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Welcome to StopPress



The game is afoot and the characters are all in place, the traps set and the murder weapons ready for StopPress and LAL Torbay to bring to you all things murder, mystery and Agatha Christie. Keep your eyes and ears open next week as the school provides you with the opportunity to become amateur sleuths.

There is a comprehensive timetable of events laid on by the school together with those planned by the main Torbay festival.

Get the "little grey cells" working and let's hope you find things "very interesting, Inspector"

Andy

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News

New brochures and price list for 2012

It's not yet autumn, but there are already signs that the end of the year is coming: mince pies are on sale for Christmas already; and the new brochures and price list for LAL's courses in 2012 are now available.

Next year's brochure is bigger, glossier and more colourful than ever before, and has details of all our schools for adults and young learners in England, Malta, South Africa and the USA. There is also a 'slimline' brochure with a summary of our adult centres. The separate price list has details of all the courses available at our schools.

The brochures and price list are available from our website, which has also been updated with details for 2012.



New Guide for Adults

The latest version of the LAL Torbay Guide was launched just after the last StopPress went to print. The new Guide has all the information of previous editions, updated and fitted in to a new compact size. If you would like to obtain a copy of the new Guide to replace an older version, please ask at the Leisure counter in Reception.



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Agatha Christie Week

Every year we celebrate the life and works of Agatha Christie, one of Britain's most famous writers. She was born in Torquay, and many of her stories reflect the local area. Agatha Christie Week at LAL Torbay coincides with the Agatha Christie Festival throughout Torbay, when the borough celebrates our connection with the 'Queen of Crime'. This year this event takes place from 11th to 18th September.

Agatha Christie is most famous for her detective novels and stories, including famous sleuths such as Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple. She wrote 80 books in all, including 66 novels. Only Shakespeare and the Bible have had more copies sold than Agatha Christie - so far over 2,000 million of her books have been sold, and a million more are sold every year.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the publication of the ABC Murders, in which Hercule Poirot and faithful assistant Captain Hastings travel to Torbay to hunt for a serial killer. There will be a showing of an adaptation of this novel during the week in the school cinema, plus a whole lot more, including an exhibition, games and a special play performed by our students.

Turn to page 6 for a full timetable of events for LAL and throughout Torbay.

Why I love Agatha Christie

Every year our resident Agatha Christie expert, Lorraine Myrie, organises our Agatha Christie week. But why does she like Agatha Christie? She reveals all to StopPress.

Why do I like Agatha Christie? That is a really difficult question and I think my reply will be as complex as one of her plots.

As far back as I can remember, there were always Christie books in our house. We believe that Mrs Christie stayed in my grandmother's hotel when she visited St Lucia in 1936. There is no actual proof, but it was the only hotel on the island at that time.

What can be proved is the fact that shortly afterwards she wrote "The Caribbean Mystery" and until the 1960s she donated her books to the local library.

I recall my mother and older



siblings discussing various Christie novels, and from about the age of ten I started joining in. On the day my mother died, I remember reading "The Third Girl" and feeling pretty numb.

When we moved to Torquay in the mid-1970s I renewed my "acquaintance" with Agatha Christie

and started my collection of books.

Strangely, my opinion of her as a person is not positive, but I really admire her skills as a writer - her adept use of language and the masterful way in which she keeps her readers in suspense. **LM**

A year in Torbay

Donggyu Yoon, one of our students from Korea, writes about his experiences in Torbay.

The 8th of August 2010 is the date when I first arrived in England so I've been here for almost a year.

To be honest, it was extremely hard for me to settle in this country because I was very shy and making friends was not easy.

Things improved greatly and I would now like to say thanks to

the school and my teachers for everything that they have done for me.

I've studied in several courses - IELTS, Academic, General English and Private Tuition. As a result I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of the teachers and have found that the lessons have always been well-planned and all the teachers have been enthusiastic and have done their best to help their students make progress and improve their English.

For the first 8 months, I stayed with a host family before

moving to Hunters Lodge. This was a good experience and allowed me to learn English from native speakers. Learning about the culture was interesting but I found the meals very different.

Hunters Lodge is one of the best places in which to stay. There are lots of opportunities to make new friends and learn something new.

I am returning to Korea in a few days and before I go, I would like to recommend LAL to anyone who wishes to learn English and enjoy school life. The best recommendation is that I'm returning to LAL at the end of this summer!

Donggyu Yoon, Korea

Agatha Christie Week

A week of events at LAL Torbay to coincide with the English Riviera's celebration of the Queen of Crime.

Agatha Christie Exhibition

Daily 12th – 16th September

Lorraine Myrie, our resident expert on all things Agatha Christie, has put together an Agatha Christie Exhibition which will be open daily.

Room 3.08
10.00 - 10.30
12.00 - 12.30

A Textbook Murder

Daily 12th – 16th September

Staff and students at LAL Torbay have been threatened with murder: will everyone make it to the end of the week alive?

Throughout the school
Free

Non-stop Cinema

Daily 12th – 16th September

Watch films of some of Agatha Christie's most popular detective mysteries in our cinema on the second floor.

Room 2.01 (Riviera Cinema)
Daily continuous films
Free

Welcome Night Crime Quiz

Monday, 12th September

A Crime Quiz at the Welcome Evening – come along and test your criminal knowledge..

Hunters Lodge residence
20.00
Free

Meet the Detectives

Tuesday, 13th September

Lorraine Myrie introduces Agatha Christie's famous detectives and a film about Agatha's creations.

Room 2.01 (Riviera Cinema)
14.30
Free

Greenway House

Wednesday, 14th September

A chance to visit Agatha Christie's Devon home, the garden she helped to create and the scene of one of her murders.

Front of school
14.30
£10.00 Booking Essential

Advanced or not Advanced

Thursday, 15th September

An afternoon play of fun and murder. performed by students.

Student Lounge
14.30
Free

Grand Fireworks

Thursday, 15th September

Meet Lorraine Myrie to watch the fireworks on Corbyn Head to celebrate Agatha Christie's birthday.

Outside Grand Hotel, Torquay
19.30
Free

The Agatha Christie Tour

Friday, 16th September

A special tour to the places in Torquay which are associated with Agatha Christie, including a visit to the Agatha Christie gallery at Torquay Museum.

Front of School
14.30
£15.00 Booking Essential



Agatha Christie: a Life in Films

Monday, 12th September

Lorraine Myrie introduces Agatha Christie and her life on film and in photographs.

Room 2.01 (Riviera Cinema)
14.30
Free

Quiz and Games

Wednesday, 14th September

Agatha Christie-themed quizzes, puzzles and interactive games, hosted by Lorraine Myrie.

Rooms 3.08 and 3.05
14.30
Free

Agatha Christie Week in Torbay

Sunday 11th September

- The Annual Agatha Christie Fete
- Babbacombe Model Village's Agatha Christie Mystery Hunt
- Agatha Christie Vintage Tour
- Bus Trips to Greenway
- Agatha Christie Sea & River Voyages
- Dartmouth Ferry to Greenway
- Greenway Literary Dining Club

Monday 12th September

- Babbacombe Model Village's Agatha Christie Mystery Hunt
- Agatha Christie – the original evidence!
- Agatha Christie Flower Festival
- Brixham Quilters' Exhibition
- Tea on the Terrace
- John Curran's Film Classic
- Murder Mystery Dining Train
- Agatha Christie's Verdict

Tuesday 13th September

- The Killer in the Inkwell!
- Babbacombe Model Village's Agatha Christie Mystery Hunt
- Agatha Christie – the original evidence!
- Agatha Christie Flower Festival
- Brixham Quilters' Exhibition
- In Character Lunch at Burgh Island
- Tea on the Terrace
- A Garden Party to Die For
- Murder Mystery Dining Train
- Supper for Sleuths at the Cary Arms
- Twilight Tour of Greenway House
- Agatha Christie's Murder in the Making

Wednesday 14th September

- Babbacombe Model Village's Agatha Christie Mystery Hunt
- Totnes Ferry to Greenway
- Agatha Christie – the original evidence!
- Agatha Christie Mystery Shopping
- Brixham Quilters' Exhibition
- Agatha Christie Vintage Tour Bus Trips to Greenway
- Agatha Christie Sea & River Voyages
- Dartmouth Ferry to Greenway
- Tea on the Terrace
- Tea Dance at Oldway Mansion
- Agatha Christie Mile Evening Vintage Bus Tour with Supper
- The Agatha Christie Quiz with John Curran
- Agatha Christie's Verdict

Thursday 15th September

- Babbacombe Model Village's Agatha Christie Mystery Hunt
- Totnes Ferry to Greenway

- Agatha Christie – the original evidence!
- Agatha Christie Vintage Tour Bus Trips to Greenway
- Agatha Christie Sea & River Voyages
- Dartmouth Ferry to Greenway
- A Birthday Celebration for the Queen of Crime
- Tea on the Terrace
- A Birthday Dinner
- Murder at the Toorak
- Murder Mystery Dining Train
- Agatha Christie's Verdict
- Birthday Fireworks

Friday 16th September

- Babbacombe Model Village's Agatha Christie Mystery Hunt
- Totnes Ferry to Greenway
- Agatha Christie – the original evidence!
- Agatha Christie Vintage Tour Bus Trips to Greenway
- Agatha Christie Sea & River Voyages
- Dartmouth Ferry to Greenway
- Tea on the Terrace
- Agatha Christie's Verdict

Saturday 17th September

- Babbacombe Model Village's Agatha Christie Mystery Hunt
- Totnes Ferry to Greenway
- Agatha Christie – the original evidence!
- Agatha Christie Vintage Tour Bus Trips to Greenway
- Agatha Christie Sea & River Voyages
- Dartmouth Ferry to Greenway
- Agatha Christie's Verdict
- Agatha Christie Mile Evening Vintage Bus Tour with Supper
- Agatha Christie Festival Finale Candlelit Dinner
- Agatha Christie's Verdict

Sunday 18th September

- Cream Tea Day at Cockington Court
- Agatha Christie Sea Swim
- Babbacombe Model Village's Agatha Christie Mystery Hunt
- Totnes Ferry to Greenway
- Agatha Christie Vintage Tour Bus Trips to Greenway
- Agatha Christie Sea & River Voyages
- Dartmouth Ferry to Greenway
- Thirteen at Dinner – with Jonathan Cecil

See the Excursions notice board, leaflets in room 3.08 or www.englishriviera.co.uk for full details of these events

Agatha Christie's Devon

Level
B1
Intermediate

Many of Agatha Christie's novels and stories feature local towns - although some are in disguise. Here's a guide to the places in the Devon which you can find in her books.



Burgh Island

Appears as: Smugglers Island in 'Evil under the Sun', Soldier Island in 'And Then There Were None'

Filmed as: Smugglers Island in 'Evil under the Sun', Jason Rafael's house in 'Nemesis'.

Burgh Island is a tidal island, cut off from the mainland at high tide. It is famous for its hotel, where Agatha Christie stayed. The hotel was built between 1929 and 1932, and quickly became a fashionable retreat for the rich and famous. It was lovingly restored in the 1980s, and is now once again a top hotel which keeps the Art Deco style in its building and service.

Visit it: On the LAL South Hams full-day tours: next dates to be announced.



Okehampton

Appears as: Exehampton in 'The Sittaford Mystery'

Okehampton is on the edge of Dartmoor, and was disguised by Christie for her 1931 novel, although Exeter appeared as itself in the same book.

Visit it: By bus from Exeter. See www.transportdirect.info

Plymouth

Appears as: Plymouth in 'The Plymouth Express'.

Plymouth was the terminus for the titular train in one of Agatha Christie's short stories.

Visit it: LAL Excursion to Plymouth on 15 & 29 September

Kingsbridge

Appears as: Saltington in 'Towards Zero'

An attractive market town on a steep hillside at the end of an estuary, Kingsbridge is one of the main towns for South Devon. It appears in disguise in Christie's novel about a murder on the Devon coastline.

Visit it: Bus connections from Dartmouth. See www.transportdirect.info

Salcombe

Appears as: Saltcreek in 'Towards Zero'.

Filmed as: St Loo in 'Peril at End House', Saltcreek in 'Towards Zero'

Salcombe is a honeypot for boating holidaymakers and is one of the most expensive places in the south-west. It is well-known for its pretty coastal location, which made it ideal as the setting for the Cornish town of St Loo when 'Peril at End House' was filmed.

Visit it: A day's excursion by bus, changing at Totnes and Kingsbridge: see www.transportdirect.info

Dartmoor

Appears as: Dartmoor in 'The Sittaford Mystery' and 'The Idol House of Astarte'

Agatha Christie would have been familiar with Dartmoor's mysterious character and its legends, making it an ideal location for murder mysteries. In the Sittaford Mystery the fictitious villages of Sittaford and Exehampton are used (Sittaford Tor exists – but there's no village), and the real Dartmoor Prison – one of Britain's most notorious gaols – plays a key part in the plot.

Visit it: LAL Excursion to Dartmoor on 9 & 23 September.



Dittisham

Appears as: Gitcham in 'Dead Man's Folly', Gitcham in 'Ordeal by Innocence'

Dittisham is a pretty village on the River Dart, now a popular place for holiday homes. It is linked to the Torbay side of the river by a passenger ferry, which appears in 'Dead Man's Folly'. The Ferryboat Inn was the favourite pub of the ferryman in the book. 'Lady Dittisham' appears as a character in 'Five Little Pigs'.

Visit it: Take the ferry from Greenway Quay



Greenway House

Appears as: Nasse House in 'Dead Man's Folly'

Agatha Christie's own house by the River Dart appeared in one of her books. The description is clear, from the position by the river to the nearby Youth Hostel and the boathouse in which a murdered girl is found.

Visit it: LAL Tour on 14 September

Churston Station

Appears as: Churston in 'The ABC Murders', Nassecombe in 'Dead Man's Folly'

This station was the closest to Agatha Christie's Devon Home. Poirot alights here to investigate the murder of Sir Carmichael Clarke in 'The ABC Murders'. You can travel here by steam train from Paignton on your way to Kingswear.

Visit it: Take the steam railway from Paignton Queen's Park station or a bus 12 from Paignton bus station towards Brixham.



Dartmouth

Appears as: Dartmouth in 'The Regatta Mystery' and 'Ordeal by Innocence', Helmmouth in 'Dead Man's Folly'.

Filmed as: Dartmouth in 'Ordeal by Innocence'

Dartmouth was Christie's nearest town in Devon, and appears several times, sometimes in disguise. The Royal Castle Hotel appears twice as the Royal George Hotel, and was used as the Royal George for the filming of 'Ordeal by Innocence'.

Visit it: LAL Excursion on 5th September or take bus 120 to Kingswear and cross by ferry.



Grease

Dust off your leather jackets, pull on your bobby-socks and get ready for the most fun-filled, high octane Rock'n'Roll party of the year.

It's the original High-School musical, featuring all the unforgettable songs from the hit movie.

» Princess Theatre, Torquay
Until 10 September
From £24.25
www.princessstheatre.org.uk

Fishstock

A unique mix of music and seafood at this annual festival in the fishing port of Brixham. Lots of stalls selling food and crafts, and live music and traditional dancing all day.

» The Fish Quay, Brixham
10 September, 11.00 - 23.55
Free
www.fishstockbrixham.co.uk



Torquay Festival

This new event will be a sizzling two-day street show - an annual exciting celebration in the streets of Torquay featuring national and international artists and performers.

The line-up will include singers, dancers, comedians, street entertainers, poets, jugglers and clowns.

There will be three stages full of talented performers and a Dancing Stage where you'll be able to watch and join in many popular forms of dancing. The Festival will start with a Grand Parade and both days will finish with great live music at The Harbour and in Fleet Street.

There will be market stalls featuring the best in local foods and crafts from the Town Hall to The Harbour.

» Torquay Festival
Torquay town centre
10 - 11 September
Free
www.torquayfestival.co.uk

Lenkiewicz: Death and the Maiden

A rare exhibition of paintings by the late Plymouth artist, featuring paintings not exhibited since his death. Death and The Maiden will focus on works from the painter's 1974 'project' which counterpoints death and decay with the potential for new life usually represented by the female figure.

» Robert Lenkiewicz: Death and the Maiden
Torre Abbey, The Kings Drive, Torquay
Tel: 01803 293593



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Devon Open Studios

A rare opportunity to see local artists at work in their own homes or in local studios. Throughout the festival you can visit various locations around Torbay, including Cockington Craft Centre, to see the best of local talent. Not just paintings: artworks include ceramics, textiles, sculpture, printmaking, photography, mosaics and collage.

» www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk
3 - 18 September
Around Torbay - see website for details
Free



ROBERT LINDER

Grammar Spod's Cultural Note:

Take care with two

This month an old friend of StopPress, Lex Lingua, offers you a useful piece of advice about the use of your hands.

Greetings to you all. Many of you like to use your hands when you are talking, and that's a good thing - it's amazing what you can say with your hands if you cannot think of the right words.

But did you know that many of you are being very rude when you use your hands to indicate the number two?

In the United Kingdom at least, there is only one right way to show the number two with two fingers you must keep the palm of your hand towards the person you are speaking to.

If you show the back of your hand you are being very rude: it's a very old insult, and it may make people very angry.

You have been warned - take care when you mean two!



In the UK, this is a very rude sign. If you show this sign to someone, they may be very angry.



This sign means 'two' all over the world, and is OK in the UK too.



Red Herrings

One common phrase that is associated with crime writing in English is the 'red herring' - but what is it?

The red herring is a very slippery fish: in 1998 the Daily Mail reported that it had returned to the sea around Britain for the first time in many years. It was, however, a joke published on April Fools' Day (1st April), because there has never been any such thing as a red herring found swimming in any sea.

However, despite popular belief that red herrings aren't real, red herrings do exist, although not as living fish: they are simply smoked herrings (almost identical to kippers). However, in everyday usage a red herring is a deliberate diversion, something which draws your attention away from something which someone wants to hide. For example, the obviously suspicious man in a crime drama, who is carefully hunted by the detective but who turns out to be innocent, would be a red herring.

No matter how hard you look, you won't find red herrings in any aquarium, but keep an eye out for them during Agatha Christie Week... **TG**

Johannes Brahms (1833 – 1897)

The Lonely Heart

Level
B1
Intermediate

Kevin Ryland looks at the works of this great composer and chooses an appropriately autumnal work as his favourite.

A melancholy man, raised in the poor parts of Hamburg yet who died in prosperity and fame in Vienna, Brahms was the most revered German composer since Beethoven.

But is he still misunderstood and misinterpreted? Critics of his music have spoken of his thick, opaque orchestration and his heaviness of style, but surely this is more the fault of those who play his music and the years of inadequate performances.

A handsome boy and young man, he gradually evolved into the portly bearded man most known from the later photographs and his Viennese tomb. Perhaps the beard was a mask behind which the fundamentally shy man could hide. The young man whom, it is believed, played the piano in Hamburg's brothels became the musical symbol of Wilhelmine Germany, the good bourgeois who became the third great "B" after Bach and Beethoven.

His love and admiration for Robert Schumann and

his wife Clara were keys to his whole composing style. Officially, he rejected Wagner's musical radicalism but secretly admired his revolutionary composition. He loved German folksong and its spirit permeates his music and he venerated the classical Viennese composers. He admired Johann Strauss and his genius for light music, so full of charm and wit, regretting that he had not written "The Blue Danube" waltz.

If I had to choose one work of his perhaps it would be the third symphony in F. Its autumnal colouring and delicate orchestration give the lie to those who claim his style to be stodgy and unimaginatively orchestrated. It is full of subtle emotion and the melancholy so typical of the mature Brahms is here heard to perfection.

I recently heard performances of his last two symphonies played by a chamber orchestra at the BBC Proms with a reduced orchestra of some 50 players. The effort was electrifying. There was a classical lightness and agility that proves the criticism of Brahms's overwriting to be wrongheaded nonsense. His music was able to breathe, free of the varnish of outmoded tradition and his music sounded as fresh as the day it was written.

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Coffee Break

Word Square

How many words can you make from the letters in this grid? We can find at least 49, including one nine-letter word!

P	S	I
N	O	I
N	G	O

Giant Sudoku

Fill in the squares of the grid on the right with the numbers 1 to 16, so that each row, each column and each smaller 4x4 block contains all the numbers from 1 to 16.

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What's on

1st – 4th September

ORDA/UIIM 3B World Championship Power Boat Championships

Exciting racing across the waves of Tor Bay!

Boats to start arriving on Friday 27th May - take in the view at Beacon Quay.

The first race will take place on Saturday 28th May at 1pm for approx 1 hour.

On Sunday 29th May the first race will start at 10.30am; these will be the Marathon Boats that will race to Plymouth and back.

Race 2 will start at 10.45am; this will again be around the bay but will be a bit longer and should finish at 12.00noon.

The Marathon Boats should arrive back from Plymouth at approx 15.00pm.

3rd – 18th September

Devon Open Studios 2011

Devon Artist Network (DAN) is a membership organisation set up to promote the visual arts and create opportunities for artists and makers in Devon.

Please see website for full list of venues

www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk

3rd – 4th September

Michelmores Cup

The Michelmores Challenge Cup is an annual yacht race in Torbay.

Now in its 21st year, the race is a mainstay of the South West yachting calendar and is referred to simply as 'the Michelmores' by the sailing fraternity.

www.englishriviera.co.uk/

4th September

Sunday Local Food and Craft Market

Come and join us for a Sunday Local Food and Craft Market.

Torquay Harbourside [Vaughan Parade]

10am- 4pm

www.englishriviera.co.uk

7th and 14th September

BMAD Bike Nights

Bike Night is intended to be a place to get together like-minded people and at the same time raise money for charity. The event has become very popular with both locals and tourists who are just amazed to see so many bikes in one location and is now becoming an unofficial tourist attraction during the summer months. Riders and pillions are urged to donate £1 per person to have the privilege of parking on the seafront where they can then take the opportunity to admire other bikes, compare notes and grab a cup of coffee or an ice cream.

At Paignton Seafront.

www.englishriviera.co.uk

www.bmad.co.uk

10th – 11th September 11am-6pm

Torquay Festival 2011

This new event will be a sizzling 2 day street show - an annual exciting celebration in the streets of Torquay featuring national and international artists and performers.

The line-up will include singers, dancers, comedians, street entertainers, poets, jugglers and clowns.

There will be a fully interactive Children's Area and stage centred at the Town Hall, as well as three other stages full of talented performers and a Dancing Stage where you'll be able to watch and partake in many popular forms of dancing. The Festival will start with a Grand Parade and both days will finish with great live music at The Harbour and in Fleet Street.

As well as fantastic entertainments there will be a host of Market Stalls featuring the best in local foods and crafts from the Town Hall to The Harbour. The Festival prides itself in bringing only the highest quality local produce to be seen and tasted.

So come and bring the family to the Torquay Town Centre on the 10th and 11th September for a special show – the very first Torquay Festival.

www.torquayfestival.co.uk

10th September

Fishstock Brixham

Fishstock Brixham is Seafood and Music Festival one-day event timed to coincide with "National Seafood Fortnight".

www.fishstockbrixham.co.uk

11th – 18th September

Agatha Christie Festival

Murder mystery returns to the English Riviera with the spectacular annual celebration of the world's greatest crime fiction writer, Dame Agatha Christie and her best known detectives, Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot. The Agatha Christie Festival is always a huge success and is expected to draw a large number of amateur sleuths to Devon from all over the world.

www.englishriviera.co.uk

14th September 15.30-18.30

Agatha Christie Festival – Tea Dance

In the opulent setting of the ballroom where Isadora Duncan once performed and Agatha Christie also danced, we invite you to enjoy a traditional tea dance with live period music courtesy of the band "High Society".

A cream tea will be served whilst you enjoy the music and dancing.

Period costume encouraged!

Tickets: £12.50 from English Riviera Visitor Information Centre Torquay and Torquay, Paignton, Churston and Brixham libraries. Oldway Mansion, Torquay Road, Paignton Tel: 01803 208300

14th, 16th and 17th September

Agatha Christie Cruise

Agatha Christie Festival: Special trips and cruises to Greenway House via Ferry and Vintage Bus.

www.greenwayferry.co.uk

16th – 23rd September

Tasar Worlds

Sailing event.

23rd September 06.00-09.00

Brixham Fish Market Open Day

Come and see a Brixham Fish Market auction in action!

Booking is essential as places are limited.

Charged £7.50 to include Breakfast and a donation to the Fishermans Mission

R.N.M.D.S.F.

Telephone 07788185174

LAL Excursions

- 13/09 Totnes
Dartmoor by Dusk
- 14/09 Greenway House/Gardens
Country Pub Tour
- 15/09 Plymouth
- 16/09 Agatha Christie Tour
- 17/09 Stonehenge & Salisbury
-
- 20/09 Kents Cavern
Jazz Night
- 21/09 Coleton Fishacre
Country Pub Tour
- 22/09 Exeter
- 23/09 Dartmoor
- 24/09 North Cornwall
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- 27/09 Totnes
Dartmoor by Dusk
- 28/09 Dartington Hall Gardens
Country Pub Tour
- 29/09 Plymouth
- 30/09 South Hams
- 01/09 North Cornwall
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- 04/10 Brixham & Berry Head
- 05/10 Greenway House/Gardens
Country Pub Tour
- 06/10 Exeter Walk & Shops
- 07/10 East Devon Delights
- 08/10 Bath & Wells

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Babbacombe Theatre

Babbacombe Theatre, Babbacombe Downs, Torquay
Tel: 01803 328385
www.babbacombe-theatre.com

17th May – 15th September Heatwave

Celebrating its 25th anniversary during 2011, and Matpro's 50th production the all new show this season, 'Heatwave', promises lots of sizzle, crackle and pop! The show guarantees to set you aglow with comedic moments, magical highlights, fancy footwork and memorable musical numbers. Sit back for two hours and soak up the comedy rays as the cast surf through a cornucopia of variety which includes highlights from Les Miserable, The Beatles, Lady Gaga, Shrek the Musical, a trip on the Lazy River and a Flight from Stanstead to Derry, your theatre experience will definitely leave you 'Walking on Sunshine'!

Princess Theatre

Torbay Road, Torquay, TQ2 5EZ
01803 290288
www.princesstheatre.org.uk

30th Aug – 10th September Grease

The No.1 Greatest Musical, Grease, is back! Dust off your leather jackets, pull on your bobby-socks and get ready for the most fun-filled, high octane Rock'n'Roll party of the year. Featuring all the unforgettable songs from the hit movie including You're The One That I Want, Grease Is The Word, Summer Nights, Hopelessly Devoted To You, Sandy, Greased Lightnin' and many more.
www.greasethemusical.co.uk

12th – 17th September Agatha Christie's Verdict

Having been forced to flee persecution in his home country, the brilliant and idealistic Professor Karl Hendryk leads a content and morally upstanding life, but his world is turned upside-down when the prospect of life-saving treatment for his invalid wife persuades him to take on a new pupil against his better judgement; the spoilt, conniving minx Helen who will stop at nothing to get her way. With murderous intentions afoot, it only remains to be seen what verdict will be delivered, and if justice will prevail...

20th – 24th September Annie

Annie is the story of how hope triumphs over adversity. It is the perfect 'feel-good' musical that can be enjoyed by the whole family and will have you humming along to all the familiar tunes.

25th September That'll be the day

Featuring an all new lineup of knock-out hits from 1950's, 60's and 70's, mixed with loads of zany comedy routines to produce a show with a real feel-good party atmosphere.

30th September One Night of Elvis

It's like no other Elvis Presley show with the remarkable tribute artist Lee 'Memphis' King. The show takes you from the 68 comeback special to the Vegas years. With a big band to recreate the Elvis Vegas years this is the biggest Elvis show to tour theatres in the UK.

Solutions

Word Square:

gin, gins, gip, goo, goon, goons, inn, inns, ion, ions, nip, noon, noons, nosing, onion, onions, oops, opining, opinion, opinions, pig, pigs, pin, ping, pings, pining, pinion, pinions, pins, poison, poisoning, pong, posing, psi, sign, sin, sing, sip, snip, sniping, snog, snoop, snooping, son, song, soon, sop, spin, spoon, spooning

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The Little Theatre

The Little Theatre
St Marks Road
Torquay, TQ1 2EL
Tel: 01803 299330
www.toadstheatre.co.uk

9th – 17th September Murdered to Death

A Miss Maple Mystery
The funniest Whodunnit Agatha Christie never wrote! This hilarious and very clever spoof of the "country house" murder genre is in the best Agatha Christie tradition. Inept and bungling Inspector Pratt battles against the odds and his own incompetence to unmask a murderer who hasn't finished yet. Will everyone in the house meet their doom, or will the audience die laughing first?

Rear **Window**



The foot ferry at Dittisham, mentioned in 'Dead Man's Folly' as the Gitsham Ferry.