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# Welcome to StopPress



Since our last issue we have been preparing for another teacher training course, recruiting new teachers for the summer season and seen all of our other departments welcome new members of the LAL Torbay team. We have also played host to a very successful and productive two-day meeting of the Directors of Studies from our sister schools in Florida, Cape Town and Malta.

This month with a General Election next month we thought you might like to hear about

the sometimes confusing British Parliamentary system. We take you to the sleepy town of Boscastle and tell you about the chaos caused there by the British weather, we then look at what our students have been up to in class and uncover the clues and goings-on of the English Riviera Crime and Thriller Writing Festival.

*Andy*

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# News

## Change to £20 notes

The Bank of England is withdrawing the older style £20 notes that show a portrait of Sir Edward Elgar. Holders of these notes may continue to use them until the end of June 2010.

For several months after the end of June most banks, building societies and Post Offices will accept the Elgar £20 notes for deposit to customer accounts and for other customer transactions. However, agreeing to exchange notes is at the discretion of the individual institution. Only the Bank of England in London will be obliged to accept old-style notes after this date.

LAL will not accept £20 notes with Elgar's portrait after 30th June 2010.

Caroline Hamnett, Financial Administrator at LAL Torbay,

comments that old notes are used surprisingly often. "Quite a lot of students bring old notes that they have been given by friends or which they have from a previous trip to England. We see some really old notes that have been out of circulation for nearly ten years. They look quite similar at a glance, but they are very different when you really look hard at them."

Students are advised to check that any currency given to them by family or friends, or from previous trips to England, is of the current design. A full list of current UK banknotes is printed in the Guide for students, and available on the Bank of England's website, [www.bankofengland.co.uk](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk).

## Two festivals in April

LAL Torbay invites you to get involved in two festivals this month - the Sleuths! crime and thriller festival and the Pirate Weekend. We're organising special events for both festivals, and the Pirate Weekend even gives you the chance to break a world record!

Last year Brixham won the Guinness World Record for the largest number of pirates in one place, and this year it is hoped to set a new record again. Some of our staff will be taking part, and we would love you to join them - so look out for more information later this month.



Old £20 notes (above) are being withdrawn. Only new notes (below) will be accepted.



## Stop press:

Word has reached us that some students have made extraordinary efforts to reach LAL despite the problems caused by the volcanic eruption in Iceland: so far, we believe the record is a three-day cross-country journey to Torbay. More next issue.

# Sleuths: festival of crime and thriller writing

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**A2**  
Pre-Intermediate

April will see the latest in the English Riviera's crime-related events. The four-day English Riviera Festival of Crime and Thriller Writing will see some of the country's most expert writers of murder mystery plays and crime stories arriving at the birthplace of the greatest selling crime writer of all time, Dame Agatha Christie.

The fun begins on Tuesday, 20th April with a talk at the Palace Theatre given by well-known crime writer Simon Brett with special guest author Diane Janes. Tuesday evening will witness a unique event at the Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway. Guests will be able to enjoy a mystery with actors from the Candlelight Theatre Company. Those who prefer a more musical evening can go along to the Torquay Library where local historian, author and musician Mike Holgate will present his popular one-man show featuring songs and stories from the English Riviera's sensational past.

On Wednesday, The Spanish Barn at Torre Abbey plays host to a couple of mediaeval murder mystery writers and 'Murder in Mind' by Terence Feeley begins a run at the

Palace Theatre in the evening. If you feel like staying in Torquay at Torre Abbey you may like to unravel the clues in Murder at the Abbey followed by drinks at a nearby hotel.

Thursday allows you the chance to join fellow enthusiasts at the Palace Theatre for an audience with MC Beaton, writer of the Hamish Macbeth novels and in the evening pay a visit to the Princess Theatre in Torquay to solve the mystery of Who Killed John Wilkie?

The festival rounds off on Saturday with An Audience with Ann Cleeves at Torquay Library. Ann is another well known crime writer. In the afternoon the Crime Writers' Association's Young Crime Writers Competition Area Awards, which take place at the Palace Theatre. Young writers from schools and colleges across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay have entered the competition, and the regional winner will go through to the national awards in June.

Together with the festival around the Bay, LAL Torbay will be putting on the following activities at the school for the students to enjoy... **AT**

## LAL Torbay - Sleuths Crime Festival...



Tues 20th:	14.40	Sherlock Holmes Video (Plus activities) <i>Adult Lounge</i>
	18.45	"Murder & Mystery on the English Riviera" <i>Torquay Library, Castle Circus Bus Stop</i>
Wed 21st:	14.40	"The Ghost of the Seance!" <i>Sherlock Holmes Mystery, Adult Lounge</i>
Thur 22nd:	14.40	Party with a Detective / Criminal Theme Guess the detective! <i>Student Lounge</i>
Fri 23rd:	11.40	Organised Activities with a Crime Theme <i>Adult Lounge</i>
Sat 24th:	13.30	Meet and Talk to Crime Writer Graham Hurley, <i>Palace Theatre</i>

# 5 things to do in April



## **Brixham Pirate and Shanty Festival**

Ahoy there me hearties! The record-breaking Brixham Pirate and Shanty festival returns for another year of seafarin' shenanigans and swashbuckling skulduggery in Brixham! Last year they officially broke the Guinness World Record for the most pirates gathered in one place with a staggering 1,469 people in fancy dress and this year the organisers plan to smash their own record! Expect more pirate-themed fun than you can shake a wooden leg at, including the "Aargh Factor" - a sea shanty talent competition! Pirate Days also take place in Brixham every Thursday throughout the holiday season.

We're also arranging a special tour from LAL Torbay - look out for more information later.

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» Brixham Harbour  
30 Apr 2010 - 3 May 2010  
Friday 30th April - Pirates of the Caribbean Night  
Saturday 1st May - Pirate Fun Day  
Sunday 2nd May - World Record Attempt Day!  
Monday 3rd May - Market and Fun Day.  
[www.brixhampiratefestival.co.uk](http://www.brixhampiratefestival.co.uk)

## Sleuths! English Riviera Festival of Crime & Thriller Writing

The scene is set for a delightfully devious celebration of crime and thriller writing on the English Riviera, as some of the country's most scheming criminal minds descend on South Devon's beautiful bay. Over four days the festival will host talks from eminent authors, murder mystery plays and crime writing workshops, in the birthplace of the greatest selling crime writer of all time, Dame Agatha Christie.

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» 20 - 24 April.  
Events around Torbay and at LAL. See page xx for more information about events at school. For information about events in Torbay, see [www.englishriviera.co.uk](http://www.englishriviera.co.uk)

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## Safari Barbecue Night

Experience Paignton Zoo 'after hours' at one of our new Barbecue Nights. Featuring animal enrichment at selected enclosures, Jungle Express train rides around Gibbon Island and more. All enjoyed with sumptuous locally-sourced barbecue food and musical entertainment in our Island Restaurant and garden.

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» Paignton Zoo, Paignton  
28 April 17.00 - 21.00  
Tickets are £15. Booking is essential. Telephone Paignton Zoo on 01803 697500 or e-mail [info@paigntonzoo.org.uk](mailto:info@paigntonzoo.org.uk)

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PAIGNTON ZOO

## Coleton Fishacre

The first tour to Coleton Fishacre house and gardens is just in time for the spring flowers, thanks to a cold winter.

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» LAL excursion to Coleton Fishacre  
28 April 2010, 14.30 - 18.00  
£10  
[www.laltorbay.co.uk/guide](http://www.laltorbay.co.uk/guide)

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## Essence of Ireland

You won't have a better chance to experience the true spirit of the Emerald Isle than the enchanting Essence of Ireland dance spectacular.

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» Princess Theatre, Torquay  
24 April 2010, 19.30, £23  
0844 847 2315  
[www.princesstheatre.org.uk](http://www.princesstheatre.org.uk)

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KAREN ANDREWS



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# A beginner's guide to the general election

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As you may be aware by all the Media coverage, we are very close to a General Election in this country: we now have no official Members of Parliament and 6 May 2010 will be the day that Britons vote to decide who will govern Britain. Frank Mercer has produced some facts about the British electoral system.

By law, a general election to the UK House of Commons must be held every five years. There are 650 seats (one held by the Speaker of the House, who is neutral) and a party which wins a majority forms the Government. It is possible to govern without a total majority if the opposition parties cannot agree. When no party wins enough seats to govern alone it is called a "hung Parliament" and the leading party must agree to work with another (or others) in a coalition government.

Citizens over 18 must register in order to vote, but it's not compulsory and they do not have to vote (as in Australia, for example). The percentage of those who vote ("turnout") has fallen recently to between 47 and 55.

The country is divided into 649 areas called constituencies. Each voter can vote for only one candidate in one constituency. In each constituency the candidate who receives the most votes wins the seat, even with the smallest majority. This "first past the post" system is criticised by some parties as undemocratic (in 1984 the Conservatives won 39% of the vote nationwide, but 65% of seats). Supporters say that the system allows one party to govern, rather than a more or less weak coalition, and ensures that the candidate elected in each constituency has the support of the majority of voters in that area.

Seats with small majorities (there was a majority of only 12 in Torbay from 1997 to 2000) are called "marginal". The change in percentage of votes from an earlier election is called a "swing", and "swing" or "floating voters" are those who have not decided which party to support.

There are only three large national political parties in the UK, followed by a number of national and regional ones, which were represented in Parliament in 2010.

Other parties are represented in the Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly, Northern Ireland Parliament or the European Parliament.

The Labour Party, now in government and led by Gordon Brown, is an alliance of groups to the Left, from

Social Democrats to near-Marxists, with support from the Cooperative and trade union movements. They are strongest in traditional industrial areas, Scotland and Wales.

The Conservatives, also known as "Tories", under David Cameron are the largest opposition party. They are supported by many rural and business voters, people who support lower taxes, less state interference and "family values". Many Conservatives dislike the power of the European Union. The party is strongest in the English country areas and better-off city areas and suburbs, and had only one MP in Scotland in the last parliament.



GAVIN SPENCER

The Liberal Democrats, led by Nick Clegg. A fusion of the Liberal and Social Democrat parties, they are generally left of centre but more pro-European. They also favour a proportional voting system. Strong in the south and west, parts of Wales and North of Scotland.

The main regional parties are..

The Scottish National Party, which is now in power in the Scottish parliament and wants a vote on independence for Scotland.

Plaid Cymru (Welsh party), growing in support, wants more powers for the Welsh Assembly but not independence.

The Democratic Unionist Party, main voice of the Northern Irish Protestants who want to remain part of the UK. More radical than the former Ulster Unionists, they have still agreed to share power with...

Sinn Féin (We Ourselves), the main Catholic and Republican movement in N. Ireland. Its leader, Gerry Adams, was once thought to be a leading figure in the IRA, who wanted to unite N. Ireland with the Irish Republic.

Not represented at present are the Communists, the UK Independence Party (who want to pull out of Europe, and have won seats in the European Parliament) and the far-right British National Party, who recently had to open membership to non-white voters to avoid prosecution for racial discrimination. **FM**

## Hot topics in the 2010 election...

### Economy and Tax

The current Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, spent ten years in charge of Britain's finances as Chancellor of the Exchequer while Britain's economy seemed strong. Brown's claim of "no boom and bust" (fast economic growth, followed by fast economic collapse) seemed to be holding true. However, his appointment to the post of Prime Minister was swiftly followed by the worldwide economic problems tied to the collapse of major banks and the 'credit crunch', and Britain's economic strength - and Brown's competence - are no longer so certain. All political parties need to work out how to reduce Britain's big debts while creating jobs and helping businesses. British voters are particularly sensitive to tax: few parties dare to say that they will put up general taxes such as VAT (on shopping) or Income Tax (on salaries). Instead there is much talk of "efficiency savings", which plays to the perception that governments waste money, changes to National Insurance (compulsory payments to fund the NHS and the welfare state, including pensions) or populist moves such as taxing large houses or people with high wages.

### Crime

Britain does not have a particularly high crime rate, and in many parts of the country crime is actually very rare. But newspapers and the television love to report crimes, so there is a popular perception that (a) crime is increasing, (b) young people are out of control and turning into a generation of hooligans and (c) the police are too busy doing paperwork to catch criminals. Every party will promise to tackle one or all of these problems, and restore peace and calm to Britain. Without spending any money.

### Education

There is a widespread feeling that Britain's education is going wrong. Young people still go to school and take exams, and the exam pass rate is going up each year, but that just makes people say that the exams are getting easier. It's probably true, but the education system has changed so much in the last few decades that it's hard to make comparisons. There are plenty of teenagers who cannot read and write well, and universities are running extra classes in English and Maths to get students to a level that would have been normal not long ago. Schools have large classes, and there are plenty of schools with a poor reputation, as well as excellent schools which parents lie and cheat to get their children into. There's a clear divide between rich and poor families, and between public (privately-owned) and state (government-run) schools. The parties will try to persuade voters that they can create universally good schools for all pupils and suitable education for all.

### NHS

The National Health Service - the system of doctors, dentists and hospitals in the UK - is one of Britain's most fiercely guarded institutions. Few people in Britain disagree with the concept of healthcare that is 'free at the point of delivery' (you don't pay a charge to see a doctor or be treated in hospital, but everyone pays for the services through compulsory National Insurance). However, the services that should be available, and how to manage those services, are up for debate.

### Iraq & Afghanistan

Britain's role in the invasion of Iraq has been the subject of much controversy in recent years, particularly in regards to the honesty of the reasons for going to war. The war in Afghanistan was more widely supported, but involvement is being



MARCIN PASZKIEWICZ

*The Houses of Parliament*

questioned. Should Britain's soldiers be fighting in countries far away? What happens if we bring the soldiers home? How much money is available for new equipment?

## One to watch...

### Europe

A hot topic in the last few elections, but surprisingly absent from this year's campaign so far. It has proved an explosive issue before, and there's always a chance that it could come back to haunt this year's candidates.

# Keeping you safe in Torbay

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Intermediate



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With 16 language schools in Torbay it is thought that over 20,000 foreign students are in Torbay for the Easter holiday and many more are expected to be here for the summer season too.

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Over the past few years the local police have introduced initiatives designed to protect foreign students, provide a safe environment for their visit and educate the local residents.

A spokesperson from the police said "We shall be visiting these language schools, supporting educational talks regarding UK law, general UK etiquette and offering crime protection advice as well as ensuring we maintain high visibility patrols at peak times."

LAL Torbay has had a close relationship with the local police force with regards to the safety of its students, through the work carried out by Karin Kilpatrick, Operations Manager. Every summer our students get a welcome talk from Karin and her staff and a local police officer when they

arrive at the school on their first day.

Following an article in the Herald Express local newspaper, several readers got in contact with the paper to say how welcome language students are in Torbay, and the following comments were published from local residents on [www.heraldexpress.co.uk](http://www.heraldexpress.co.uk).

"These students do need welcoming, to show gratitude they will more than attempt our language. The students are part of our community, part of our season within the Bay and give us such a fantastic boost. Seeing them weekly in coach trips is fantastic, they are here to learn but to enjoy and they do it so well."

"I have worked as a leader for these students for two of the last three summers in Torquay. I can personally say that some of the students I have met are the brightest people with a fantastic philosophy on life and having fun."

"I personally welcome the students. They know how to enjoy themselves and are well-behaved." **AT**

It's not just the British police who have been on patrol in Torbay - one of our old students has returned to Torbay on an exchange from the police in Germany.

A German policewoman has been pounding the beat in the Bay to learn the British way of policing from local officers.

Tina Tauchner, from Wiesbaden near Frankfurt, admits her three-week visit to the resort has been something of an eye-opener.

"I've enjoyed it very much," said Tina, who is a self-confessed fan of the Bay after spending a time here 12 years ago as a foreign student with the Torbay Language Centre [the old name for LAL Torbay].

"Since then I have kept in touch with the host family, so when the chance came up to make a professional visit I chose the Bay," she said.

And it quickly became apparent the German way of keeping law and order isn't quite the same as the British method. "We don't have anything like neighbourhood

policing or crime prevention.

"We just don't have the resources," she said.

One of the highlights of her trip was yesterday when she hit the heights with a trip on the police helicopter for a bird's eye view of the her new local patch.

Accompanying her on her fact-finding mission have been Bay officers Sgt Jon Phillips and Insp Mel Broad.

Sgt Phillips said: "I like to think our German colleague has been well looked after and enjoyed her visit.

"I'm sure she has learned quite a lot from us and we have picked up some useful knowledge about German policing at the same time."

He added: "We are hoping to send an officer over to Germany as part of this cultural exchange in the future.

"I'm confident it will be useful and we will learn many aspects of the job over there which will be of mutual benefit to us both."

» Reprinted from the Herald Express, Tuesday, February 16, 2010.



## Top tips to stay safe

No matter what we and the police do, you need to take care in Torbay just like you do at home. Taking a few 'common sense' precautions will make you feel safer, help you to stay safe and to enjoy your time in Torbay.

### The police are your friends!

If you have a problem or need help, any policeman or policewoman in the street will be happy to help you.

If you need help when you are in Paignton, you can also go to one of the shops or businesses which has this "Student Support Stop" sticker in the window. They will be happy to help you.

### Keep valuable things safe!

Don't carry your passport or national identity card in your pockets or bags while at school,

in town or on activities. You don't need it in the UK, but you will need it to go home.

Never, ever, carry large amounts of money with you. You only need £10 to £20 each day.

Leave your passport, flight tickets and extra cash in your Host Home, locked in your suitcase.

### Don't walk on your own!

It is safer to walk with friends, and to avoid dark or empty places.

### Don't reply to threats or insults!

If you feel frightened, or someone threatens or shouts at you, go away immediately. Never reply to threats or insults.

### Talk to us...

We're here to help you. Talk to our staff in the school or by phone - the number's on your Student Card - if you have any problems or concerns.



*Policemen on patrol (above) will be happy to help you and the 'Student Support Stop' Sticker (left) shows where you can get help at any time.*

# Students turn to teaching

Last month we had a couple of students who were training to become teachers in their own countries. With this in mind their teachers arranged for them to organise and teach their own lesson using their fellow class-mates.

The result of the lesson was the following report on 'How People Use the Internet'

The purpose of this report is to show how people use the Internet. Information was collected via a survey of 16 students aged between 16 and 25 from different classes in the school.

## A modern drug?

Surprisingly 44% think that they are addicted to the Internet although only one student spends over 20 hours on the Internet. Another point is that the majority don't use the Internet on their mobile phones.

## A simple way?

All of the students agree that it is easy to find information but two people add that sometimes



*Student's lesson in progress (left) and (above)*

the search results aren't relevant to their problem. Other advantages are that the Internet is very fast, easy to operate and it provides a lot of information, which more than half of the students enjoy.

## Do you like it?

Over 50% of those interviewed for this survey chose 'Facebook' as their favourite site, which shows it is very popular among students. The main reason for choosing 'Facebook' is communication with friends.

A further 20% of students chose an e-mail homepage. They explained that using e-mail to send pictures is much simpler than 'Facebook'.

Another 20% chose 'YouTube' for the reason that they can download music and watch tv programmes.

Like 'Youtube' there are lots of homepages from which you can download music and films illegally. The most common reason for downloading was for their MP3 player. Surprisingly, in contrast, a few students have never downloaded anything illegally.

In conclusion, it appears that over half of the students think that they aren't addicted to the Internet and they don't spend much time in front of the computer.

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Level

**B1**

Intermediate

# Boscastle

## North Cornwall



*Looking out to sea at Boscastle*

Boscastle is a charming Cornish fishing village that seems like a tranquil place to explore on holiday. Don't be fooled: not only can you find witches and wizards in Boscastle, but the village was almost destroyed by extreme weather only a few years ago.

Tucked away along the banks of the River Valency lies Boscastle. For hundreds of years this sleepy little village has been a fishing port and before that was important in the area for importing limestone and coal and exporting slate and other local produce. As you travel inland from the harbour a second, deep valley splits off from the Valency Valley and holds the River Jordan and both of these valleys drain the water from the high hills that surround the area.

Boscastle is a popular tourist destination with the usual combination of tea-rooms, pubs and pottery shops. However, one its more unusual attractions is the Museum of Witchcraft, founded by Cecil Williamson. It has one of the largest collection of artifacts dedicated to witchcraft and Wicca in the world. It was originally located on the Isle of Man and moved to Cornwall in 1960.

On the afternoon of 16 August 2004 Boscastle was thrown into world news after the typical, unpredictable British weather nearly wiped the village away.

At midday a thunderstorm began to form across the South-West, the remains of Hurricane Alex which had travelled across the Atlantic. At the height of the storm 89mm (3.5 inches) of rain fell in 60 minutes on a very

concentrated area of high ground above the village, while a few miles away the rain meters only measured 3mm all day.

The large amount of water was channelled straight into the steep valleys and the rivers Valency and Jordan causing them to rise 2m (7ft) in one hour. At one point all the debris being washed down the valleys collected at the old, stone bridge at the top of the village. It acted like a dam causing the water to build up behind it and eventually the weight of water caused the bridge to collapse. A 3m (10ft) wave of water travelling at 4m/s (10mph) swept trees, cars and the village's visitor centre down the main street into the harbour and out to sea. Visitors' and locals' cars were later found washed up on beaches along the coast. It has been estimated that 20 million tonnes (4440 million gallons) of water flowed through the village that day.

The flood happened so quickly that many locals were forced to climb up on to the roofs of their houses to escape. With the help of two Royal Air Force Sea King rescue helicopters from RAF Chivenor a total of 91 people were rescued but, thankfully, there were no fatalities. 📍 **AT**

» The next LAL excursion to Boscastle is on 25 April.

# Grammar Spod:

# Apostrophe catastrophe



One of the difficult aspects of learning another language for us English speakers is the fact that other nationalities change the ending of their nouns according to whether it is the object or the subject.

Luckily for you, we don't do this in English, as nouns are nouns and they don't change unless you want to indicate possession or amount.

Now, this does not necessarily mean that things are easy. One of the most common mistakes that English speakers make is the way they use apostrophes...

- **Possession:**

If you want to indicate that something belongs to someone or something you use an

apostrophe BEFORE the final 's'...

- The teacher's book
- My sister's house

If you want to indicate that something belongs to a group of people or things you put the apostrophe AFTER the final 's'...

The teachers' room (the room where the teachers work)  
The boys' school (a school for boys)

- **BE CAREFUL...**

Not all nouns add an 's' ending. Sometimes you only need to put the apostrophe at the end of the word. (Often this is when we use names that already end with a soft 's' or are plural anyway)

- Alexandre Dumas' stories
- Barclays' customers

- **It's an exception...**

Him, her and it do not have possessive forms with apostrophes. His belongs to him, hers belongs to her and its belongs to it. "It's" is a short form of "it is".

- **DO NOT...**

Don't make the same mistake as the English do and use an apostrophe to indicate a plural. You never use apostrophes to show plurals. This is called a "greengrocer's apostrophe" because it's very common for greengrocers to advertise apple's and orange's. Next time you go into town, have a look for incorrect signs...

- 10 apple's for £1.00
- Tea's and coffee's
- Roses's

## What's on

Every Saturday

Torre Outdoor Saturday Market

Make sure you take a trip down to this Portobello Road-style market which takes place every Saturday in Brunswick Square, Torre. This market has a lively atmosphere and has stalls selling everything from arts and crafts and antiques to vintage clothing and bric-a-brac.

28 April 2010

Paignton Zoo Barbecue Night

Experience Paignton Zoo 'after hours' at one of our new Barbecue Nights.

Featuring animal enrichment at selected enclosures, Jungle Express train rides around Gibbon Island and more. All enjoyed with sumptuous locally sourced Barbecue food and musical entertainment in our Island Restaurant and garden.

Tickets: £15 Adult , £12 Children

10% discount for Annual Members

Family Saver £45 (2 adults & 2 children) (not valid with any other discount)

Time: 5.00pm - 9.00pm

Paignton Zoo, Paignton

30 April - 1 May 2010

Food and Art Festival

Expect over 30 food and arts stalls providing shoppers with a mouth watering taster of the finest food and drink in the locality.

There will also be an opportunity to see and buy an array of beautiful handmade arts and crafts from some of region's most talented artists, as well as participating in family craft workshops, from paint-your-own ceramics with China Blue to drawing master classes and even an Open Mic music opportunity to show off your talent!

The Festival has attracted some great local and regional producers in its line up - from the finest Chocolate Heaven Made in Devon to Yarde Ice Cream. The Festival also boasts a spicy twist from the Thai Star Restaurant and Thai Delight accompanied by some exotic Thai Dancing to entertain the crowds. There will also be a Cookery Theatre sponsored by Caterfood, with demonstrations by some of our very best local and regional chefs headed up by the Grand Hotel's very own Richard Hunt. Richard will be appearing on Channel 4 TV later this month in 'Iron Chef' and he will certainly be on his mettle for us as he pits his skills against the public in various cooking challenges. He will be

joined by Peter Gorton from the highly acclaimed Horn of Plenty. They will use the produce on sale to create some simple and tasty meals. There will be prizes on offer too, including dinner for two at The Grand and a beautiful hamper of local food. A fantastic two day festival that's not to be missed!

Find out all the latest events at [www.englishriviera.co.uk](http://www.englishriviera.co.uk)

## LAL Excursions

- 20/04 Dartmouth & Kingswear
- 21/04 Cockington & Torquay Country Pub
- 22/04 Exeter walk & shops
- 23/04 Taste of Dartmoor
- 24/04 South East Cornwall
  
- 27/04 Totnes walk & shops Jazz Night
- 28/04 Coleton Fishacre
- 29/04 Plymouth Barbican & Hoe
- 30/04 Coast Drive
- 01/05 Stonehenge & Salisbury
  
- 04/05 Kents Cavern caves
- 05/05 Dartington Hall Country Pub
- 06/05 Exeter walk & shops
- 07/05 A taste of Dartmoor
- 08/05 SW Cornwall/Land's End
  
- 11/05 Totnes walk & shops Jazz Night
- 12/05 Brixham & Berry Head
- 13/05 Plymouth Barbican & Hoe
- 14/05 South Hams Highlights
- 15/05 Weymouth & Portland

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## Princess Theatre, Torquay

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23 April 19.30  
The Solid Silver '60s Show  
The UK's original and premier '60s show is back celebrating 25 sensational years!  
Bringing together the unforgettable talents of Dave Berry, Mike Pender, Brian Poole, Peter Sarstedt all backed by Vanity Fare with Swinging Blue Jeans and The Troggs.  
Expect all your favourite '60s hits including The Crying Game, Little Things, Sweets for My Sweet, Needles & Pins, Twist and Shout, Do You Love Me, Where Do You Go To My Lovely, Frozen Orange Juice Wild Thing, Love is All Around, Hippy Hippy Shake, Good Golly Miss Molly and many more.

24 April 19.30  
Essence of Ireland  
Capturing the true spirit of the Emerald Isle, Essence of Ireland is a breathtaking show of brilliant choreography, superb musicianship and dazzling costumes.  
With a selection of the finest dancers and musicians, Essence of Ireland sweeps audiences along a breath taking journey of music, song and dance with a kaleidoscope of colour and a backdrop of extremely infectious high octane live music.  
With a mixture of traditional and modern songs, a touch of Irish craic and endless energetic dance routines, that give you flavours of other genres such as Salsa, Country as well as Irish Dance -- anyone Irish or otherwise, that is a fan of quality music and dance cannot fail to be mesmerised by this truly wonderful show.  
Described by the Irish World as "Entirely unique" and "Highly Recommended", the critically acclaimed Essence of Ireland is taking theatres by storm, with audiences continually left enthralled and spellbound by the high energy and outstanding dance routines that give the show the true Essence of Ireland.

Box Office Numbers:  
Ticketmaster: 08702 414 120  
Groups (10+ tickets): 01803 380 842

## Little Theatre, Torquay

Wed 21st April 2010 - 7.30pm  
An Evening with the Family  
inspired by Hammer Horror

Rogue Theatre invites you to an evening of stories, dark secrets, music and intrigue.

An eccentric family live in an isolated mansion deep in the forest. As the evening erupts into a revelation of astonishing stories and secrets the party atmosphere is disturbed by a haunting, and a figure in the shadows. For the Family is this their greatest fear? - Has truth finally come to dinner?

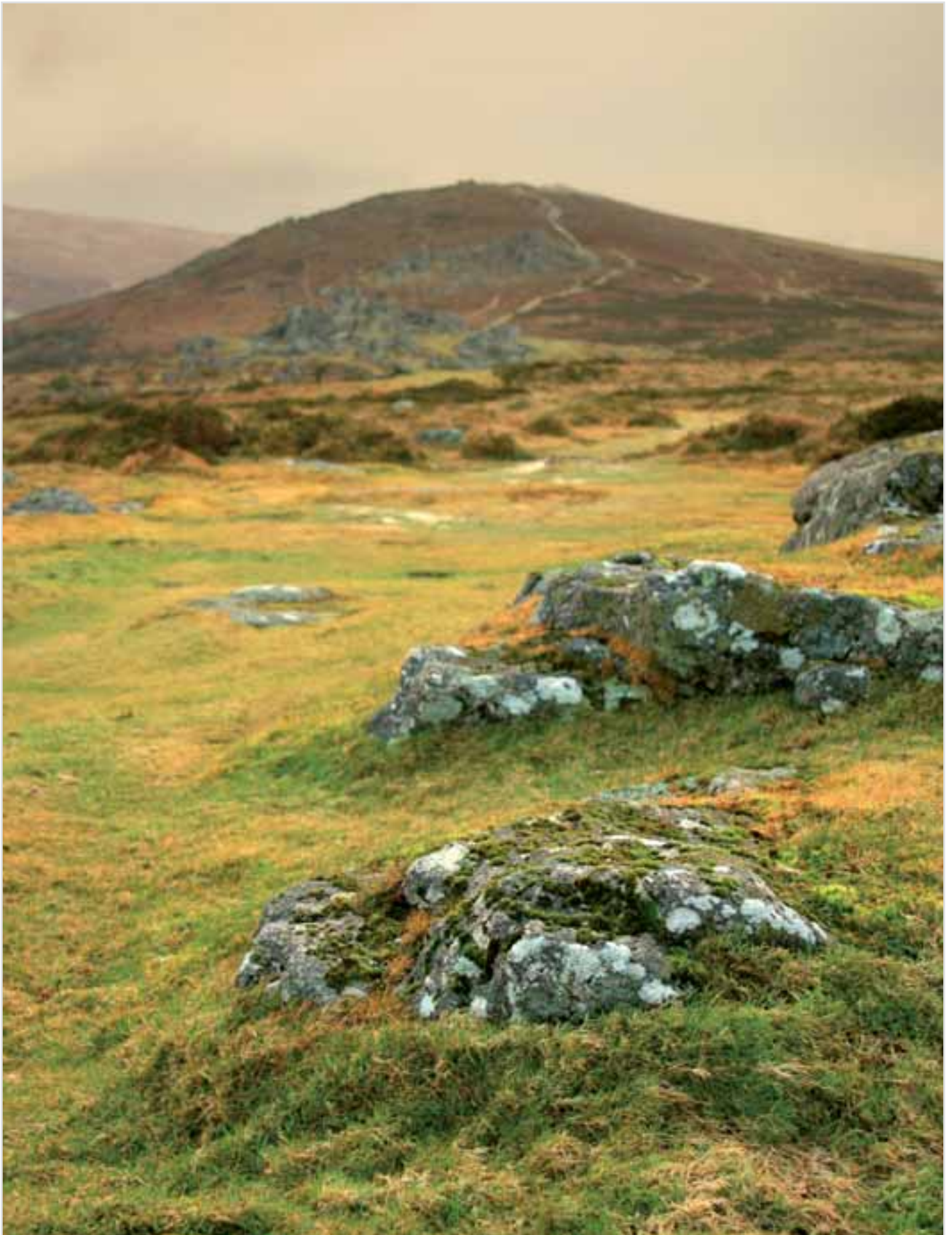
Bookings:  
The box office is open every morning, Monday to Friday between 10.30am and 1.30pm. During the run of all plays the box office is also open from 6.30pm - 8.00pm.  
By Phone: 01803 299330

## Babbacombe Theatre, Torquay

Sunday 25th April 2010  
3:00pm  
Olde Tyme Music Hall  
Buckingham Dance Studios presents...Old Tyme Music Hall.  
Hilarious local favourite Wayne Champagne leads the way as Chairman, of a host of tomorrow's stars, performing all your favourite songs like Oh Mr Porter, Burlington Bertie, Laughing Policeman and the Lambeth Walk. Step back in time with a new generation of performers as they dazzle you with everything from Nijinsky's Firebird Ballet Solo to the "Can Can", featuring Oliver Taylor former West End star of Billy Elliot. Special Guest Act The Stage Door Johnnies will leave you laughing in the aisles with this glittering song and dance extravaganza. Under Musical Direction of Mr Phil Hawkes from London's West End this really is a show for all ages!

Babbacombe Theatre  
[www.babbacombe-theatre.com](http://www.babbacombe-theatre.com)  
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# Rear **Window**



*Grey cloud looms over the bleak wilderness of Dartmoor National Park (Ali Taylor)*