plus £1 booking fee (standing), 18+

Box Office:
01271 32 42 42

Toots is the true architect of reggae. His 1968 single *Do the Reggay* gave a name to the Jamaican music

phenomenon, that we now consider reggae music. His band, Toots and The Maytals, formed in 1962, helped to chart the course of Jamaican music with unrivaled delivery and dynamism.

The all-star guests on *True Love*, his 2004 Grammy award winning album, range from legends like Keith Richards and Eric Clapton to No Doubt and The Roots. The calibre of these collaborators is testimony to the impact that Toots has made on

several generations of rockers and rappers and the respect they hold for him.

Part of Barnstaple Fringe

tootsandthemaytals.com
northdevontheatres.org.uk
thefactoryonline.co.uk



Tues 24 June

The Eduardo Niebla Experience

King of the Latin guitar

Gallery Café, Queen's Theatre

Time: 8pm

Admission: £8

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Hailed as one of the world's great guitarists, Eduardo Niebla and his internationally acclaimed trio, Carl Herring (guitar accompaniment) and Bhupinder Singh Chaggar (tabla), present a dazzling repertoire of flamenco gypsy jazz. Continually seeking out new musical terrain, Niebla has traversed the worlds of pop, jazz and world music, collaborating with such diverse partners as sitar maestro Nishat Khan, George Michael, Lol Coxhill and Craig David.

He has taken audiences by storm from Greece to India and this concert promises to be an evening of passion, verve and fleet-fingered virtuosity from a maestro artist of the highest order.

Part of Barnstaple Fringe

northdevontheatres.org.uk

Wed 25 June

Country Skills Day

Discover rural skills and crafts



Arlington Court

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Admission: £5.60, child £2.80, under 5s free, includes Carriage Collection and Gardens

Info: 01271 850296

From spinning and weaving to sheep shearing and shepherding, this day of demonstrations, food and craft sales shows the range of traditional skills in North Devon. David Kennard's dogs demonstrate how to herd even the most unruly sheep and the warden team will be barbecuing Arlington's own delicious lamb burgers. New for 2008 is our 'Historical Baking Competition'; telephone Arlington Court for your copy of a chocolate cake recipe from 1876 to enter.

nationaltrust.org.uk

arlingtoncourt@nationaltrust.org.uk

Wed 25 June

Led Bib

Maverick jazz band and unlikely rock quintet

Gallery Café,

Queen's Theatre

Time: 8pm

Admission: £7.50

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

This East London based five-piece pride themselves on side-stepping convention, with rousing results. In the wake of fellow risk takers *Acoustic Ladyland*, Led Bib are paving the way for an exciting new generation of jazz musicians, daring to rip up the rulebook and leap into the unknown. The Bib's sound is dominated by the duelling twin alto saxophones of Chris Williams and Pete Grogan, with textures added from bandleader Mark Holub on drums, Toby McLaren on keys and Liran Donin on bass; the results are gutsy, powerful live shows.

'Led Bib may look like they have raided the



school music room but they make good use of their instruments' Metro

Part of Barnstaple Fringe

ledbib.com

northdevontheatres.org.uk

Thurs 26 June

Blazin' Fiddles

A celebration of Highlands and Islands fiddle music

Landmark Theatre,

Ilfracombe

Time: 8.15pm

Admission: £12.50,

conc £11.50

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

One of Scotland's top traditional bands return to the Landmark with their fiery fiddle playing.

From remote village halls to the Royal Albert Hall,

Blazin' Fiddles have delighted audiences with their Highlands and Islands tunes and tales. In the past decade no other contemporary band has quite captured the excitement, passion and the sensitivity of Scottish music.

This is a rare opportunity to hear the many varied,

regional styles of each fiddler and a combination of all in a wonderful explosion of music. Fiddles and bows blaze away with guitar and piano for one of the most exciting and memorable fiddle ensembles ever to take the stage.

northdevontheatres.org.uk

Thurs 26th to Sat 28th June

Julie Felix

Highway of Diamonds



Memorial Hall, Holsworthy

Admission: £8

Thurs 26, 8pm

Booking: 01409 255450

George Hotel,

South Molton

Admission: £9

Fri 27, 8.30pm

Booking: 01769 572514

St Brannocks Church,

Braunton

Admission: £8

Sat 28, 7.30pm

Booking: 01271 814082

Veteran protest & folk singer, Julie Felix, brings 45

years of experience to bear in this major British tour to celebrate a new album release in this, her 70th year. Still passionate about her music & issues of contemporary life, Julie has lost none of the joy in her performances and her relationship with her audiences. As she walks alone into the lights, with her guitar, the years will roll away to reveal a great artist still in her prime.

beaford-arts.org.uk

Thurs 26 June

GaGa

The Ultimate Queen Tribute

The Plough Arts Centre,
Great Torrington

Time: 8pm

Admission: £14, conc £13,
supporters £12

Box Office:

01805 624 624

GaGa's *Serious Queen* tour is a pure delight and a fitting tribute to the late Freddie Mercury and his unforgettable group. GaGa have built-up an excellent reputation with both fans and critics alike. This year should prove no exception, with this their third performance at The Plough.

plough-arts.org



The Factory - see p16

Thurs 26 to Sun 29 June

North Devon Fringe Theatre Festival

Four days of full-on theatre

The Factory, - and others
Thurs & Fri, 5pm to midnight
Sat midday to midnight
Sun midday to 6pm
Admission: £4, conc £2
Booking: 01271 32 42 42

Even bigger, bolder and blousier than before, the Fringe Theatre Festival returns following last year's successful launch. Theatre companies from around the UK - and beyond - have

got wind that something quite extraordinary is happening in North Devon. You won't want to miss out on a fast and furious four days of theatrical activity celebrating some of the very best - and some of the most adventurous -

theatre you're ever likely to see. The main venue will once more be The Factory - North Devon College's brilliant new facility - but popular demand means other stages as well, including the Inn on The Strand.

Part of Barnstaple Fringe

ndfringe.org
ndfringe@hotmail.com

Fri 27 June

Rock 'n' Roll Gypsies

Featuring Tracy Lamb

The Marlboro, Ilfracombe
Time: 8pm

Admission: advance £8
Box Office: 01271 863001

The Rock 'n' Roll Gypsies are lead by Mat Sargent, former band member of British punk rockers Sham 69 and musicians from his *Sex, Drugs 'n' HIV* album, written to raise money for the Terence Higgins Trust, Rape Crisis and Cancer Research. They play a cross of rock, punk and reggae.

Support from Kitty & The Lost Boys and Falling Apart.

myspace.com/themarlbocorclub



Fri 27 June

Jane Eyre

The Road to Mr Rochester

Arlington Court

Time: 7.30pm
Admission: £21, includes 3 wine samples and canapés
Booking essential:
01271 850296

'The History Wardrobe' use replica clothes and original items to follow Jane's fictional journey from charity schoolgirl to fairytale bride and explore the links between this much-loved heroine and her creator Charlotte Brontë. Enjoy wine-tasting and canapés, with Bray Valley Wines, before the presentation in the Staircase Hall.

nationaltrust.org.uk
arlingtoncourt@nationaltrust.org.uk



Fri 27 June

The Bad Plus



Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple
Time: 7.45pm
Admission: £12.50,
special student price £6.50
(12-18 years)

Booking: 01271 32 42 42

Favouring group improvisation over individual solos, eschewing all jazz clichés and the politeness of a jazz piano trio, The Bad Plus rip into each set with a combination of Swiss-watch precision, the widest spectrum of dynamics and sheer, reckless abandon.

Hailing from the US Midwest, bassist Reid Anderson, pianist Ethan Iverson, and drummer David King create a collective experience that will leave you gasping for air. They blend diverse original material with provocative covers of rock and pop standards (one of The Bad Plus trademarks) including Nirvana, Queen, Blondie, David Bowie and Tears for Fears.

Since forming in 2000, The Bad Plus has earned a

reputation as one of the most forward-thinking groups in music, rapidly becoming the darlings of the concert and college circuits, with their last CD *Prog* garnering rave reviews.

'Dress like the Beastie Boys, play like Miles Davis'
Rolling Stone

northdevontheatres.org.uk

Fri 27 June

Cider with Rosie

Performed by Bristol Old Vic Theatre School

A Plough Arts Centre event, outdoors at Torrington 1646
Time: 7.30pm
Admission: £9, conc £7,
supporters £6, family £25
Box Office: 01805 624 624

Laurie Lee's evergreen tale, of life between the wars in the Gloucester countryside, tells the story of a young boy awakening to the sights and sounds of a

world that is bursting with life, love and self discovery. Nick Darke's dramatic and humorous stage adaptation is a 'not to be missed' ensemble production by the prestigious Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. Bring seating/blankets. Hot food available from 6pm.

plough-arts.org



Fri 27 to Sun 29 June

Woody Bay Beer Festival



What better combination than real ale and steam trains?

Woody Bay Station, Parracombe

Time: 11am to 5pm

Admission: Free

Train rides at normal fares.

Info: 01598 763487

A selection of locally brewed real ales will be available to sample throughout the three days at this event, organised by the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway, assisted by North Devon CAMRA. Supported with outdoor live music.

Steam trains will also be running daily throughout the whole of June.

lynton-rail.co.uk
enquiries@lynton-rail.co.uk

Fri 27 June

Abba Revival

Hatherleigh Fringe Festival

Hatherleigh Community Centre

Time: 9.30pm

Admission: £12

Box Office: (from June 1st)
01837 810624

This Fringe event provides a taste of the Hatherleigh Festival, which runs from 10th to 13th July. Four days of art exhibitions, workshops, music and mayhem bringing new experiences and an exciting atmosphere to this historic town. Events will include an hilarious evening featuring top acts from the comedy circuit, a dance revue with Armenian dancer Talin Buyukkurkiyan and the marvellous Miracle Theatre.

hatherleighfestival.co.uk
claire@hatherleighfestival.co.uk

Sat 28 June

Lapstock

Music at the Mill

Lapford Millhouse, Lapford
Time: 11am to 11pm
Admission: advance (gate)
£5.50 (£7.50), young
person £3 (£3.50), family
£11 (£15)
(2 adults & 2 yps under 12)

Booking: day 01363 83332,
evening 01363 83068

A small friendly one-day
music festival featuring an
eclectic mix of folk, rock,

pop, blues, acoustic and
electric. With workshops,
performers, craft traders,
food for all and a bar.

Limited numbers so book
early to ensure a great day.
The festival will be held in
the three and a half acre
grounds of Lapford Mill.

lapstock.org.uk
Jeanne.whittaker@
btinternet.com



Sat 28 & Sun 29 June

Move It Shake It

Free performances and workshops

Landmark Theatre, Ilfracombe

Sat 1pm to 9pm

Sun 11am to 6pm

Admission: Free

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Make the Move, the North Devon Theatres performing arts programme, hosts two days of performances and workshops for the community by the community.

The weekend will feature performances from fledgling organisations, schools and established community groups, including the McMaster Theatre School from Ireland. Participating groups will also host workshops throughout the weekend. There will be opportunities to try your hand at anything from belly dancing to mask-making.

If you would like your group to take part then please contact Carol on 01271 869216.

Escapade

Landmark Pavilion, Ilfracombe

Sat 7.30pm & Sun 2pm

Admission: Free

Booking essential: 01271 32 42 42

A passionate peace campaigner has to reconsider his motives when his school age children decide to save the human race from nuclear disaster. Enlisting the help of their school chums they plan an escapade that captures the imagination of the world. Suitable for all ages.

A **Make the Move** performance 'in the round'.

Adapted by Binnie Yeates from the play by Roger McDougall. This amateur performance is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd.

northdevontheatres.org.uk
carol.turner@northdevontheatres.org.uk



Sat 28 June

Billy Cobham & Asere

Latin, jazz & Cuban music
Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple
Time: 7.45pm
Admission: £15, conc £13.50
Booking: 01271 32 42 42

Billy Cobham is arguably the world's greatest living drummer, having started out 30 years ago with Horace Silver and Stanley Turrentine. In his jazz fusion element with Miles Davis on *Live-Evil*, he shot to international stardom with John McLaughlin's ground breaking electric

jazz band Mahavishnu Orchestra. His career includes working with James Brown, George Benson, Herbie Hancock, Michael Brecker and Santana and he still finds time to front his own exceptional groups. His music has been very influential; Massive Attack sampled a notable Cobham riff.

This current collaboration with the highly regarded Cuban band Asere (keeping the flame alive along with Buena Vista) began very successfully at

Womad in 2002, bringing together an intoxicating mix of Latin, jazz and Cuban music and rhythms.

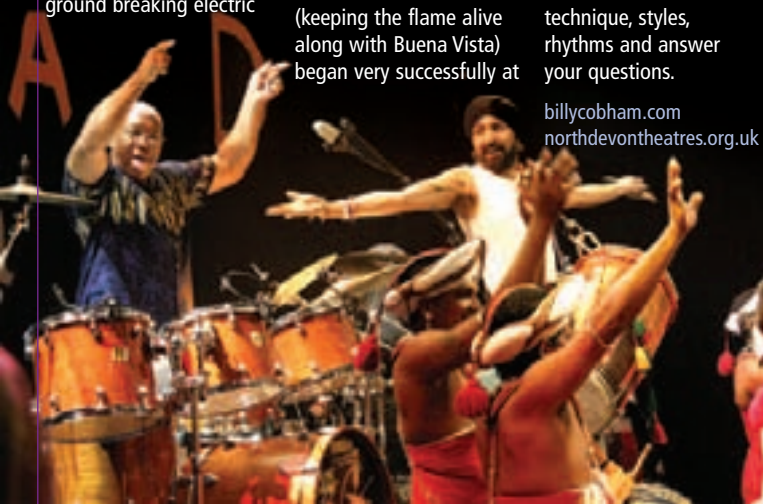
'Humbling and inspirational' Jazzwise

Demonstration & workshop

Time: 3pm to 5pm
Price: £3.50 (£2 when purchased with ticket for show)

Billy and members of Asere will demonstrate technique, styles, rhythms and answer your questions.

billycobham.com
northdevontheatres.org.uk



Sat 28 June

Celebrity Cricket Match

Hosted by The Plough Arts Centre

Weare Giffard Cricket Club
Time: 2pm
Admission: Donations in aid of The Plough Arts Centre
Info: 01805 624 624

A Plough Supporters 11 take on a celebrity 11 of famous faces and voices from local television, radio and beyond. The retired international cricket umpire, David Shepherd, may once again umpire this entertaining 30-over match. Bar and refreshments available. Bring seating/blankets. Quality raffle tickets on sale during the afternoon.

plough-arts.org



Sat 28 June

Woodturners Craft Fair

North Devon Woodturners

St. John's Community Centre, Barnstaple
Time: 10am to 4pm
Admission: 50p, children free

The Woodturners 5th anniversary fair brings together various local crafts from across North Devon. There will be turning demonstrations throughout the day and members work for sale.

There will also be other crafts and items for sale including jewellery, pottery, baskets, felt, willow, quilting, knitting, marquetry and many more.

Refreshments available.

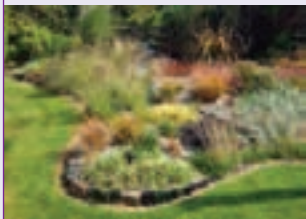
northdevonwoodturners.org.uk



Sat 28 & Sun 29 June

The Woolsery Weekend

Gardens, arts & crafts and renewable energy



Woolsery

Time: 11am to 6pm
Admission: £3 on the day from the Community Hall
Info: Last tickets 4pm

Fifteen gardens to visit, from large show gardens, to small cottage gardens and many variations in between. Also view a variety of arts and crafts which will be scattered throughout the gardens. See our wind turbine and photovoltaic panels with performance figures. You will also be able to enjoy light lunches and our fantastic cream teas.

brianbutler@ukonline.co.uk

James Taylor Quartet

The hammond daddy returns

The Factory, Barnstaple

Time: 8.30pm

Admission: £12.50 (standing), 18+

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Renowned for their live energetic performances, JTQ launched the 2005 North Devon Festival to a sell-out audience; they return this year to end a month long anniversary Festival celebration.

JTQ's fired-up signature tune is undoubtedly the theme from Starsky and Hutch which cemented the

band's reputation as masters of the jazz-funk-R'n'B workings of 60s spy themes, psychedelic and acid jazz. With his trademark howling Hammond, James Taylor is a solid and accomplished

leader at the forefront of the jazz funk scene.

James' musical talent has been admired by numerous acts: Tom Jones, The Wonderstuff, The Pogues and U2 have all featured James and his distinctive Hammond sound on their albums.

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northdevontheatres.org.uk
thefactoryonline.co.uk

Outside the Festival

Yarner Trust Events

Welcombe Barton

Throughout the year

Info: 01288 331692

yarnertrust.co.uk

North Devon & Exmoor

Walking Festival

Thurs 1 to Fri 9 May

Info: 01271 863001 or

01237 477676

walkingnorthdevon.co.uk

May Day Celebrations

Ilfracombe

Mon 5 May

Info: 01271 862781

Earth Machine

Music - Kimmo

Pohjonen

Westcott Barton

Thurs 15 May

Info: 01805 603201

beaford-arts.org.uk

Mayfest Live Roleplay

South Croft Farm, Winkleigh

Fri 23 to Mon 26 May

Info: 020 8690 3706

themayfestsite.co.uk

North Devon Day

The Square, Barnstaple

Sat 24 May

Info: 01271 344248

northdevongazette.co.uk

North Devon Hospice -

Walk for Life

Sun 25 May

northdevonhospice.org.uk

Deckchair Cinema

Croyde Village Hall

Thurs 19 June, (monthly)

CroydeVillageHall.info

Devon Schools Mix

Westpoint, Exeter

Wed 25 June

Open to schools only

Info: 01392 386483

devon.gov.uk/musicservice

North Devon

Choral Society

Grenville College, Bideford

Sat 5 July

Info: 01805 623568

northdevonchoral.org.uk

Traditional

Patronal Fete

Chittlehampton Church

Sat 5 July

chumpchurches.org.uk

North Devon Hospice

Annual Sandcastle

Competition

Woolacombe Beach

Sun 6 July

northdevonhospice.org.uk

Blue Zoots

Marshalls, Barnstaple

Sun 6 July

redshoesmusic.com

Hatherleigh Festival

Thurs 10 to Sun 13 July

Info: 01837 811116

hatherleighfestival.co.uk

Save Our World

Music Festival

Tapey Park, Instow

12-13 July & 30-31 August

tapeley-park.co.uk

Theatre on the Move

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall

Wed 16 to Sat 19 July

Info: 01271 830311

Pilton Green Man Festival

Pilton Street

Sat 19 July

Info: 01271 375776

iltonfestival.co.uk

Bideford Folk Festival

Mon 11 to Sun 17 August

Info: 01237 470792

bidefordfolkfestival.co.uk

International Ladies Tennis

\$50,000 Tournament

Tarka Tennis Centre

Mon 6 to Sun 12 October

tarkatennis.net

Fri 2 to Mon 5 May

Landmark Beer Festival

Beer, music, fun and sun

Landmark Theatre, Ilfracombe

Time: Various

Admission: Free

Info: 01271 32 42 42

People from near and far come to enjoy what has to be the best entertainment, real ales and ciders the region has to offer over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

The band line-up includes:

Zamba, The Holts, Pretty Jacks, Cable Car Catastrophe, The Tabloid Press, Eat The TV, Super Indie Soundtrack, Hip Route, Tribal Brides, Snakebite Cyanide, Jay Tamkin & The Crackers, Babelfish, Douglas E Powell, Amy Newton

northdevontheatres.org.uk

myspace.com/landmarkbeerfestival



July to Sept

Summer Season

Landmark Theatre,
Ilfracombe

Booking: 01271 32 42 42

The Landmark Theatre celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year. In 1998 Barnum, the successful musical spectacular starring Peter Duncan, ran for six weeks throughout the summer holidays. Today the theatre continues to provide the seaside town of Ilfracombe with an endless supply of summertime entertainment, ranging from a glitzy and glamorous cabaret show, **One Night in Vegas**, to the exuberant cockney humour of **Chas and Dave**.

For the little ones, there is retro fun this year with **Rainbow Live** or all new excitement from the debut production of **Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs**.

Other shows appearing at the theatre during July, August and September include: **Abba Mania**, **Red Hot Musicals**, **One Night of Elvis**, **The Bee Gees Story**, **Arthur Smith**, **Jimmy Tarbuck**, **Richard Digance**, **Rockin' on Heaven's Door** and **Sooty and the Magic Wand Factory**.

northdevontheatres.org.uk



Fri 22 to Mon 25 Aug

Sunwest Festival

Say goodbye to the summer in style

Landmark Theatre,
Ilfracombe

Time: Various

Admission: Free

Info: 01271 32 42 42

The Landmark Beer Festival's younger sister enjoys as much popularity and perhaps even more sunshine as it spans the August Bank Holiday Weekend. A Festival complete with high quality performances from some of the region's top musicians and bands, a healthy mix of local real ales and ciders for you to try. Where else would you rather be?

northdevontheatres.org.uk



Throughout June

dance ing devon



Photo: Karolina Adamiec

Don't just watch it, see it, try it, dance it!

Various venues

Admission: Various

Booking: 01392 667050

A celebration of dance performances, events and workshops across the county throughout June and July. See who's dancing near you this summer.

Dance in Devon aims to create opportunities to watch dance, to perform dance, to participate in dance and the 'dance ing devon' festival in 2008 delivers more than ever before. This year Dance in Devon has worked with new partners to add extra creative dance projects into the mix so we can all

share in the celebration and encourage everyone to dance.

danceindevon.org.uk
katherine@danceindevon.org.uk



Fri 13 to Sun 29 June

Exeter Summer Festival

Exeter City Live - 2008

Venues city-wide including Exeter Cathedral, Exeter Corn Exchange, Exeter Phoenix

Brochure hotline: 01392 665885

Experience the vibrant mix of live events including dance, talks, exhibitions, theatre & music. A diverse programme featuring

baroque classical music of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment in Exeter Cathedral, to the exuberance of the special blend of rock steady, jazz, reggae and ska that is Jazz Jamaica, and from Opera A La Carte to the middle eastern dance fusion of Natacha Atlas.

Dance features Independent Ballet of Wales and their production of Romeo and

Juliet, Jiving Lindy Hoppers with Harlem Hot Feet and the Sacred Mask and Dances of Tibetan Monks. Other highlights include comedian Ardal O'Hanlon, hit musicals from the Wonderful West End and Sir John Mortimer.

exeter.gov.uk/festival
festival@exeter.gov.uk

ExeterCityLive
Dance Theatre Film Music

EXETER SUMMER festival

13 - 29 June 2008



Experience the vibrant mix of over 60 events in your city.

Fri 5 to Sun 7 September

North Devon Folk Festival

24 artists, 3 stages, one ticket



Landmark Theatre, Pavilion
and Green, Ilfracombe

Fri from 8pm to 11pm
Sat & Sun from 1pm to 11pm

Sat or Sun Day tickets: £27.50
Weekend ticket: £50
Accompanied children (12-16 year olds): £10
Children under 12: Free

Early Bird Discounts
(available until Fri 11 July)
Sat or Sun Day tickets: £22.50
Weekend ticket: £40

Friday night in the Pavilion is free, but open
to limited numbers. This will be a showcase
for well known North Devon songwriters,
traditional musicians and new wave folk
including **Tom & Barbara Brown** and a
special guest.

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

A North Devon Festival event produced by
North Devon Theatres and organised in
conjunction with Ken & Sue Bradburn of
Emerging Music.

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Saturday

Melanie

Trans-Global Underground

Tarras

John Tams & Barry Coope

Devon Sproule Band (feat b j cole)

Bella Hardy Trio

Annabelle Chvostek Trio (Canada)

Martha Tilston

Steve Tilston

Debby McClatchy (USA)

The Dambuskers

The Singing Sous Chefs

. . . plus more to be announced

Sunday

Bellowhead

Eddi Reader

Tarras

Last Night's Fun

Annabelle Chvostek Trio (Canada)

Debby McClatchy (USA)

Jenna

The Dambuskers

Fiddlebix

The Singing Sous Chefs

. . . plus more to be announced



