

Bring Low Back Seating

Open Air Theatre

23 MAY – 3 SEPTEMBER
2026



the plough
ARTS CENTRE

General Information

- All performances are approximately 2-hours including a 20-minute interval unless otherwise stated.
- Admission to the venue is 1 hour before performance start time unless otherwise stated
- There will be a cash-prize raffle at each event. Tickets can be bought with cash or card
- Bring low-backed seating, blankets, and weather-appropriate clothing!
- Check our website for more venue-specific information about accessibility, food & drink options, and dogs.
- Please support the venues by purchasing refreshments from their vendors if available



Special offers

Book in advance to save!
Plough Supporter discount - get £2 off standard tickets!
• Early Bird - book before 23 April 5pm and get 10% off advance & under 18 tickets.
6 ticket Bundle - purchase 6 tickets at once and get 10% off.
Please note offers cannot be combined and the best offer will be automatically applied at the basket, according to eligibility. Sign in to ensure Supporter offers are applied automatically. See website for further T&Cs of 6 ticket bundle offer.

For full information regarding each performance please visit our website: theploughartscentre.org.uk



Open Air Theatre 2026 SUMMER FESTIVAL the plough ARTS CENTRE

43 World Class
Performances by 17
Theatre Companies at
14 Beautiful Open Air
Venues Across North

Devon
the plough
ARTS CENTRE

Book now via: theploughartscentre.org.uk



Open Air Theatre

the plough
ARTS CENTRE

Buy tickets:

theploughartscentre.org.uk/whats-on/live-theatre



Contact us:

mail@theploughartscentre.org.uk
Box Office: 01805 624624
Box Office opening times:
Monday 7-9pm (during term time)
Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm | 6:30pm-close

Save on tickets:
Become a Plough Supporter



Plough Supporters play a vital role in the democratic structure of The Plough Arts Centre.
In return for modest annual subscription, as a Plough Supporter you get some great benefits:
• Priority booking on selected high-profile events • £1.50 off full price film tickets • Up to £5 off live events
VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE.

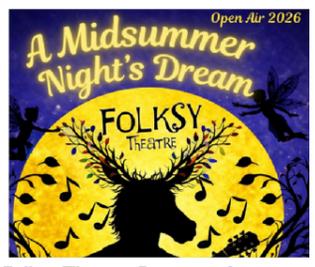


Illyria	Pinocchio	Sun 24 May	4:00pm	Ashridge Court Clovelly
Rain or Shine	The Pickwick Papers	Fri 19 Jun	7:00pm	Court Gardens Badock
Rain or Shine	The Pickwick Papers	Sat 20 Jun	7:00pm	Gardens
Sun & Moon	Twelfth Night	Sat 27 Jun	7:00pm	Lapford Mill
Hotbuckle	The Return of the Native	Sat 4 Jul	7:00pm	Lapford Mill
Hotbuckle	The Return of the Native	Sun 5 Jul	7:00pm	Castle Hill, Filleigh
Handlebards	Macbeth	Wed 8 Jul	6:30pm	Tapeley Park
Alfresco Actors	Jeeves & Wooster	Fri 10 Jul	6:30pm	Tapeley Park
Alfresco Actors	Jeeves & Wooster	Sat 11 Jul	7:00pm	Lapford Mill
Festival Players	The Comedy of Errors	Sat 11 Jul	7:00pm	Clovelly Court Gardens
Alfresco Actors	Jeeves & Wooster	Sun 12 Jul	6:00pm	Castle Drogo (NT)
Alfresco Actors	Kaspar, Prince of Cats	Thu 16 Jul	4:30pm	Castle Hill, Filleigh
Alfresco Actors	Around the World in 80 Days	Thu 16 Jul	7:00pm	Castle Hill, Filleigh
Sun & Moon	Twelfth Night	Sat 18 Jul	7:00pm	Skern Lodge, Appledore
Alfresco Actors	Kaspar, Prince of Cats	Sun 19 Jul	11:30am	Blackberry Farm
Alfresco Actors	Around the World in 80 Days	Sun 19 Jul	2:30pm	Blackberry Farm
Troubadour	The Ghost of Achilles	Tue 21 Jul	6:00pm	Pilton Community Farm
Illyria	The Pirates of Penzance	Tue 21 Jul	6:30pm	Arlington Court (NT)
Troubadour	The Ghost of Achilles	Wed 22 Jul	6:00pm	Lapford Mill
Pantaloons	The (almost) Complete History of Britain	Fri 24 Jul	7:00pm	Clovelly Court Gardens
Pantaloons	The (almost) Complete History of Britain	Sat 25 Jul	7:00pm	Badock Gardens
Changeling	Much Ado About Nothing	Tue 28 Jul	7:00pm	Castle Hill, Filleigh
Changeling	Much Ado About Nothing	Wed 29 Jul	6:30pm	Ashridge Court
DOT	The Wizard of Oz	Thu 30 Jul	6:30pm	Blackberry Farm
DOT	The Wizard of Oz	Sun 2 Aug	2:30pm	RHS Rosemoor
Immersion	The Jungle Book	Mon 3 Aug	6:30pm	Castle Hill, Filleigh
Folksy	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Thu 6 Aug	6:00pm	Castle Drogo (NT)
Quantum	Treasure Island	Tue 11 Aug	7:00pm	RHS Garden Rosemoor
Quantum	Treasure Island	Wed 12 Aug	6:30pm	Arlington Court (NT)
Three Inch Fools	King Arthur and the Holy Fail	Sat 15 Aug	6:30pm	Castle Hill, Filleigh
440 Theatre	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Sun 16 Aug	6:30pm	Arlington Court (NT)
Quantum	The Tales of Peter Rabbit	Tue 18 Aug	6:30pm	Tapeley Park
440 Theatre	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Wed 19 Aug	6:00pm	Arlington Court (NT)
Three Inch Fools	King Arthur and The Holy Fail	Wed 19 Aug	6:30pm	Castle Community Gdns
Cambridge	The Sword in the Stone	Wed 19 Aug	6:30pm	Tapeley Park
Cambridge	The Sword in the Stone	Thu 20 Aug	4:00pm	Castle Hill, Filleigh
Rain or Shine	The Pickwick Papers	Fri 21 Aug	4:00pm	Clovelly Court Gardens
Cambridge	The Sword in the Stone	Fri 21 Aug	6:30pm	Tapeley Park
Immersion	Romeo & Juliet	Sat 22 Aug	4:00pm	Badock Gardens
Pantaloons	Twelfth Night	Tue 25 Aug	6:30pm	Ashridge Court
Pantaloons	Twelfth Night	Wed 26 Aug	6:30pm	Arlington Court (NT)
Illyria	The Pirates of Penzance	Thu 27 Aug	7:00pm	The Lodge, Eggesford
		Thu 3 Sep	7:00pm	Castle Drogo (NT)



Alfresco Actors Presents: Kaspar: Prince of Cats
 Thu 16 Jul 4:30pm at Castle Hill, Filleigh
 Sun 19 Jul 11:30am at Blackberry Farm
 Based on the book by Michael Morpurgo. Step into the heart of the Savoy Hotel with Kaspar and journey across oceans in a story of friendship, courage and survival that will captivate audiences of all ages
 £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD
 Age guidance 3+ | Running time approx 60 mins

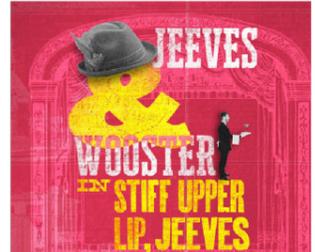
440 Theatre Presents: A Midsummer Night's Dream
 Tue 18 Aug 6:30pm at Tapeley Park Wed 19 Aug 6:30pm at Great Torrington Castle Community Gardens (1646)
 Mischievous sprites, runaway lovers, and one very silly donkey! Four Forty Theatre's playful Midsummer Night's Dream is magical, fast-paced, and perfect for audiences of all ages. £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



Folkly Theatre Presents: A Midsummer Night's Dream Tue 11 Aug 7:00pm at RHS Rosemoor
 Mistaken identities, magical transformations, and love gone hilariously wrong! Enjoy Shakespeare's dazzling verse and Folkly's twist of live music and silliness!
 £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



Alfresco Actors Presents: Around the World in 80 Days
 Thu 16 Jul 7:00pm at Castle Hill, Filleigh
 Sun 19 Jul 2:30pm at Blackberry Farm
 Pack your bags and hold onto your hats - the race is on! Join a fearless troupe of actor-musicians as they hurtle across continents in this riotously entertaining, globe-trotting show inspired by Jules Verne's much-loved classic.
 £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



Alfresco Actors Presents: Jeeves and Wooster
 Fri 10 Jul 6:30pm at Tapeley Park
 Sat 11 Jul 7:00pm at Lapford Mill
 Sun 12 Jul 6:00pm Castle Drogo
 We cordially invite you to an uproarious adventure with P.G. Wodehouse's beloved characters, Jeeves and Wooster! Enter the whimsical world of Bertie Wooster, an affable young gentleman with a penchant for getting himself in the most outlandish predicaments.
 £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



Three Inch Fools Presents: King Arthur and the Holy Fails Sun 16 Aug 6:30pm at Arlington Court Wed 19 Aug 6:30pm at Tapeley Park
 The Three Inch Fools present an epic tale of Arthurian adventure and medieval mayhem! In a land of daring quests, dashing knights, and endless jousting, there lived a would-be hero - waiting in the wings - who went by the name of Arthur. Destiny awaits, chivalry calls, and the quest to end all quests begins. £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



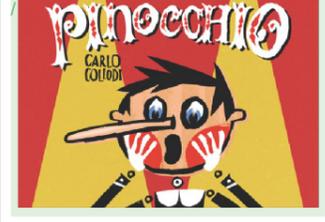
Handlebards Presents: Macbeth Wed 8 Jul 6:30pm at Tapeley Park
 Join the troupe at Tapeley Park for a hilariously high-octane production of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' like you've never seen before. Forget the tears and tragedy, this Macbeth is chock full of mishaps, mayhem and mirth. Mysterious spirits appear, Macbeth and Lady Macbeth plot to kill the king, and things get rapidly out of hand from there.
 £20 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £21 OTD



Changeling Presents: Much Ado About Nothing Tue 28 Jul 7:00pm at Castle Hill Filleigh Wed 29 Jul 6:30pm at Ashridge Court
 Thu 30 Jul 6:30pm at Blackberry Farm
 Glitz, glamour and scandal hit Messina in Changeling's revival of Much Ado About Nothing. Think decadent costume balls and devious misdemeanours, in a play where love's a battlefield and the gossip never stops.
 £20 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £21 OTD



Illyria Presents: Pinocchio
 Sun 24 May 4:00pm at Ashridge Court
 A wooden puppet runs away yearning for adventure, but instead finds cruel bosses, con-artists and exciting attractions which always contain hidden dangers. How can he ever become a real boy when even the lies he tells to cover up awkward truths are as plain as the nose on his face? £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



Immersion Presents: Romeo and Juliet
 Tue 25 Aug 6:30pm at Ashridge Court
 This powerful story of forbidden love and bitter rivalry is brought to life in a visual spectacle infused with comedy, heartbreak, and danger. This is Shakespeare as it's meant to be: interactive, fun, and highly accessible!
 £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD
 Age Guidance 10+



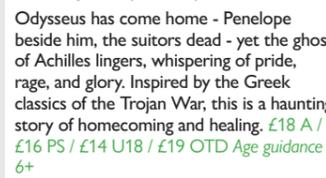
Pantaloons Presents: The (almost) Complete History of Britain
 Fri 24 Jul 7:00pm at Clovelly Court Gardens
 Sat 25 Jul 7:00pm at Badock Gardens
 Have you ever wanted to see the life of Henry VIII told as a romantic comedy or the tale of the Spanish Armada reimagined as a light operetta? Probably not. But that won't stop The Pantaloons retelling great moments from the country's past in a variety of surprising genres! £20 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £21 OTD



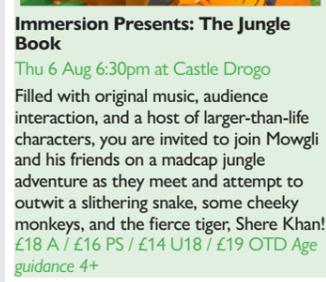
Festival Players Presents: The Comedy of Errors Sat 11 Jul 7:00pm at Clovelly Court Gardens
 One of Shakespeare's earliest plays, The Comedy of Errors tells the story of twin sons and their twin servants, separated in a shipwreck. Confusion and mishap ensue as no one can tell the twins apart! £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



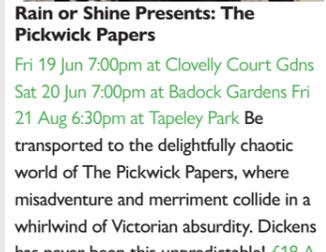
Troubadour Presents: The Ghost of Achilles
 Tue 21 Jul 6:00pm at Pilton Community Farm
 Wed 22 Jul 6:00pm at Lapford Mill
 Odysseus has come home - Penelope beside him, the suitors dead - yet the ghost of Achilles lingers, whispering of pride, rage, and glory. Inspired by the Greek classics of the Trojan War, this is a haunting story of homecoming and healing. £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD Age guidance 6+



Immersion Presents: The Jungle Book
 Thu 6 Aug 6:30pm at Castle Drogo
 Filled with original music, audience interaction, and a host of larger-than-life characters, you are invited to join Mowgli and his friends on a madcap jungle adventure as they meet and attempt to outwit a slithering snake, some cheeky monkeys, and the fierce tiger, Shere Khan!
 £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD Age guidance 4+



Rain or Shine Presents: The Pickwick Papers
 Fri 19 Jun 7:00pm at Clovelly Court Gdns
 Sat 20 Jun 7:00pm at Badock Gardens
 Fri 21 Aug 6:30pm at Tapeley Park
 Be transported to the delightfully chaotic world of The Pickwick Papers, where misadventure and merriment collide in a whirlwind of Victorian absurdity. Dickens has never been this unpredictable! £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



Illyria Presents: The Pirates of Penzance
 Tue 21 Jul 6:30pm at Arlington Court
 Thu 3 Sep 7:00pm at Castle Drogo
 Frederick, apprenticed to Pirates until his 21st birthday, learns that he was born in a leap year on 29th February. Will he be tied into piracy until he is 84? Will his sweetheart, Mabel, wait for him that long?
 £20 A / £18 PS / £14 U18 / £22 OTD



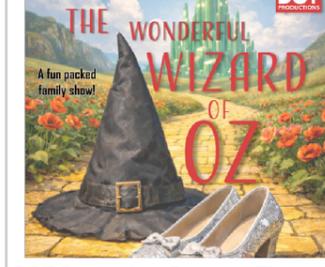
Hotbuckle Presents: The Return of the Native
 Sat 4 Jul 7:00pm at Lapford Mill Sun 5 Jul 7:00pm at Castle Hill, Filleigh
 Set against the haunting backdrop of Egdon Heath, a young woman longs passionately for escape and fulfilment. With live music, high energy, multi role playing, humour and inventiveness, yet another English classic novel is brought wonderfully to life! £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



Cambridge Theatre Presents: The Sword in the Stone
 Thu 20 Aug 4:00pm at Castle Hill Filleigh
 Fri 21 Aug 4:00pm at Clovelly Court Gardens
 Sat 22 Aug 4:00pm at Badock Gardens
 Young Wart dreams of becoming a squire, while Morgan sets her sights on fame and fortune. They meet a host of colourful characters who guide them through adventures and teach them lasting lessons about friendship, courage, and finding their way in the world. £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



Quantum Theatre Presents: The Tales of Peter Rabbit Wed 19 Aug 6:00pm at Arlington Court
 Peter Rabbit and his naughty cousin Benjamin know very well that they are not to go into Mr McGregor's garden, but they cannot resist and soon they find themselves face to face Mr McGregor himself! But how will they ever escape?
 £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



DOT Productions Presents: The Wizard of Oz
 Sun 2 Aug 2:30pm at RHS Rosemoor Mon 3 Aug 6:30pm at Castle Hill Filleigh
 Travel the Yellow Brick Road with DOT Productions' 60-minute family adventure, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - a fantastical, fun-filled journey bursting with silliness, songs, and theatrical magic for families and audiences of all ages, reminding us all that there's no place like home. £15 A / £13 PS / £11 U18 / £16 OTD Running time approx 60 mins

Quantum Theatre Presents: Treasure Island
 Wed 12 Aug 6:30pm at Arlington Court
 Sat 15 Aug 6:30pm at Castle Hill Filleigh
 It's pirate ships, pieces of eight and salty old sea dogs for Summer 2026 in Quantum Theatre's swashbuckling new adaptation of the classic pirate adventure, Treasure Island. Bursting with buccaneers, brouhaha and dastardly double dealings!
 £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



Pantaloons Presents: Twelfth Night
 Wed 26 Aug 6:30pm at Arlington Court
 Thu 27 Aug 7:00pm at The Lodge, Eggesford
 Plied pranksters, puritanical pillocks and perhaps even true love await the twins Viola and Sebastian as they forge their own paths through this world of fools, jewels, duels and dual-identities. Family-friendly fun with live music and audience participation!
 £20 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £21 OTD



Sun & Moon Presents: Twelfth Night
 Sat 27 Jun 7:00pm at Lapford Mill
 Sat 18 Jul 7:00pm at Skern Lodge
 Set in post-war Illyria, a shipwreck sparks joyous chaos in a world healing from loss. Disguise and deception tangle with desire and propriety in this vibrant, hilarious and heartfelt production. With music, love, wit and mistaken identities, it's perfect for all ages.
 £18 A / £16 PS / £14 U18 / £19 OTD



KEY FOR PRICES:
 A: Advanced
 PS: Plough Supporter
 OTD: On the door
 U18: Under 18s BOOK NOW:
www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/
whatsapp.com/channel/00299a11111111111111

LOCATIONS OF OUR 2026 OPEN AIR THEATRE VENUES

For precise location go to <https://what3words.com/> and use the location's three words:

- ILFRACOMBE**
 - TAPELEY PARK BIDEFORD EX39 4NT //dress.situation.scout
 - SKERN LODGE APPLIEDORE, BIDEFORD EX39 1NG //fenced.party.brew
 - ARLINGTON COURT BARNSTAPLE EX31 4LP //piled.marsh.unwound
 - CASTLE HILL FILLEIGH EX32 0RH //guideline.typically.punks
- BARNSTAPLE**
 - PILTON COMMUNITY FARM BARNSTAPLE EX31 1RB //line.scrap.bubble
 - CASTLE COMMUNITY GARDENS, TORRINGTON EX38 8EU //forgives.speakers.darkest
- BIDEFORD**
 - CLOVELLY COURT GARDENS CLOVELLY, BIDEFORD EX39 5SZ //enacts.chapters.assess
- GREAT TORRINGTON**
 - RHS ROSEMOOR GREAT TORRINGTON EX38 8PH //scrapped.open.cookie
- SOUTH MOLTON**
 - THE LODGE EGGES FORD CHUMLEIGH EX18 7QT //newsreel.congas.shift
 - LAPFORD MILL NEAR CREDITON EX17 6PU //increases.youths.ratio
 - CASTLE DROGO DREWSTEIGNTON OKEHAMPTON EX6 6PB //triangles.driftwood.award
 - ASHRIDGE COURT FARM NORTH TAWTON EX20 2DH //campsites.bulk.euphoric
- HARTLAND**
 - BLACKBERRY FARM MILTON DREMEL EX22 7NP //copies.marmalade.treble
- BUDE**
 - BADOCK GARDENS, HOLSORTHY EX22 6BB //funds.croaking.forgiven



Venue FAQs

Venue	Postcode	Well-behaved dogs on leads permitted	Food and drink available to buy	Disabled Parking	Assistance dogs only
Arlington Court	EX31 4LP	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ashridge Court	EX20 2DH	✓	✓	✓	✓
Badock Gardens	EX22 6BB	🐕	✓	✗	✗
Blackberry Farm	EX22 7NP	✓	✓	✓	✓
Castle Drogo	EX6 6PB	🐕	—	✓	✓
Castle Hill Filleigh	EX32 0RH	✓	✓	✓	✓
Castle Community Gdn	EX38 8EU	✓	—	✓	✓
Clovelly Court Gdn	EX39 5SZ	🐕	✓	✗	✗
Lapford Mill	EX17 6PU	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pilton Com' Farm	EX31 1RB	🐕	✓	✓	✓
Tapeley Park	EX39 4NT	✓	✓	✓	✓
RHS Rosemoor	EX38 8PH	🐕	✓	✓	✓
Skern Lodge	EX39 1NG	✗	✓	✓	✗
The Lodge, Eggesford	EX18 7QT	✓	✓	—	—

Please visit The Plough's website, or the venue's website for more information. Alternatively contact the venue directly for questions that are venue specific relating to your visit.