



JUNE 2011

# NORTH DEVON FESTIVAL

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After the long cold winter the North Devon Festival is ready to unfurl its many blooms this June. The events come in all shapes, sizes and colours, some may thrive the whole month through, whereas others

may only flourish briefly, so don't miss them.

Choose from over 150 assorted events including **Art Trek Open Studios, GoldCoast Oceanfest, Fringe Theatrefest, Barnstaple Fringe**, plus music, dance, comedy, drama, community & heritage, nature and action events, many of which are free.

It's all waiting to be experienced - so what will you do this June?

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Fri 27 & Sun 29 May

## Festival Warm Up

Get in the mood for the festival with two unmissable warm up shows:



### From the Jam

Featuring **Bruce Foxton**  
from the original line-up  
Fri 27 May, 7.45pm  
Queen's Theatre



### Abandonman

*'Flight of the Conchords meets 8 Mile...Nothing short of genius.'* Chortle  
Sun 29 May, 7.30pm  
studio@QT

For more information  
Box Office: 01271 32 42 42  
[northdevontheatres.org.uk](http://northdevontheatres.org.uk)

Sun 29 & Mon 30 May

## North Devon Real Ale Festival

Kick off the festival here



Returning after a successful first year, the North Devon Real Ale Festival, set in Barnstaple's historic Pannier Market, provides the opportunity to savour over 50 locally produced real ales and ciders. With a host of fantastic live music and some wonderful local food available, these two days are not to be missed!

### Barnstaple Pannier Market

Time: Sun 12pm to 9pm,  
Mon 12pm to 8pm  
Admission: Free  
[northdevonbeerfestival.com](http://northdevonbeerfestival.com)

Sat 28 May to Sun 19 June

## Twenty Twenty Vision

The Appledore Crafts  
Company Festival Exhibition



The Appledore Crafts Company is celebrating its twentieth anniversary as a co-operative of local designer-makers. The festival exhibition features a new signature piece from each member of this premier contemporary crafts gallery.

### Appledore Crafts Company

5 Bude St, Appledore  
Time: 10am to 5pm  
Admission: Free  
Info: 01237 423547  
[appledorecraftscompany.co.uk](http://appledorecraftscompany.co.uk)



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Mon 30 May to Sun 19 June

## SmashEd

Creating dynamic performances



Are you a young man, aged between 8 and 18? Great, we would love you to work alongside a group of girls with choreographer and director **Ben Dunks** and **Nix Rosewarne** to create a site specific piece of dance and physical theatre. This is your opportunity to star in dynamic performances in and around the town during Ilfracombe Arts Festival (page 61). You don't need dance or theatre experience, just an

open mind and a willingness to try.

**Landmark Theatre,**  
Ilfracombe

**Time:** Mon 30 May to Fri 3 June, 10am to 5pm  
Sat 11, 1pm to 6pm,  
Sun 12, 10am to 4pm  
Sat 18 & Sun 19,  
10am to 5pm

**Participant fee:** £25

**Free performances:**  
Fri 24 to Sun 26 June

**Booking essential:**  
01271 869216

[northdevontheatres.org.uk](http://northdevontheatres.org.uk)

Tues 31 May & Wed 1 June

## Arty Den Building

Down in the woods

A fun, family event led by local artist **Karen Hawkins** of Oceanic Arts. Come and create an amazing den from a range of natural materials in Arlington's woodlands. Please wear outdoor clothing that you don't mind getting dirty!

**Arlington Court,**  
Barnstaple

**Time:** 11am to 3pm

**Admission:** £9, young person £4.50, family £22.50, NT members & under 5s free (see website for further info)

**Info:** 01271 850296  
[nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington)



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Throughout June

## Barnstaple Fringe

Sending vibrations through the town



The Fringe returns, pulsing with energy and altering the atmosphere of the town throughout June. Staging anything from theatre to comedy and folk to jazz, the Fringe's attitude is to give anything a go once - there's never a dull moment! We're introducing exciting new artists and welcoming back some old friends. Over

50% of the performances are FREE, so why not try it? Visit the website or pick up a Barnstaple Fringe brochure for a full listing.

### Fringe venues...

The Baptist Hall  
Boston Tea Party  
Broomhill Art Hotel  
Claytons  
Gallery Café  
Lilico's  
studio@QT  
The Old Bus Station

**Admission:** Free & some ticketed events

**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
northdevonfestival.org

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Throughout June

## Broomhill Exhibitions

Psychedelic art

John Hurford's work is crowded with flowers, birds and insects - highly detailed observations from the natural world that he sees around him in the Devonshire countryside. From small pencil portraits to large flower paintings in acrylic, all are filled with his own brand of weirdness.

**Broomhill Art Hotel,**  
Barnstaple

**Time:** 11am to 4pm (last admission 4pm)

**Admission:** Free (entry fees apply for Sculpture Park)

**Info:** 01271 850262  
broomhillart.co.uk



Throughout June

## Broomhill National Sculpture Prize

Which is your favourite? Cast a vote!



Shelter by finalist Charlie Hawkins

The Broomhill Art and Sculpture Foundation launched the *National Sculpture Prize* in 2009 with an annual prize fund of £15,000 to provide an exciting challenge for new and emerging UK based sculptors. Ten short-listed, emerging sculptors (selected by a judging panel comprising internationally acclaimed artists Tim Shaw, Rob Ryan and Carol Peace) will be unveiling their sculptures to the public at an outdoor

summer exhibition in a bid to win the 2011 title. Be prepared to have your art critic hat on when you visit, as we'll be asking you to help us select the winner!

**Broomhill Art Hotel,**  
Barnstaple

**Time:** 11am to 4pm  
(last admission 4pm)

**Admission:** £4.50, conc  
£3.50, young persons  
(15yrs & under) £1.50,  
family £10

**Info:** 01271 850262  
broomhillart.co.uk



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## Art From The Park

Work from The Park Community School



Park Community School will inspire young artists in the Devon area this June with their public art exhibits from GCSE students. Look out for the work around the town and in public places. Galloping fairground horses and bumper cars will make an eye-catching display!

**Public spaces in Barnstaple**

**Time:** All day

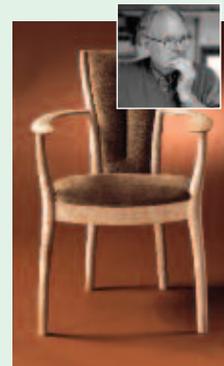
**Admission:** Free

**Info:** 01271 373131

[parkcommunity.devon.sch.uk](http://parkcommunity.devon.sch.uk)

Throughout June

## Three Chairs by John Makepeace



Barnstaple Museum presents a special opportunity to view three chairs by influential furniture designer and maker, John Makepeace, in conjunction with his visit to North Devon for the NDA talk on Wed 8 June (p29).

**Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon, Barnstaple**

**Time:** Mon to Sat,

9.30am to 5pm

**Admission:** Free

**Info:** 01271 346747

[northdevonmuseum.org](http://northdevonmuseum.org)

Throughout June

## Square Picture Show

Excellent art at affordable prices

The Square Picture Show is the annual summer exhibition of North Devon Arts. The theme this year is *The Elements* and work is available in many media. Size is limited to a 35cm square and the top price £199. Come and buy an outstanding example of your favourite artist's work.



**Broomhill Art Hotel, Stables**

**Gallery, Barnstaple**

**Time:** Wed to Sun,

12 noon to 3pm

**Admission:** Free

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An AONB & Biosphere Event  
Throughout June

## Walk on the Wild Side

Guided walks within North Devon's Biosphere and AONB



Join a series of free wildlife walks in the heart of North Devon's UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

**Wednesday Wanders**  
Morte Point, Mortehoe  
Village Car Park  
1 June, 7pm

**Horsley Island Trail,**  
White House  
8 June, 7pm

**Midsummer Orchid Walk,**  
Sandy Lane car park,  
Braunton Burrows  
22 June, 7pm



**Dune Bug Hunt**  
Sandy Lane car park,  
Braunton Burrows  
29 June 7pm

**Saturday Strolls**  
Devon Wildlife Trust  
Reserve, Meshaw  
11 June, 12.30pm

**Family Nature Walk,**  
Broadsands (Crow Point)  
car park information  
board, Braunton Burrows  
25 June, 2.30pm

**Info:** 01271 817349  
[northdevonbiosphere.org.uk](http://northdevonbiosphere.org.uk)



**Summer Evening  
Wildflower Walks**  
Braunton Burrows,  
Sandy Lane car park  
Fri 3, 10, 17 & 24 June,  
6:30pm



**Plant Walks & Talks**  
Hartland  
Wed 1, 8, 15 & 22 June, 6pm  
[northdevon-aonb.org.uk](http://northdevon-aonb.org.uk)



Wed 1 June

## 'In the face of'

By Exeter Shilhay  
Community

This extraordinary multimedia performance features 12 giant video projections of faces. Each video portrait will be accompanied by its own original musical soundtrack, performed live and punctuated by individual monologues, spoken live on stage but off the cuff. Truthful, touching and totally human stories.



**The Plough Arts Centre,**  
Torrington  
**Time:** 8pm

**Admission:** £9, conc £5  
**Box Office:** 01805 624 624  
theploughartscentre.org.uk

A Barnstaple Fringe Event

Wed 1 June

## Larry Garner with The Norman Beaker Band

Support from Maple Canyon



Larry Garner is without doubt one of the top American blues artists touring the world today; he has a wonderfully expressive voice, is a fine guitarist and a great performer. When Larry first came to England he toured with The Norman Beaker Band and at last these two musical soulmates are reunited. The Norman Beaker Band have been at the forefront of the UK blues scene for

over 3 decades working with BB King, Buddy Guy, Alexis Korner, Jack Bruce, Van Morrison, Chuck Berry and many more. This tour brings together two troubadours with something new to say.

**studio@QT,** Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Admission:** £12.40, conc £11.40 (+60p Love Arts payment), student £5  
**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
northdevontheatres.org.uk

Wed 1 June

## Country Skills Day

A celebration of local skills, ancient and new



Expect to see demonstrations from the North Devon Spinners, sheepdog duck-herding, expert blacksmith James Kendrew and the National Trust team. Story-teller Michael Dacre will tell tales of folklore, whilst local craftsmen work on charcoal burning, woodturning, stone work and more. There will also be green technology on show.

**Arlington Court,** Barnstaple  
**Time:** 11am to 3pm  
**Admission:** £9, young person £4.50, family £22.50, NT members & under 5s free (see website for info)  
**Info:** 01271 850296  
nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington

A Barnstaple Fringe Event

Thurs 2 June

## Stand Up@The Studio

Pappy's Fun Club, Pat Monaghan & compere John Robins



Hailed as 'the funniest sketch troupe on the fringe' (Scotsman) Pappy's Fun Club were nominated for the Edinburgh Comedy Award in 2007, won a Chortle Award in 2008 and have performed across the globe. They have appeared in their own shows on Channel 4 and Radio 4 and last year completed their 5th year at the Edinburgh fringe, where they earned a string of 4 and 5 star reviews.

Patrick Monaghan is chatty, friendly and knows how to weave a good yarn. He works the stage like a true professional ensuring your socks will be off by the end of the night!

**studio@QT,** Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple  
**Time:** 7pm doors, 8pm  
**Admission:** £12.40, student £7.40 (+60p Love Arts payment)  
**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
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Thurs 2 June

## Tom Jones

Performed by Bristol  
Old Vic Theatre School



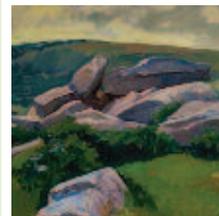
Expelled from Mr Allworthy's country estate for his wild temper and sexual conquests, the good-hearted founding Tom Jones loses his money, joins the army and pursues his beloved to London, where he becomes a kept lover. Our hero's actions were, in 1749, as shocking as they are funny today.

**The Plough Arts Centre,**  
Torrington  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Admission:** £10, conc £8, supporter £7, family £35 (£21)  
**Box Office:** 01805 624 624  
[theploughartscentre.org.uk](http://theploughartscentre.org.uk)

Fri 3 to Sat 25 June

## Living Pictures Exhibition

With Daniel Holmes-Adams



Daniel's paintings show nature in her wildness; these aren't chocolate box images. They capture the intangible unruliness of the moors, carved river valleys and ancient woodlands in the medium of oil. The wilderness is complemented by his studio work. The simple objects breathe character, radiate light and celebrate colour.

**The Plough Arts Centre,**  
Torrington  
**Time:** Tues to Sun 10am to 10pm (preview Fri 3, 7pm)  
**Admission:** Free  
**Info:** 01805 624 624  
[theploughartscentre.org.uk](http://theploughartscentre.org.uk)

Fri 3 June

## Fantastic Mr Fox

Illyria presents this  
David Wood adaptation



All Mr Fox wants from life is to feed his family, but Farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean are the cruellest, meanest and most ruthless farmers you could ever meet, and they are determined to put a stop to Mr Fox once and for all. Illyria and Roald Dahl - a 95 minute treat!

**Castle Hill Gardens,**  
Filleigh  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Admission:** £12, conc £10, supporter £9, family £45 (£27)  
**Box Office:** 01805 624 624  
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Fri 3 June

## Shaolin Warriors

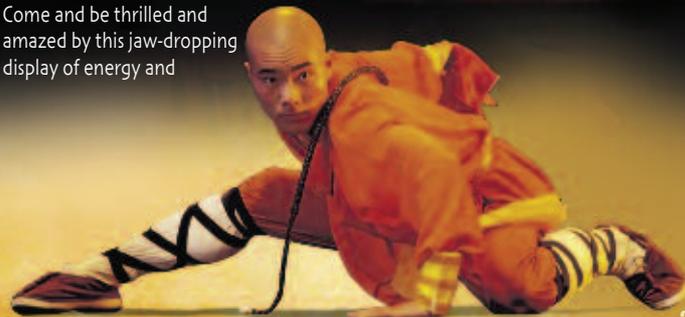
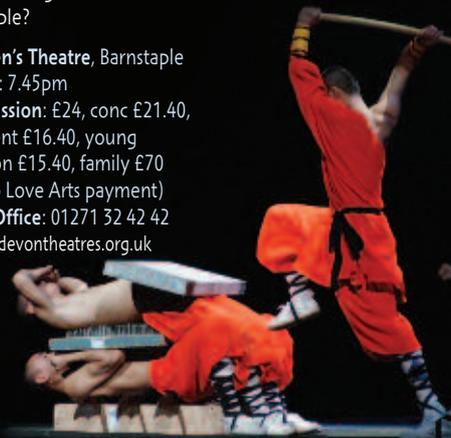
Legendary Kung Fu masters of China

This internationally acclaimed and breathtaking theatrical show, direct from China, vividly depicts the rarely-seen Kung Fu masters' feats of agility, strength and dexterity, a rare up-close glimpse of the mysterious martial art and meditation practised by the Shaolin monks.

The show is an extravaganza; a fully choreographed spectacular featuring 22 professionals with gorgeous scenery, atmospheric music, beautiful lights, hundreds of costumes and dangerous traditional weapons! Come and be thrilled and amazed by this jaw-dropping display of energy and

skill...you will be left questioning how is that possible?

**Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple**  
**Time:** 7.45pm  
**Admission:** £24, conc £21.40, student £16.40, young person £15.40, family £70 (+60p Love Arts payment)  
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## The Plough's Festival Concerts at RHS Garden Rosemoor

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### The Alan Price Set

Alan Price, of The Animals, is joined on stage by his six piece band to perform his hits, including *Simon Smith And His Amazing Dancing Bear* and *The House That Jack Built*.

Date: Fri 3 June, 8pm



### Julian Lloyd Webber (cello) & Pam Chowhan (piano)

Enjoy an evening of sublime music with Britain's most popular cellist, with a programme of Bach, Bridge, Britten, Faure, Delius, William Lloyd Webber and one of Rachmaninov's great masterpieces.

Date: Sat 4 June, 8pm

### Ruby Turner

Blessed with a voice that has been likened to Aretha Franklin and Janis Joplin, Ruby can breathe life and meaning into a passionate soaring ballad or a soulful up-tempo groove.

Date: Fri 10 June, 8pm



### Seth Lakeman

After several gigs at The Plough early in his career, this new folk icon returns to Torrington for a special night in the marquee at RHS Garden Rosemoor.

Date: Sat 11 June, 8pm



RHS Garden Rosemoor,  
Torrington

Admission for each concert:  
£25, conc £23, supporter £20  
Booking essential:  
01805 624 624

[theploughartscentre.org.uk](http://theploughartscentre.org.uk)  
A Plough Arts Centre event

Fri 3 to Mon 6 June

## Postcard Exchange

Bideford twinned with USA

Rosie Burns



Bideford and Manteo, North Carolina, are twinned. Bideford Bay Creatives and Dare County Arts Council are working in partnership on this Hand-Made Postcard exhibition, simultaneously shown here and America. The 100+ unique postcards, from the USA and UK, are an artists' view of our towns and landscape and are for sale.

**Burton Art Gallery,**  
Bideford

**Time:** 10am to 4pm,  
Fri until 8pm

**Admission:** Free  
**Info:** 01237 471455

bbcdevon.org

In partnership with  
Dare County Arts Council

Sat 4 June

## Woodland Play Day

Adventures in the woods



Spend the day exploring nature with all your senses, playing woodland games, building dens and cooking on a campfire. Please bring a packed lunch with you and we'll cook a dessert together. Suitable for ages 7 to 12.

**Tapeley Park Woods,**  
Instow

**Time:** 10am to 2pm  
**Admission:** £10

**Booking essential:**  
07990 685897  
wild-child.net

Sat 4 June

## Bucks Mills Cabin Open Day

A peek into a time capsule



See inside the evocative Bucks Mills Cabin of artists Judith Ackland and Mary Stella Edwards, now looked after by the National Trust. Find it just as the artists left it, full of the everyday items they cherished and that inspired their paintings and poetry.

**Bucks Mills,** Bideford  
**Time:** 10am to 4pm

**Admission:** Free  
**Info:** 07811 334039  
nationaltrust.org.uk/events

Sat 4 June

## Wildlife Festival

Wildlife comes to town



The annual **Devon Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Festival** is returning to Barnstaple. Expanding year on year, the 2011 event looks to be more popular than ever. TV naturalist **Nick Baker** will be present throughout the day, joining in the fun packed wildlife activities and entertainment. For the latest updates visit the website.

**The Square,** Barnstaple  
**Time:** 10am to 4pm

**Admission:** Free  
**Info:** 01392 279244  
devonwildlifetrust.org

Sat 4 & Sun 5 June

## Here Comes Summer

Music and good times



The Hunters Inn is a unique place, set in the heart of the Heddon Valley and the perfect location for this free summer festival. Acts confirmed so far include: **Chilly Breeze, Jenna Witts, Della & James** and **Dan Greenaway**.

**The Hunters Inn,** Heddon Valley, Parracombe  
**Time:** Sat 7pm to 12am,  
Sun noon to 7pm

**Admission:** Free  
**Info:** 01598 763230  
thehuntersinn.net

Tues 7 & Wed 8 June

## Tag Rugby Festival

Great fun and prizes



Now in its 17th year, the Tag Rugby Festival attracts over 450 children from North Devon Primary Schools. The winners from each day enter a play-off for the honour of representing North Devon in the Devon Games To Inspire. Organised by the first year sports students at PETROC Barnstaple campus.

**Barnstaple Rugby Club**  
**Time:** 10am to 3pm

**Admission:** Free to spectators  
**Info:** 01271 338112  
petroc.ac.uk



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Sun 5 June

## WestCoast

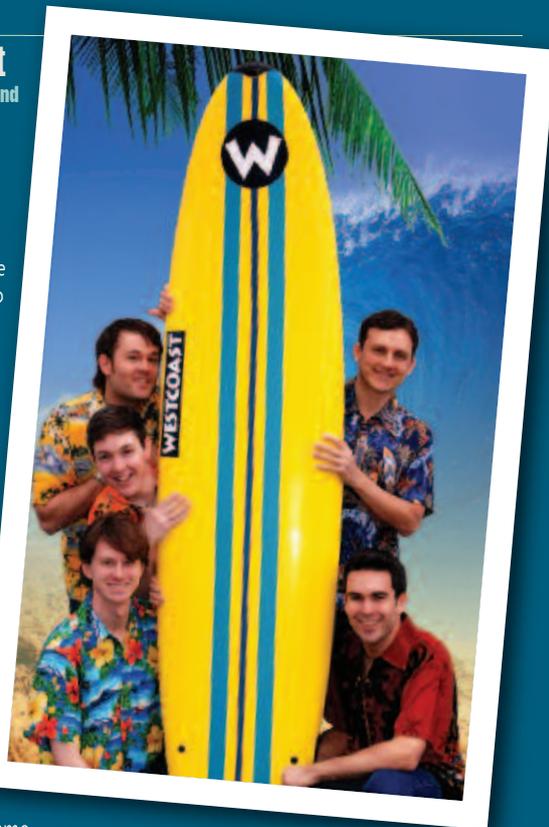
5 guys, a live band and  
a surf board

Celebrate the good vibrations of the Beach Boys with these five great singers who accurately recreate the original harmony sound of this iconic Californian surf rock band.

Light hearted and entertaining, WestCoast is packed from start to finish with familiar foot-tapping hits including *Good Vibrations, Fun, Fun, Fun, Surfin USA, Sloop John B, Barbara Ann, God Only*

*Knows, Surfin' Safari, California Girls...* to name just a few.

This show is full of golden Californian sunshine – come and enjoy your share of the glow.



Landmark Theatre,

Ilfracombe

Time: 8.15pm

Admission: £18, young person £9.40, (+60p Love

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both classic and modern,  
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at its very best, see three  
examples at the museum  
throughout June (p13).

**Broomhill Art Hotel,**  
Barnstaple  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Admission:** £5, NDA  
members free  
**Booking:** events@  
northdevonarts.co.uk  
northdevonarts.co.uk

Thurs 9 June

## When Will I Be Famous?

A new comedy by  
Mark Whiteley

How easy is it to become  
famous? After last year's  
hit comedy *Poles Apart*,  
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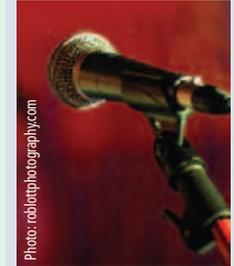


**The Plough Arts Centre,**  
Torrington  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Admission:** £11, conc £10,  
supporter £9  
**Info:** 01805 624 624  
[theploughartscentre.org.uk](http://theploughartscentre.org.uk)

Thurs 9 June

## Festival Open Mike

Cook Island Open Mike



This exceptional and  
regular open mike and  
festival event is hosted by  
The Average Blues Band  
and is now in its 6th year.  
It showcases a wealth of  
North Devon talent from  
unplugged acoustic  
soloists, to most definitely  
plugged bands.  
Performers and  
headliners to be  
announced.

**Cook Island, Mullacott  
Cross, Ilfracombe**  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Admission:** Free  
**Info:** 07980 159050  
[redshoesmusic.com](http://redshoesmusic.com)

Tues 7 to Sat 11 June

THERE ARE MANY IMITATIONS BUT ONLY ONE...

# Buddy

The Buddy Holly Story



Oh Boy! 'The World's most successful Rock 'n' Roll musical' is back! Come and see why this sensational show, seen by over 20 million people around the world, remains loved by audiences and critics alike. A phenomenally multi-talented cast come together to tell Buddy Holly's story, from his meteoric rise to fame, to his final legendary performance at The Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake,

Iowa. Together they present two terrific hours of his greatest hits, including the timeless classics *That'll Be The Day*, *Peggy Sue*, *Oh Boy*, *Rave On*, *Everyday* and many more.

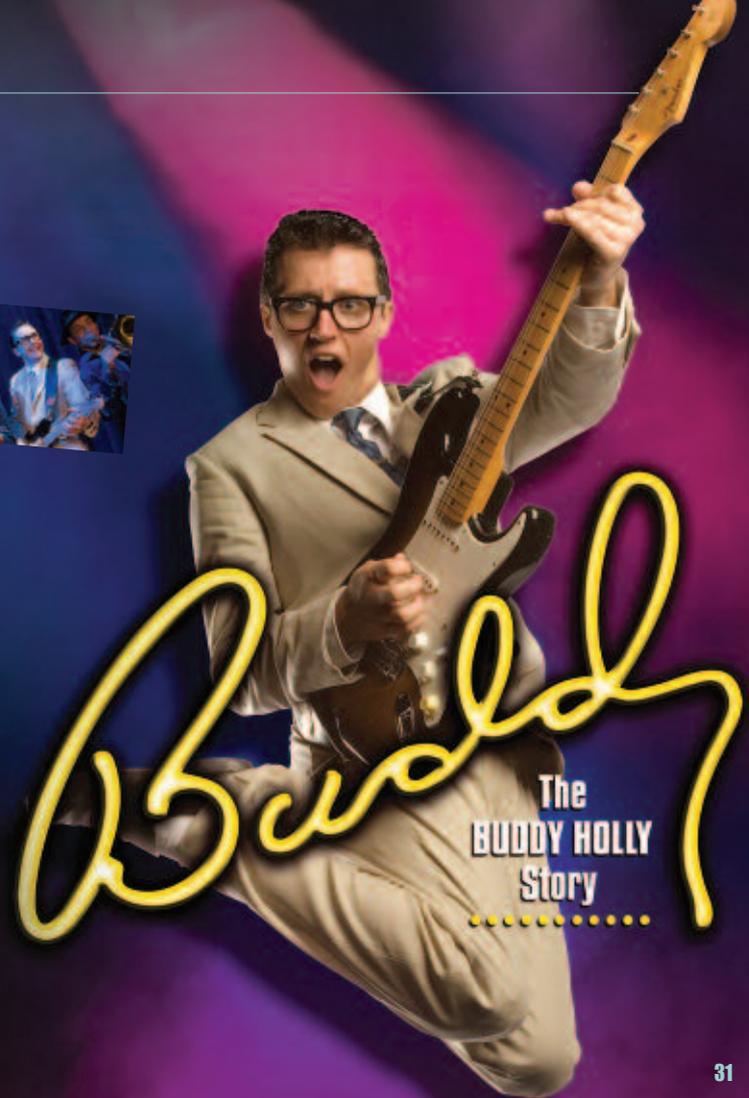
With the Big Bopper's *Chantilly Lace* and Ritchie Valens' *La Bamba* completing a stellar musical line up, **Buddy** is a not-to-be-missed evening of family entertainment that will have music

lovers from 8 to 80 toe-tapping, hand-clapping and rocking in the aisles! 'PERFECT. Everything a musical should be' BBC

**Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple**  
**Time:** Tues to Thurs 8 & Sat eve at 7.45pm, Thurs & Sat mat at 2.30pm, Fri 5pm & 8pm  
**Admission:** from £17.50 to £26.50 (+60p Love Arts payment)  
**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
[northdevontheatres.org.uk](http://northdevontheatres.org.uk)

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## Art Trek

Open Studios event

Art Trek is a great opportunity to meet friendly artists, hear of their inspirations and learn about their creative processes - all over a cup of tea!

Artists and makers welcome you into their homes, workshops, studios and host venues. See a fantastic range of unique, high quality Arts whilst exploring North Devon's beautiful coast and countryside.

Art Trek artists will be at two new events: Castle Hill Art Fair (10th to 12th, by kind permission of Lady Arran) and Ilfracombe Arts Festival (see p61).

So pick up an Art Trek guide and take yourself on an inspiring adventure.

North Devon, Torrington and West Exmoor

Time: 10.30am to 4.30pm

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Thurs 9 to Sat 11 June

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

Presented by Studio Theatre

Lysander loves Hermia who's promised to Demetrius. Helena loves Demetrius, who doesn't love her. All are caught up in the forest feud of the King and Queen of the fairies, which gets out of hand as the cheeky Puck adds further mischief and entangles a group of bumbling craftsmen. Enjoy this charming version of Shakespeare's summer comedy aimed at audiences young and old.

Landmark Theatre,  
Ilfracombe

Date: Thurs 9 & Sat 11 June,  
7.30pm

Admission: £10 (+60p Love Arts payment), students £5  
Box Office: 01271 32 42 42  
northdevontheatres.org.uk

The Plough Arts Centre,  
Torrington

Date: Fri 10 June, 8pm

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

Box Office: 01805 624 624  
theploughartscentre.org.uk



Fri 10 June

## Tarka Line Music Trains

For an evening of jazz



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Train Station, Barnstaple

Time: 6pm (adult return  
£5.30, see website for  
other fares)

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Sat 11 June to Sat 9 July

## The Turning Year by James Ravilious



James Ravilious spent 17 years recording the lives and landscapes of North Devon for the Beaford Photographic Archive. He created the most intensive record of any rural area in England. Over the next three years, the Museum will be showing its entire collection of James' work.

**Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon, Barnstaple**

**Time:** Mon to Sat, 9.30am to 5pm

**Admission:** Free

**Info:** 01271 346747

[northdevonmuseum.org](http://northdevonmuseum.org)

Sat 11 June

## Arlington Comes to Life

See history come alive



National Trust Photo Library

Come and meet a cast of characters from 1883, who lived and worked on the Arlington Estate. From gamekeeper to coachman, they all have an interesting story to tell.

**Arlington Court, Barnstaple**

**Time:** 11am to 3pm

**Admission:** £9, young person £4.50, family £22.50, NT members & under 5s free (see website for further info)

**Info:** 01271 850296

[nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington)  
[org.uk](http://org.uk)

Sat 11 June

## Diversity Fair

A celebration of culture

Hikmat BME Centre and Sunrise Group are holding a Diversity Fair for the second year running to celebrate diversity.

Activities taking place will include; henna painting, Chinese paper crafts, multi-ethnic food demonstrations, a fashion show, music, dancing, and more. Everyone is welcome to join in the activities and celebration.

**The Square, Barnstaple**

**Time:** 12 to 3pm

**Admission:** Free

**Info:** 01392 314753

[hikmatdevon.co.uk](http://hikmatdevon.co.uk)



Sat 11 to Sun 19 June

## Ilfracombe Victorian Celebration

Step back in time and enjoy today



For nine glorious days in June, Ilfracombe returns to elegant Victorian times, where Queen Victoria, John Bull, Britannia, a Beefeater and costumed ladies, gents and children can all be seen enjoying the parades, street theatre, fun and frolics. Attracting visitors from all over the country, this beautiful seaside town plays host to Victorian Bathing Belles, a Suffragette's Rally, a Victorian Market, craft displays, and so much

more. A Mock Court is staged where the miscreants of the week appear before the 'beak', creating much fun and frivolity. Music, theatre, a magnificent costumed ball, and spectacular fireworks complete this unique event.

### Ilfracombe

**Time:** All day, with some evening events

**Admission:** Most events free, some charged

**Info:** 01271 862922  
ilfvc.org.uk

A Biosphere & Gaia Trust event

Sun 12 June

## Wildflowers and skylarks

Wildlife walk at Home Farm Marsh

Join the Gaia Trust on a wildlife walk around Home Farm Marsh, the perfect time to enjoy orchids and other wild flowers, and to hear the skylarks singing. The shoreline, ponds, scrapes, hedges and fields give plenty of opportunities for spotting other birds and plants at this lovely estuary site.



### Meeting outside Fremington Quay,

Heritage Centre

**Time:** 10.30am

**Admission:** Free

**Booking essential:**  
01209 890696  
gaiatrust.org.uk

Mon 13 June

## Ed Stafford - Walking the Amazon



When British explorer Ed Stafford set out to walk the entire length of the Amazon river in 2008, he was roundly dismissed. No-one had ever attempted it before and everyone said that it couldn't be done...but he went anyway. 860 days later Ed finally reached

the Atlantic Ocean and became the first known person to walk the 4000 miles length of the Amazon river from source to sea. Ed recounts his epic tale of vipers, jungles and indigenous tribes with images and footage from the longest jungle expedition in history.

### Queen's Theatre,

Barnstaple

**Time:** 7.45pm

**Admission:** £13.50, student £9.40, young person £8.40 (+60p Love Arts payment)

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This will be in the new Goodwin Gallery and studios at the School of Creative Industries. There will also be an exhibition of work by Foundation students.

**Petroc, School of Creative Industries, Barnstaple**

**Time:** 10am to 4pm (please report to reception)

**Admission:** Free

**Info:** 07870 583585

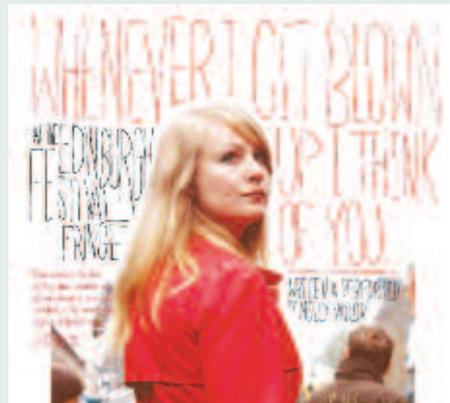
[petroc.ac.uk](http://petroc.ac.uk)

A Barnstaple Fringe Event

Tues 14 June

## Whenever I Get Blown Up I Think Of You

Written and performed by Molly Naylor



Last year Molly performed an excerpt as a work in progress, are you ready for the full story?

Britain is booming and Molly moves to London from deepest Cornwall full of naive dreams, high hopes and on a quest to make her life just like the movies.

Then on 7/7/2005, she finds herself on a tube blown up by terrorists and her life is forced to take a different

direction. Funny, frank and poetic; this is the true story of what happened next and how we put things back together after they've been blown apart.

**studio@QT, Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple**

**Time:** 8pm

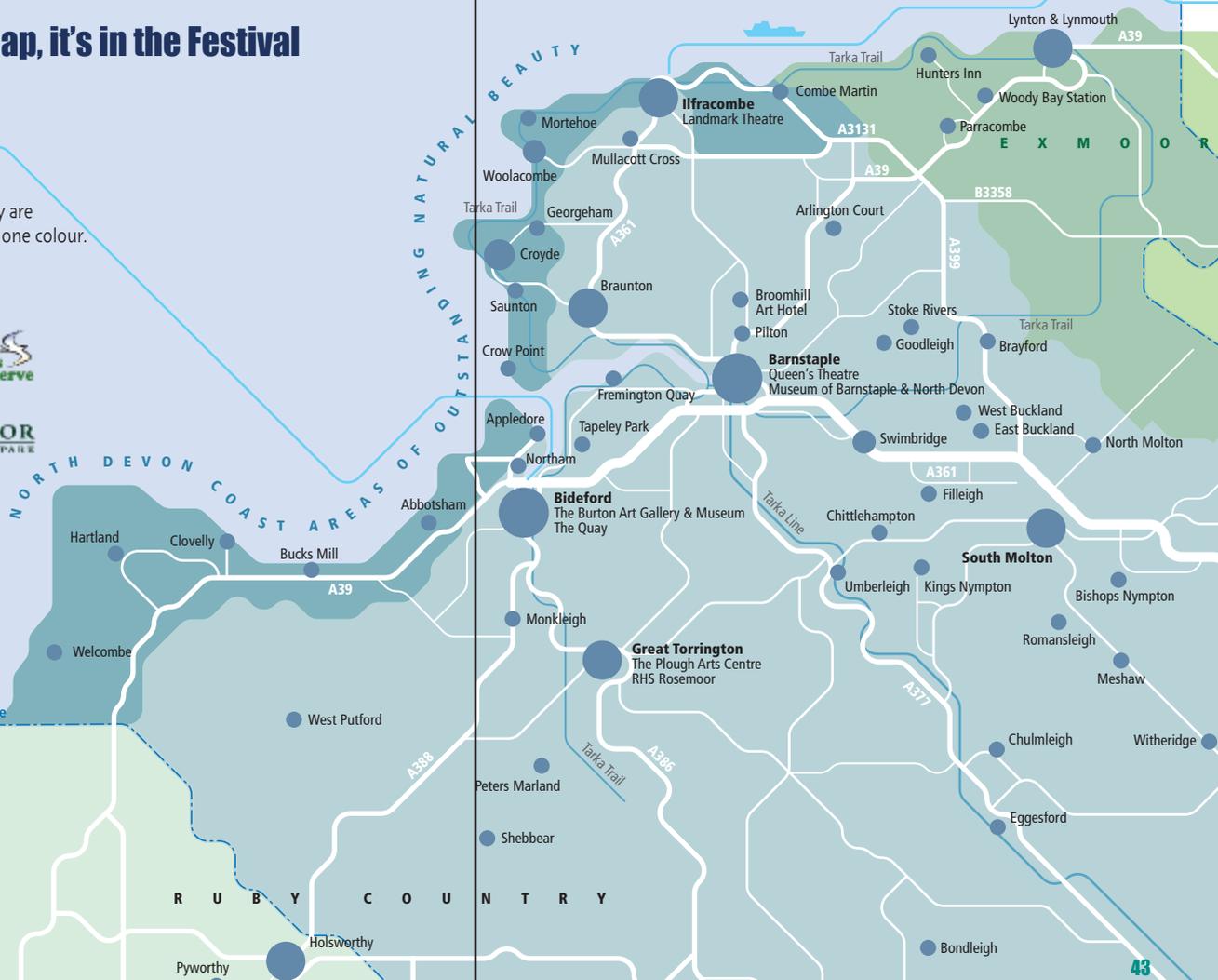
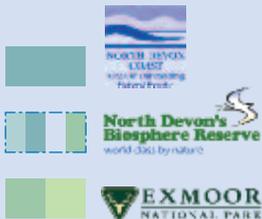
**Admission:** £9.40 (+60p Love Arts payment) students £5

**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
[northdevontheatres.org.uk](http://northdevontheatres.org.uk)

# If it's on the map, it's in the Festival

## Key to geographical areas

As these areas overlap they are represented by more than one colour.



## Fulborn Teversham

Prog jazz & beyond



Fulborn Teversham are the mind-blowing new group of **Seb Rochford**, the extraordinarily in-demand and prolific drummer/composer, leader of Mercury Music prize nominees Polar Bear, and winner of BBC Jazz award for Rising Star 2004. Fulborn Teversham pursue a more eclectic, and less overtly jazz direction; incorporating elements of electronica, prog and post punk.

**Broomhill Art Hotel,**  
Barnstaple

**Time:** doors 7.30pm, concert 8pm, interval & buffet 9pm

**Admission:** £7.50, £12.50 music & buffet

**Booking essential:**  
01271 850262  
broomhillart.co.uk

## The Upstairs and Downstairs Songbook

Volume 3: Mr Pitt's Picnic



Turn back the clock to Victorian England with this musical comedy written and directed by Laurence Butler. Ilfracombe Musical Productions make another welcome return with the continuing saga of Brannock Hall. This time Mr Pitt the porter organises a picnic for the staff on the same afternoon as Lady Arlington's Garden Party. Preparations soon deteriorate and the

afternoon concludes with devastating consequences for her Ladyship but with a pleasant surprise for Mr Pitt.

This is good old-fashioned family entertainment full of non-stop music, dance and laughter from a bygone era.

**Landmark Theatre,**  
Ilfracombe

**Time:** 8.15pm

**Admission:** £9, conc £8 (+60p Love Arts payment)

**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
northdevontheatres.org.uk

## Nancy Kerr & James Fagan

The ground-breaking English fiddle player and singer, Nancy Kerr and her Aussie partner, James Fagan (bouzouki, guitar), are fresh from receiving the prestigious BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Best Duo 2011.

As well as being great exponents of their instruments, both are regarded as fine and influential singers, whose live performances have been described as both

electrifying and memorable. Their warm audience interaction is one of their trademarks. Come and catch some of their infectious musical energy!

**Gallery Café,** Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple

**Times:** 7.45pm

**Admission:** £10, students £5 (+60p Love Arts payment)

**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
northdevontheatres.org.uk



## Coastwise Shore Safari

Exploration of shore life



Open your eyes to the diversity of life on the beach with the help of Coastwise guides. North Devon has such rich shores and Barricane is one of the best. Just for children? Absolutely not, check out our website. Old clothes and wellies are best. Accompanied children welcome.

**Barricane Beach,** The Esplanade, Woolacombe

**Time:** 11am to 1pm

**Admission:** Free. Nets, buckets & ID guides (£2.50) provided.

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Thurs 16 to Mon 20 June

## South Molton Olde English Fayre

A weekend of traditional fun



Our fayre dates back to the Royal Charters of Elizabeth I and Charles II, and is 5 days of Olde English celebration in the historic market town of South Molton.

Events include: Victorian fairground rides, market, crafts, vintage vehicle display, choral concert, children's games, Father's Day Breakfast and Beating the Bounds.

**South Molton,**  
Town Centre

**Time:** see website

**Info:** 01769 572719

[northdevonfestival.org](http://northdevonfestival.org)

An AONB Event

Fri 17 June

## Essential Nature Art Walk

A 'walking art workshop'



Photo: Dave Green

Led by environmental artist, **Linda Gordon**, this walk will enable you to respond to the landscape with drawing, photography, ephemeral art works, writing or other creative activities.

Afterwards your work can (with your permission) be published on the Essential Nature website or blog.

Meet outside **The Burrows Centre**, Sandymere Road, Northam

**Time:** 1.30pm to 4.30pm

**Admission:** £9.50; young person (12-18yrs) £6

**Booking advisable:**

01237 478875

[essentialnature.org.uk](http://essentialnature.org.uk)

Fri 17 June

## An Evening with Dementia

Written and performed by Trevor T Smith



Trevor T. Smith's award-winning play, fresh from the Edinburgh fringe, offers a poignant yet humorous perspective of an old actor cut loose from society by a failing memory and allows us to empathise with the state-of-being called dementia. From an ex-RSC actor. View trailer on Youtube.

**The Plough Arts Centre**, Torrington

**Time:** 8pm

**Admission:** £9, conc £8, supporter £7

**Box Office:** 01805 624 624

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All this alongside licensed bars and international cuisine, whilst the adrenalin zones, pro demos, workshops, exhibitions, sampling booths and simulators all add to the eclectic ambience of the event.

The GoldCoast Oceanfest is all about good times, great music, keeping fit and looking after the environment.



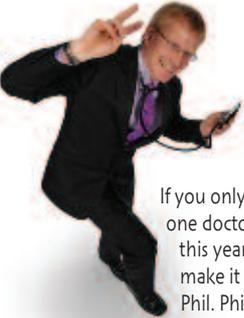
Moor Lane, Croyde, North Devon  
Time: 10am to 11pm Fri & Sat, 10am to 7pm Sun  
Admission: 3 day weekend ticket ~ £35, under 18 £25, family £95  
Booking essential: online [goldcoastcoastfest.co.uk](http://goldcoastcoastfest.co.uk)

**It's a lifestyle thing. You'll love it.**

Sat 18 June

## Dr Phil's Rude Health Show

Seriously good for your health



If you only see one doctor this year, make it Dr Phil.

Phil Hammonds is a GP, writer, broadcaster and possibly the only comedian to have appeared at a public inquiry. He is Private Eye's medical correspondent and has appeared on *Have I Got News for You*, *The News Quiz*, *Countdown* and *The One Show*.

**The Plough Arts Centre**, Torrington

**Time:** 8pm

**Admission:** £14, conc £13, supporter £12

**Box Office:** 01805 624 624  
theploughartscentre.org.uk

A Barnstaple Fringe Event

Sat 18 June

## Not So Grimm Fairy Tales!



This innovative and versatile theatre company perform an exhilarating interpretation of your well-loved children's stories. All your favourite Grimm characters ... Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, Tom Thumb, a handful of princesses, a whirlwind of witches and one weally, weally wicked wolf... are brought to life in this energetic, colourful, laugh-a-minute show, with music, surprises, a touch of magic

and lots of fun for all the family!

Presented by Uncontained Arts in association with Buxton Opera House and Derby Theatre.

**studio@QT**, Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple

**Time:** 3pm & 7pm

**Admission:** £9.40, (+60p Love Arts payment), student £5

**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
northdevontheatres.org.uk



Sat 18 June

## Summer Science Family Fun Day

A Bideford College event

The theme of this year's event is Water, Water, Everywhere. The day will be 'flowing' with hands-on science experiments and demonstrations. **Callington Space Centre** will present *Water as a Rocket Fuel* and *Recycling Water in Space*, whilst other attractions will include the Exmoor Zoo Roadshow, hilarious antics from Torrington 1646 and water rocket launching.



**Tapley Park**, Instow

**Time:** 11am to 5pm

**Admission:** £2, conc £1, young person 50p (free parking plus access to the gardens & grounds)

**Info:** 01237 429574  
bideford.devon.sch.uk

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Sat 18 June

## Woodturners' Craft Fair

A celebration of wood craft



There will be inspiring turning demonstrations throughout the day and many turned items for sale plus jewellery, pottery, cross stitch, quilts, dried flowers, carving and knitting. Refreshments available.

**St Johns Community Centre**, Barnstaple (Tesco)

**Time:** 10am to 4pm.

**Admission:** 50p, under 16 free.

**Info:** 01271 374214  
northdevonwoodturners.org.uk

Sponsored by Axminster Tools and Yandles of Martock

Sat 18 June

## Tidy Town's Big Bash

Clean activities!



'Tidy Up Our Town' is in its fourth year, promoting and encouraging members of the community to work together to help make Barnstaple a cleaner place. This event will conclude the week-long celebration that is being held from the 13th to 18th June. There will be educational, health and wellbeing stalls, along with creative workshops led by 'Mrs Recycle'.

**The Square**, Barnstaple

**Time:** 10am to 4pm

**Admission:** Free

**Info:** 01271 373311

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## Blazin' Fiddles

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**Landmark Theatre,**  
 Ilfracombe  
**Time:** 8.15pm  
**Admission:** £16, conc £14.50, student £10.40, young person £9.40, (+60p Love Arts payment)  
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**The Big Sheep**, Bideford

**Time:** All day  
**Registration:** £10 per person (inc admission to The Big Sheep)  
**Booking essential:**  
01271 347204  
northdevonhospice.org.uk

Sun 19 June

## Through the View Finder

A must on Father's Day if your dad is camera mad!



Come and revisit the views from photographs in Arlington's archive and add to it. Maybe you have a historic picture of the gardens and grounds, if you do, bring it along! All you need is yourself and a camera, digital if possible. We will create a website address for you to upload your new 'view finds' onto.

**Arlington Court**, Barnstaple

**Time:** 11am to 3pm  
**Admission:** £9, young person £4.50, family £22.50, NT members & under 5s free (see website for further info)  
**Info:** 01271 850296  
nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington

Sun 19 June

## The Oratorio 'The Seasons'

By Joseph Haydn, presented by Artavian Baroque



The success of Haydn's 'Creation' prompted him to write another oratorio, setting a poem by James Thompson describing the passing seasons. The Artavian Classical Orchestra on period instruments, will be joined by soloists Angela Henckel, Roy Rashbrook, John Ward, and the Artavian Singers conducted by John Marston. Sung in English.

**Woolhanger Manor**, Parracombe

**Time:** 6pm  
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You can contact the local centre in Barnstaple on 01271 37 43 43 or you can visit the centre at: 2 Summerland Street, Barnstaple EX32 8JJ Across the UK you can call Samaritans on 08457 90 90 90 for the price of a local call

You can also email Samaritans at [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org), write to Chris, PO Box 9090, Stirling, FK8 2SA or if you are deaf or hard of hearing use the single national Minicom number 08457 90 91 92.

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Sun 19 June

## An Evening with Blake

In 2007 Blake took the music world by storm as they blurred the lines between pop and classical singing, creating a unique sound like none before interpreting familiar and much loved music anthems. As four friends who have known each other for over 20 years, their onstage humour and

rat-pack mischief make every show unique. The past few years have been busy for Blake; they've released 3 award winning albums, travelled the globe, appeared on over eighty TV shows, sung for royalty, performed at Wembley, Twickenham and Wimbledon and now you can see them here at the Queen's Theatre - unbelievable, but it's true!



**Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple**  
**Time:** 7.45pm  
**Admission:** £19.50, young person £9.40 (+60p Love Arts payment)  
**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
[northdevontheatres.org.uk](http://northdevontheatres.org.uk)



Sun 19 June

## Rotary Jazz River Cruise

A sunset sail



Enjoy a wonderful two and a half hour sunset cruise from Bideford Quay along the River Torridge enjoying live jazz. Weather permitting, we may even cross the 'Bar' and follow the sunset.

From The Quay Lundy Office, Bideford

**Time:** 6.30pm boarding, 7pm sailing

**Admission:** £13, young person under 16yrs £6.50

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A Barnstaple Fringe Event

Tues 21 June

## Gordon Giltrap with Woody Mann

Two exceptional guitarists



Two exceptional guitarists join forces for a night of enticing blues, roots and jazz music. Giltrap is one of the UK's most respected guitarists and best loved musicians with his unique, self-taught style spanning many musical genres. Mann is considered a modern master who draws inspiration from every direction, blending a myriad of influences. Taught by the legendary blues, gospel and ragtime guitarist Rev

Gary Davis and other blues and jazz luminaries, Mann has evolved his own unique style. This is a must for anyone who plays the guitar or aspires to!

**studio@QT**, Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple

**Time:** 8pm

**Admission:** £12.40, conc £11.40 (+60p Love Arts payment), student £5

**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42 northdevontheatres.org.uk



Tues 21 June

## Sense & Sensibility

A Chapterhouse Theatre production



This brand new version of Jane Austen's lively tale, adapted for the stage by Laura Turner, follows Elinor and Marianne Dashwood as they fall in love, make mistakes and experience heartbreak for the first time in their quest to find a balance between sense and sensibility. Bring a rug or some low backed seating.

**Northcote Manor**, Burrington, Umberleigh

**Time:** 7pm, gates 6.30pm

**Admission:** £12, young person (under 12) £8, family £35, 10% group discount 10+, under 5's free, pre-show supper £25

**Booking advisable:** 01769 560501 northcotemanor.co.uk

A Barnstaple Fringe Event

Wed 22 June

## The Impossible Gentlemen

Brit-US jazz super-group  
'Nothing short of sensational' The Guardian



What a British-American jazz supergroup: the award-winning pianist **Gwilym Simcock**, the outstanding guitarist **Mike Walker** (gigs with Dave Holland and Bill Frisell), the unique **Steve Swallow** (bass), the mainspring behind Carla Bley and Gary Burton for years, and the sublime drummer **Adam Nussbaum**,

who's played with James Moody and Dave Liebman. Unmissable.

**studio@QT**, Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple

**Time:** 8pm

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Thurs 23 to Sun 26 June

## Ilfracombe Arts Festival

An explosion of the arts!



This four day arts festival celebrates all things creative in Ilfracombe. You can expect to see fantastic performances, including extracts from *Alice in Wonderland* on the seafront, a community arts showcase and a 'secret show' at the Landmark (see p63). Members of the Smash Boys and Make the Move will surprise passers-by with contemporary dance and physical theatre in unexpected places! An outstanding programme of contemporary visual arts,

photography and performance. From bunting to samba processions and an art installation on the side of Capstone - there is something for everyone.

**Various venues** across Ilfracombe

**Time:** All day  
**Admission:** Most events free  
[ilfracombe-arts-festival.co.uk](http://ilfracombe-arts-festival.co.uk)  
[northdevontheatres.org.uk](http://northdevontheatres.org.uk)

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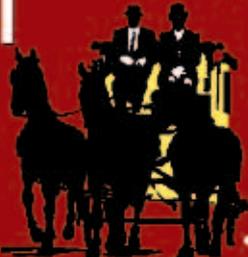
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**Landmark Theatre,**

Ilfracombe

**Time:** 8pm

**Admission:** £5 in advance, rising to £9.40 on the day (+60p Love Arts payment)

**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
[northdevontheatres.org.uk](http://northdevontheatres.org.uk)



**Barnstaple Fringe Event**  
Thurs 23 to Sun 26 June

# Fringe TheatreFest

Four days of frenetic activity



Now in its 5th year, Fringe TheatreFest attracts companies to Barnstaple from around the country – and beyond – as well as providing a platform for exciting and innovative local performers. The variety of work crammed into just four days of frenetic activity is truly astonishing. In just one

evening you might find yourself on-stage at the Queen's Theatre playing mind-games; lost in an atmospheric evocation of Shakespeare from a Japanese master of mime; amused by reflections on growing up or invigorated by an assault on Mount Everest in *The Baptist Hall*. And then back the next day

to be astonished by a large-cast amalgamation of *Macbeth* and *The Twilight Saga*; assaulted by the stark realities of contemporary life; enlivened by poetry as you've never heard it; cheered by the enduring power of ancient stories newly minted; mightily amused by a variety of

musical high-jinx; consternated by a cross-dressing drama and, finally, discombobulated by a tsunami of rumour, spin and misinformation. And still two more days to go!

The full programme and regular updates can be found at [theatrefest.co.uk](http://theatrefest.co.uk)

**The Baptist Hall, Boston Tea Party,**  
[galleries@QT & studio@QT](mailto:galleries@QT&studio@QT),  
Barnstaple

**Time:** various  
**Admission:** £5, conc £3,  
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Thurs 23 & Fri 24 June

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**Woody Bay Station,**  
 Martinhoe Cross,  
 Parracombe

**Time:** 2pm to 2.30pm

**Admission:** Free

**Info:** 01598 768338

[westexmoorfederation.org.uk](http://westexmoorfederation.org.uk)

Thurs 23 to Sat 25 June

## Brannockstown Celebration

Braunton honours its founder

Explore an exhibition of paintings by local artists, quilts, old postcards of Braunton, church silver and vestments, 1911 Coronation Centenary royal china, church history, Braunton pottery and floral art. With organ recitals and refreshments available. And on Fri 24, 6.30pm a free **Songs of Praise in the Park** at the Recreation Ground.



**St Brannock's Church & Rooms,** Braunton

**Time:** 10.30am to 4.30pm

**Admission:** Free

**Info:** 01271 814082

[brauntonchurch.org](http://brauntonchurch.org)

Thurs 23 June

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

By Chapterhouse Theatre



Chapterhouse Theatre present an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's incomparable tale of romance, fun and the frolics of the fairy world. Licensed bar and refreshments available. Bring picnics, rugs and chairs.

**The Cricket Pavilion,** Park Community School, Barnstaple

**Time:** 6.30pm picnics, 7.30pm show

**Admission:** £12, young person (16yrs and under) £10

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**Green, Torrington**

**Time: 6pm to 8pm**

**Admission: Free**

**Info: 01805 624176**

[torringtoncommons.co.uk](http://torringtoncommons.co.uk)

Sat 25 June

## Barnstaple Elephant Day

A prehistoric party

## Bug Fest 2011

Go crazy for creepy crawlies

Celebrate Barnstaple's  
prehistoric past with  
creative activities and  
Andy Currant from the  
Natural History Museum,  
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1844 in Summerland St. At  
4pm a parade will be led  
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and Bug Fest beasts!



**Museum of Barnstaple &  
North Devon, The Square,  
Barnstaple**

**Time: 11am to 4.30pm**

**Admission: Free**

**Info: 01271 346747**

[northdevonmuseum.org](http://northdevonmuseum.org)

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Elephant Day.

**The Square, Barnstaple**

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**Admission: Free**

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**Arlington Court,**  
Barnstaple

**Time:** 10.30am to 4pm

**Admission:** £15 (includes, materials, refreshments & 2 course lunch)

**Booking essential:**  
01271 850296

[nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington)

Sat 25 June

## Witheridge St John's Fayre

One of the oldest fayres in the country



Dating back to 1248, this is one of the oldest fayres in the country. For the first time this year it will include a traditional funfair to recapture the atmosphere of times past alongside the popular Grand Carnival Parade at 11am and live music.

**The Square and the Parish Hall,** Witheridge

**Time:** starts 11am

**Admission:** free  
**Info:** 01884 860270

[witheridge-devon.com/charterfair.htm](http://witheridge-devon.com/charterfair.htm)

Sun 26 June

## Sports and Classic Car Run

A North Devon Hospice event



Join us for a perfect North Devon day. Choose from 60 mile or 100 mile routes that take in pretty villages, picturesque valleys, dramatic coastline and classic horsepower. Both routes end at Hartland Abbey Country Fayre and Farmers Market.

Starting at **West Buckland School**

**Time:** 8am

**Admission:** £40 per car  
**Booking essential:**

01271 347213  
[northdevonhospice.org.uk](http://northdevonhospice.org.uk)

Sun 26 June

## Philharmonia Orchestra

Christian Vásquez, Conductor  
Jamie Walton, Cello

Programme:  
**Elgar** - Serenade for Strings  
**Elgar** - Cello Concerto  
**Tchaikovsky** - Symphony No. 4

The Philharmonia Orchestra, one of the world's finest orchestras, returns to Barnstaple for a concert featuring Elgar and Tchaikovsky. Venezuelan conductor Christian Vásquez, a product of the life-changing

*El Sistema* programme (which produced the likes of Gustavo Dudamel and the Simón Bolívar Youth Orchestra) conducts Tchaikovsky's impassioned Fourth Symphony, and the more tranquil Serenade for Strings. He is joined by British cellist Jamie Walton who performs Elgar's quintessential Cello Concerto.



**Queen's Theatre,**  
Barnstaple  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Admission:** stalls/dress circle £25, conc £23.50, upper circle £21.50, conc £20 (+60p Love Arts payment), student £5  
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Sun 26 June

## North Devon AONB Marathon & Half Marathon

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**The Green, The Esplanade,**  
Woolacombe  
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Tues 28 to Wed 29 June

## Shanghai Jazz & Dinner

With Chinese singer  
Fong Liu



In the sepia-lit dance halls of old Shanghai, jazz set the background score to a world of mobsters and singsong girls. Shanghai was the uncontested jazz capital of Asia. The wheels of time brought Shanghai's heyday to an end as the clubs converted into communist factories and Shanghai's jazz was outlawed...until now!

**Fullam Restaurant,**  
Barnstaple  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Admission:** £25 incl meal  
**Booking essential:** 01271 347204 or 01271 328882  
northdevonhospice.org.uk

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Wed 29 June

## Woody Bay & waterfalls

A stunning guided walk

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**Hunter's Inn car park**  
**Time:** 11am for approx 4hrs/5miles inc lunch stop  
**Admission:** £3, young person under 16 & students free  
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A Barnstaple Fringe Event

Wed 29 June

## Anthony Strong Trio

A blues and soul infusion



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With influences ranging from Frank Sinatra to Stevie Wonder, Burt Bacharach to Oscar Peterson, Anthony keeps music fans

entertained with a mixture of his own tunes and original arrangements of classic jazz songs.

*'Great singer, great pianist!'* Jamie Cullum

**Gallery Café, Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple**  
**Time:** 8pm

**Admission:** £9.40 (+60p Love Arts payment), student £5

**Box Office:** 01271 32 42 42  
 northdevontheatres.org.uk

Thur 30 June

## Chat Masala

A night with  
**Hardeep Singh Kohli**

The Nearly Naked Chef, Hardeep, combines his first true loves of cooking and chatting into a delightful and mouth-watering evening of entertainment. The turban-sporting Glaswegian funny-man will be interviewing special guests and local stars whilst cooking up a curry for some lucky audience members to sample.



**The Plough Arts Centre, Torrington**

**Time:** 8pm

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Thurs 30 June

## Tony Christie

'... delivering the best music of his career...' *The Guardian*

In an illustrious musical career that has spanned five decades Tony Christie has had top 20 hits all around the world with *Las Vegas*, *I Did What I Did For Maria*, *Avenues And Alleyways*, *Walk Like A*

*Panther*, *Every Word She Said* and *Is This the Way to Amarillo* which sold over one and a half million copies.

This UK tour celebrates Christie's 50th anniversary and the release of his new

album *Now's The Time*, in which he revisits his soulful musical roots. In this rare concert, Christie will showcase new tracks from the album along with the hit songs which he is synonymous with.

Queen's Theatre,

Barnstaple

Time: 7.45pm

Admission: £22, conc  
£20.40 (+60p Love Arts  
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An AONB Event

Thurs 30 June

## Coastal Wildlife

An illustrated talk

Discover more about North Devon's coastal Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, their landscape and wildlife, with a talk by local wildlife expert Mary Breeds.

Braunton Countryside Centre

Time: 7.30pm

Admission: Donations welcome in aid of Braunton Countryside Centre

Info: 01271 817171  
[brauntoncountrysidecentre.org.uk](http://brauntoncountrysidecentre.org.uk)



Fri 1 July

## Festival Cool Down

Do you suffer from post festival blues?

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### Jenna & Amy Newton

A night of awesome folk music  
Landmark Theatre, Ilfracombe  
Time: 7.30pm  
Admission: £5

### Mike Gunn & Sean Collins

Super-slick comedy with killer punchlines.  
Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple  
Time: 8pm  
Admission: £12 to £15

Box Office: for both events  
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