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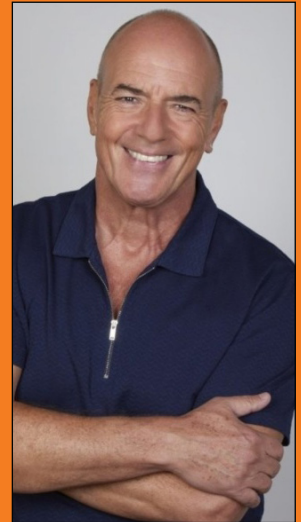
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Welcome to the Plough Arts Centre!

Hello!

We're delighted to share our Autumn programme with you - packed with inspiring live music, comedy, creative workshops, art exhibitions, from blockbuster to art-house films, NT Live and live theatre, including the Plough Youth Theatre, back with fabulous shows - there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Comedy fans can look forward to the return of The Comedy Store alongside performances from political pundit Michael Spicer, 90's TV maverick- Dom Joly, and TV comedy royalty- Paul Sinha. Music lovers can 'put on their red shoes and dance' as we enjoy the best of pop-legend David Bowie with a tribute from

The Bowie Experience amongst an array of wonderful live musical performances. We are delighted to bring you some excellent folk artists and two gorgeous candlelit evenings in December: with the Exmoor Carollers' bringing a festive evening singalong, and North Devon Sinfonia's Christmas-themed chamber concert.

There will be an opportunity for connection and community as the days cool with a crafty series of embroidery workshops at The Plough Arts Centre provided by North Devon creative Kiri Snell. Alongside a packed Visual Arts programme this autumn sees our resident ArtMakers- Phil Parker and Hilary Bee-craft delivering another series of valuable workshops specifically for artists and creatives focussing on 'Being in Business', 'Marketing' and 'Showing your Work'. Our lovely Gallery space once again becomes home to The Plough's Christmas Market from 2nd - 19th December where you can peruse handmade and artisan products for the perfect gift. Open 10am - 4pm Wednesday - Saturday and before evening performances.

Renovation work is still underway at our sister venue in Barnstaple ThePlough@StAnne's. Nonetheless a packed programme of live events and workshops is being delivered. We kindly ask that if you do book one of our events in Barnstaple that you double check the venue.

Every ticket you buy helps keep arts, culture and creativity thriving in North Devon. I am always interested to hear your thoughts on our programme as we continue to serve our diverse communities and local audiences, please do feedback your thoughts through our Front of House team.

Thank you for your continued support - we look forward to welcoming you through our doors this autumn.

See you soon!

Emma Dunton



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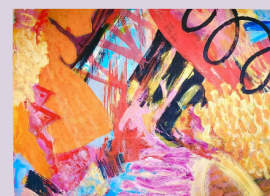
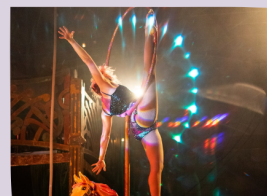
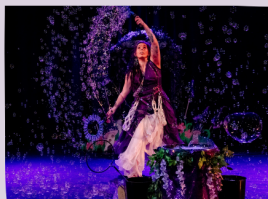


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DONATE TO HELP US UNLOCK £10,000

The Plough is more than just a theatre...

It's where stories are shared, where courage is found, where our community comes together.

The backstage trust is giving us £10,000 to continue our work, enhance our impact,
and keep the arts at the heart of our community.

BUT only if we can match it, and that is where you come in!

Our Ten for Ten campaign is asking you to donate £10 (or whatever you can) to
help us reach £10,000, knowing that every pound will be doubled! £10 becomes
£20. £10,000 becomes £20,000!

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LIVE EVENTS & FILMS

LIVE MUSIC



Scott Matthews

Thu 1 Oct, 8:00pm

Twenty years after his acclaimed debut *Passing Stranger*, Ivor Novello winner Scott Matthews returns with folk, rock and blues shaped by poetic songwriting, soaring vocals and outstanding musicianship.

£20

FILM



De Gaulle: Part 2 Liberté

Fri 2 Oct, 2:00pm

Fri 16 Oct, 2:00pm

June 1940: France has fallen, but one man refuses to give up. General Charles de Gaulle flees to London, risking everything to convince the world that France's fight is far from over.

£8.00 / £7.00 Supporter / £6.00 U18

FILMED THEATRE



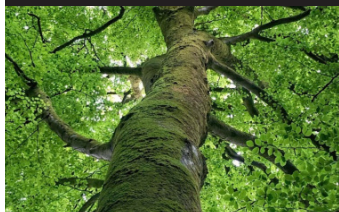
NT Live: The Misanthrope

Fri 2 Oct, 7:30pm

Sandra Oh (*Killing Eve*) stars in this razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's classic dark comedy. Novelist Alice despises society's polite lies, but the more she speaks her truth, the fiercer the backlash becomes.

£15 / £12 U18 / £12 Supporter

STORYTELLING / POETRY



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Amanita Grove

Sun 4 Oct, 6:00pm

Amanita Grove leads a journey through nature, uncovering the secrets of trees and forest life through sound, storytelling and spoken word, guiding you through seasonal change, life cycles and folklore.

£10 Advance / £10 on the door

FILM



Pressure (12A)

Fri 9 Oct, 10:30am

Sat 10 Oct, 2:30pm

In the tense 72 hours before D-Day, General Eisenhower and Captain James Stagg face an impossible choice: launch the largest seaborne invasion in history, or risk losing the war altogether.

£8.00 / £7.00 Supporter / £6.00 U18

LIVE MUSIC



THE BOWIE EXPERIENCE

Sat 3 Oct, 8:00pm

Put on your red shoes and dance: The Bowie Experience brings a full-tilt tribute celebrating the man who fell to Earth.

Expect costume changes, a huge, immersive sound, and moments that'll have you singing. From Ziggy to the Thin White Duke, every era gets its moment in the spotlight.

Across two hours, enjoy iconic Bowie anthems alongside deep cuts you never knew you'd missed.

£25

LIVE THEATRE



Bloomin' Church

Fri 9 Oct, 8:00pm

Join Rev. Dan Fisher and his congregation in this hilarious, heart-wrenching new play as they strive to become a truly 'Bloomin' Church'. Real-life stories, poetry and song reveal the mess, the beauty and the courage it takes to bloom.

£16 / £14 Supporter

Followed by a safe, open Q&A about church, spirituality and living life to the full.

LIVE THEATRE

theatre WORKHOUSE SCRATCH



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Theatre Workhouse Scratch Nights

Fri 9 Oct, 7:00pm

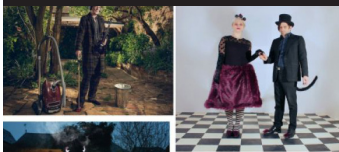
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Wed 10 Dec, 7:00pm

Come and see new theatre as it develops: a range of local companies sharing works in progress.

Free

LIVE MUSIC



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Pattern Recognition Presents: Slow Slow Loris & Sieben

Sat 10 Oct, 7:00pm

An evening of immersive sound and experimental performance. Slow Slow Loris blend industrial noise with visceral avant-garde soundscapes, a sonic sorcery of voice and electronics. Based between Berlin and the US, the duo have toured extensively worldwide.

£10 advance / £12 on the door

MUSICAL THEATRE / LIVE MUSIC



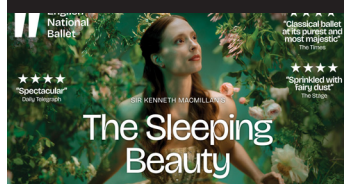
A Night at the Movies

Fri 16 Oct, 7:30pm

From beloved ballads to soaring anthems and toe-tapping tunes, join us for an incredible night of iconic music from all your favourite films.

£6 / £8

FILM



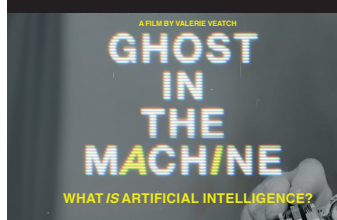
English National Ballet: Sleeping Beauty

Sat 17 Oct, 4:00pm

A spellbinding fairytale ballet filmed at London's Royal Albert Hall. Sir Kenneth MacMillan's exquisite choreography, sumptuous costumes and Tchaikovsky's glorious score bring Princess Aurora's story to life, performed live by English National Ballet Philharmonic.

£16

FILM



Ghost in the Machine

Sat 17 Oct, 7:30pm

A gripping, urgently relevant documentary exposing the buried history of artificial intelligence: not a neutral system of algorithms, but a technology shaped by racism, misogyny, eugenics and entrenched power long before it entered everyday life.

£8.00 / £7.00 Supporter / £6.00 U18

Includes a recorded Q&A with director Valerie Veatch.

LIVE MUSIC



Swimbridge Consort: As The River Runs

Sat 17 Oct, 7:30pm

Join us for an uplifting evening of choral works spanning 1,000 years, from Hildegard von Bingen to contemporary composers, performed by five members of acclaimed local choir Voluntary Accord, singing for fun and for charity.

£10 / Under-16s free

LIVE MUSIC



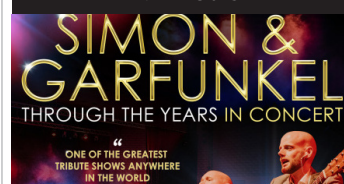
Nerina Pallot - Solo

Wed 21 Oct, 8:00pm

Following her acclaimed Royal Albert Hall show celebrating 25 years in music, Brit and Ivor Novello-nominated Nerina Pallot returns to intimate venues with her Fire Escape Symphonies tour, performing solo with piano, guitar, songs and stories.

£25.00

LIVE MUSIC

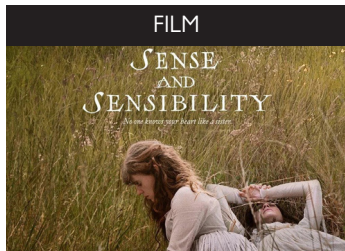


Simon & Garfunkel: Through The Years

Thu 22 Oct, 8:00pm

Critically acclaimed as one of the world's greatest tribute shows, Bookends duo Dan Haynes and Pete Richards trace two school friends' journey to global superstardom, with flawless harmonies and classics including The Sound of Silence and Bridge Over Troubled Water.

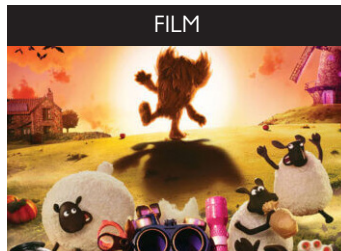
£24.00

**Sense and Sensibility****Sat 23 Oct, 2:00pm****Fri 30 Oct, 7:30pm****Sat 7 Nov, 3:00pm**

From Focus Features and Working Title, an irresistible new take on Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*: a charming, witty and deeply relatable story of love and sisterhood, starring Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esmé Creed-Miles.

£8.00 / £7.00 Supporter / £6.00 U18**Comedy Store****Sat 24 Oct, 8:00pm**

The Plough is one of only nine UK venues chosen by London's Comedy Store. With nearly 40 years as comedy's premier name, it's a breeding ground for tomorrow's stars, past acts including Eddie Izzard, John Bishop and Sarah Millican. Simply the funniest show you'll see all year.

£19.50*Suitable for ages 16+.***Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom****Sat 24 Oct, 2:00pm****Fri 30 Oct, 2:00pm****Sat 31 Oct, 10:30am**

Halloween is coming to Mossy Bottom Farm, until the clumsy Farmer trashes the Flock's pumpkin patch. When Shaun turns mad scientist to fix it, chaos spirals into a monstrously fun family adventure.

£8.00 / £7.00 Supporter / £6.00 U18**The Melting Pot****Thu 29 Oct, time TBC**

A celebration of young musical talent from across North Devon: acoustic sets, folk ensembles, punk and rock bands and everything in between. Come and discover the next generation as they take over The Plough with an eclectic, genre-hopping showcase.

£8 / £5 / Under-10s free

LIVE COMEDY

Paul Sinha
Fri 23 Oct, 8:00pm

With material fresh from Edinburgh Fringe and following a dramatic few years, including major surgery and recovery, Paul celebrates his 30th year in stand-up. As seen on The Chase, Taskmaster, QI and Would I Lie to You?

Edinburgh Fringe 2025 - *He may entertain as a Chaser and impress as a quizzer, but he truly shines on stage*

Rolling Stone
Sinha is an absolute worldie of a stand up and the fact he's a bona fide polymath shouldn't dilute that fact.

£22.00

**Comic Art Masterclass with Kev Sutherland****Wed 28 Oct, 10:30am****Wed 28 Oct, 2:00pm**

Having written & drawn for Beano, Doctor Who & Marvel comics, Kev Sutherland will teach you in this masterclass, how easy it is to tell the stories you want to tell through comic art.

£5*Classes are for age 7 and upwards***Halloween Dry Ice Science Spectacular****Fri 30 Oct, 11:00am**

Join Devon Science for a magical, interactive Halloween experience with real dry ice. Watch swirling mist and spooky experiments, then make your own smoking potion and a gravity-defying bat to take home.

£20

FILM + PARTY



Halloween Family Film & Dance Party

Sat 31 Oct, time TBC

Get the little monsters dressed up for an afternoon of Halloween fun. Come as your favourite spooky character, witch, vampire or pumpkin, for dancing, giggles and a Halloween film on the big screen: nothing scary, just family-friendly fun.

£8.00 / £7.00 Supporter / £6.00 U18

LIVE MUSIC



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Pattern Recognition Presents: Colossloth, Satori & A Waste of Damnation

Sat 7 Nov, 7:00pm

An evening of immersive sound and experimental performance.

£10 advance / £12 on the door

TALK

PETER COX OF GO WEST: WE CLOSE OUR EYES, AND OTHER STORIES

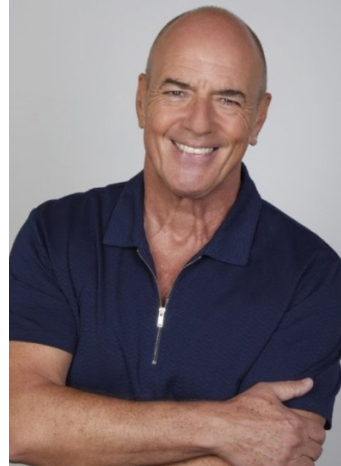
Sat 7 Nov, 7:30pm

Go West arrived on the charts like a comet, with classic hits including We Close Our Eyes and King of Wishful Thinking. Frontman Peter Cox looks back on a four-decade career, from Rocky's soundtrack to sold-out shows at the London Palladium.

£32 Standard

£47 Premium: includes goody bag and best seats

£45 Meet & Greet: limited availability



LIVE MUSIC



£28.50

With David Delarre, John Parker and Evan Carson.

STEVE KNIGHTLEY & THE WINTER YARDS BAND

Fri 6 Nov, 8:00pm

The Long Road Tour 2026.

Co-founder of folk phenomenon Show of Hands, Steve Knightley returns with a cinematic 'folk noir' sound, blending Winter Yards material with powerful new songs of landscape, community and change.

FILM



National Theatre Live: Golden Boy

Fri 14 Oct, 2:00pm

Josh O'Connor (The Crown, Challengers) leads the cast in this searing revival of Clifford Odets' American classic. In 1930s New York, gifted violinist Joe Bonaparte is lured into professional boxing, forced to decide what he's willing to sacrifice.

£15 / £12 U18

FILMS @ THE PLOUGH

We are always adding new film screenings to keep up with the latest releases.

Check our socials and website for the up-to-date film schedule!

theploughartscentre.org.uk
/whats-on/film



LIVE COMEDY

MICHAEL SPICER: HOPE ALL'S WELL

Fri 13 Nov, 8:00pm

Michael Spicer, the online sensation behind viral hit *The Room Next Door*, brings a hilarious, brilliantly entertaining satirical show packed with sketches, short films and stories, featuring characters from his BBC Radio 4 series 'No Room'.

£22.00

£45 Meet & Greet (limited availability)



LIVE COMEDY



DOM JOLY: TRIGGER HAPPY TV

Sat 14 Nov, 8:00pm

Twenty-five years since Trigger Happy TV transformed the hidden-camera format, Dom Joly celebrates with a 25th-anniversary tour bringing his most iconic characters and pranks to the stage, including The Giant Snail and THAT Big Mobile Phone, plus behind-the-scenes stories.

£31.00 Standard

£47.00 Premium (seats and goody bag)

£77.00 Meet & Greet (photo, autograph, goody bag and best seats)

Age recommendation 16+.

LIVE MUSIC



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Emily Slade

Sat 14 Nov, 7:30pm

Emily Slade, one of Britain's foremost fingerstyle guitarists, blends intricate playing with enchanting vocals, captivating audiences on both sides of the Atlantic with her rare musical talent.

£10 Advance / £12.50 on the door

LIVE MUSIC



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Amanita Grove Collective:

Sounds of Peace and Joy

Sun 15 Nov, 6:00pm

A celebration of peace and joy, with music to nourish the heart and soul. Duo Cheryl Silvanwood (vocals, percussion) and Jules Moberly (Spanish guitar, loops) are joined by a collective of talented musicians, plus perhaps a mystery guest or two.

£15 advance / £18 on the door

LIVE MUSIC



Blazin' Fiddles

Wed 18 Nov, 8:00pm

Three of the Highlands and Islands' finest fiddle players, with piano and guitar, stir together more than 25 years of musical magic. This multi-award-winning group blends driving rhythms and beautiful slow airs in a joyous celebration of Scottish music.

£22.00 Standard

£20.00 Supporter

Featuring Jenna Reid, Kristan Harvey, Rua

LIVE MUSIC



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Pattern Recognition Presents:

Chimehours & Lichon

Sat 21 Nov, 7:00pm

An exciting evening of dark folk-hauntology... and who better to complement with Chimehours than North Devon's very own dark-ambient violin and plant music duo- Lichon.

£10 advance / £12 on the door

LIVE MUSIC



3 Daft Monkeys

Fri 27 Nov, 8:00pm

3 Daft Monkeys return with their unmistakable blast of fiery folk, gypsy rhythms and irresistible energy. This band doesn't just play music, they ignite the room: fiddles soar, beats thunder and the whole place moves as one.

£16.00 Standard
£15.00 Supporter
Support act to be announced.

DANCE

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DANCE FESTIVAL



Inspire Dance Festival

Sat 21 Nov, 7:30pm

Dancers from across the region come together for a vibrant celebration of dance in all its forms: ballet, ballroom, contemporary, commercial, modern, musical theatre, creative dance and cabaret, showcasing the passion and diversity of our dance community.

£10 / £8

FILM



Derek vs Derek

Sat 28 Nov, 4:00pm

What happens when your neighbour goes completely wild? Award-winning director James Dawson's documentary follows two Devon farmers who share a name but take radically different approaches to land use.

£8.00 / £7.00 Supporter / £6.00 U18
Includes a recorded Q&A.

LIVE COMEDY



Comedy Store

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£19.50
Suitable for ages 16+.

LIVE MUSIC



Mad Dog Mcree: Dusk Till Dawn Tour

Fri 4 Dec, 8:00pm

Mad Dog Mcree is back at The Plough, bringing the party with them. Blending folk rock, pop, gypsy jazz and bluegrass with unmistakable energy, expect songs of adventure, mischief and late nights alongside colourful traditional tales. Jump aboard the legendary purple happy bus.

£24.50

LIVE MUSIC



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

The Kahunas

Fri 4 Dec, 7:30pm
Sat 5 Dec, 7:30pm

A powerhouse electro-folk-rock duo blending drums, violin, synthesisers and original lyrics with dance beats, wah-wah driven violin riffs and lush melodic harmonies.

£10 advance / £12.50 on the door
Unreserved seating, plus a standing and dancing area.

LIVE MUSIC



EXMOOR CAROLERS

Exmoor Carolers: A Festive Candlelit Singalong

Sat 5 Dec, 2:00pm

Formed in 2006 by North Devon shantymen John Parker, the Exmoor Carolers bring ten local musicians together for a heartwarming evening of traditional songs and carols by candlelight. Join in and sing along.

£15 / £8 U18

LIVE MUSIC

**Will Varley****Sat 5 Dec, 8:00pm**

Singer-songwriter Will Varley brings his remarkable songwriting to ten of the UK's finest independent venues this winter, following a run of dates supporting Counting Crows. His seventh album reached No. 4 on the UK Americana Chart.

£22.00

PANTO

**Snow White (and the Seven or Eleven Multi-Cultural Gnomes)****Sat 12 Dec, time TBC****Sun 13 Dec, time TBC**

Panto is back at The Plough! Join Snow White and her delightful gnomes for a magical, musical and mischievous pantomime, complete with an evil queen, a charming prince and a fabulous dame. Joyful, hilarious fun for the whole family.

£10 / £8 / £6

LIVE MUSIC

**North Devon Sinfonia:
Candlelight Chamber Concert**
Thu 17 Dec, 8:00pm

An intimate, candlelit evening of orchestral music featuring two beloved masterpieces: Schubert's Symphony No. 5 and Vivaldi's Winter from The Four Seasons. Enjoy the warmth and magic of live music this festive season.

£15 advance / £5 U18

LIVE MUSIC

**Big AI & The Wild Strawberries'
Christmas Cracker****Fri 18 Dec, 8:00pm**

If Christmas in Torrington had a soundtrack, Big AI & The Wild Strawberries would be playing it. Back by popular demand, expect big tunes, dancing and Christmas cheer at this pay-what-you-will festive show.

£10 / £15 / £20 - pay what you will

LIVE MUSIC

**Beans on Toast****Fri 11 Dec, 8:00pm**

Celebrated folk troubadour Beans on Toast heads out on his annual winter tour. Part concert, part gathering, expect open-hearted tales of family and friendship alongside protest songs, laughter and the odd tear.

£18.00

LIVE THEATRE

**BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL****A Christmas Carol****Sun 13 Dec, 7:30pm**

Joy to all mankind... Bah! Spend an evening with a mean, tight-fisted old miser as Ebenezer Scrooge is haunted by four creepy ghosts, each more terrifying than the last, and weeps at the bedside of a tiny, malnourished child.

£15

By David Myenne, founder member of Kneehigh Theatre.

LIVE MUSIC

**BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL****Small Town Jones****Fri 18 Dec, 7:30pm****Sat 19 Dec, 7:30pm**

Join Small Town Jones and band for a cosy evening of melodic, mesmerising indie-folk-soul. Now in its sixth year, this festive favourite returns with original and winter-infused songs, better than ever.

£15

LIVE THEATRE

**Twelve Days of Christmas****Sat 19 Dec, 2:00pm****Sat 19 Dec, 7:00pm**

Inspired by the classic Christmas song, all our youth theatre groups offer something special for each day of the yuletide season: music, song, dance, drama, poetry and comedy, performed by young people aged three to eighteen.

Price TBC

Ploughcappella



MONDAYS:

Ploughcappella with Rosa Rebecca

7.30pm – 9:00pm

Monday's during term time, inc. Bank Holidays (see website for term dates)

Bring joy to your Mondays and find your voice with North Devon's thriving Community Choir.
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(10 weeks)

£40 Half Term / £35 Supporters
(5 weeks)

HAVE YOUR SAY

Creative? Enjoy mindful making and trying new things? We'd love to know which workshops you'd enjoy and would like to see offered at The Plough Arts Centre.

Use the QR here to complete a short survey to let us know and we'll booked it.



TUESDAYS:

Plough Prism Drama

10:30am-12:30pm

Tuesdays during term time

An exciting weekly drama workshop for adults with supportive and additional needs.

£4.50 per session

Motion Dance

1:15pm-2:15pm

Tuesdays during term time

An enjoyable weekly dance and movement workshop for adults with supportive and additional needs.

£2.50 per session

Both groups work towards a yearly performance, combining drama, dance, music and storytelling!

PLOUGH WRITERS WITH LIZZIE BAUER

10:30am-1:00pm

Saturdays: 5th Sept, 5th Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec

A monthly drop-in session for adults wishing to develop their creative writing skills.

£15 per session



TEN FOR TEN

KEEPING THE ARTS AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

When we raise £10,000, The Backstage Trust will match it with another £10,000, turning community generosity into £20,000 for The Plough Arts Centre!

This money will allow us to keep delivering a vibrant programme, to help more young people access the arts, to bring more theatre, comedy, music, and film to our community, to include people with disabilities and those who are isolated, to improve well being and to keep bringing people together.

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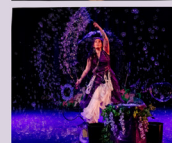
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Weekly workshops to inspire and engage our local young people in drama, musical theatre, creative dance, and theatre making, with exciting performance opportunities!



PTF is a free youth council and mentorship programme that encourages young people's participation in the arts. It offers experiences in events management, fundraising, business, theatre technician roles, backstage and front of house.

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PYT SATURDAYS:

DURING TERM TIMES:

SENIORS (14-18 Years)

New session times in review

£90 / £72 Supporters (per term)

£50 / £40 Supporters (per half term)

MIDDLELIES (11-14 Years)

New session times in review

£90 / £72 Supporters (per term)

£50 / £40 Supporters (per half term)

NEXT STAGE (13-16 Years)

New session times in review

£90 / £72 Supporters (per term)

£50 / £40 Supporters (per half term)

INFANT PLAY EXPLORERS (4-7 Years)

New session times in review

£72 / £58 Supporters (per term)

£40 / £33 Supporters (per half term)

Plough Youth Theatre is supported by Gard Fund, Arts Council England and The Clare Milne Trust.

JUNIORS (8-11 Years)

New session times in review

£90 / £72 Supporters (per term)

£50 / £40 Supporters (per half term)

CREATIVE DANCE (8-16 Years)

4:00pm - 6:00pm

PYT WEEKDAYS:

DURING TERM TIMES

New session times in review

THURSDAYS:

WRITING FOR PERFORMANCE

Project based creative writing workshops for young people 8-18 years old.

5-6pm

£55 / £42 Supporter (per term)

£30 / £23 Supporter (per half term)



CREATIVE OUTREACH

Are you a school looking to add a drama workshop to your academic programme? Perhaps your school would like to bring a book or play to life by booking in a drama workshop or special film screening in our auditorium? Maybe you are a community group or charity looking to collaborate with The Plough on a creative project? We offer a diverse range of theatrical, creative visual and performance based activities and workshops to local schools and community groups. These include curriculum enrichment activities or for example 'Play in a Day' drama workshops. We'd love you to get involved in our creative outreach programme, and we'd be happy to discuss any ideas you might have. Please contact katherine@theploughartscentre.org.uk

WORKSHOPS AT THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE

Develop your embroidery skills through a progressive series of creative workshops inspired by nature, the seasons and traditional and contemporary textile art. £30 per person per session plus Materials cost (payable on the day)

Welcome

Whether you're discovering embroidery for the first time or looking to build on existing skills, this welcoming programme offers the opportunity to explore a wide range of embroidery and textile techniques in a relaxed, supportive environment. Each workshop can be enjoyed as a standalone session, while those attending the series will gradually develop confidence through increasingly creative projects. With expert tuition and all materials provided, you'll leave with new skills, fresh inspiration and beautiful handmade pieces to treasure.



Tutor

Kiri Snell is the founder of Copper Beech Crafts, a creative sewing studio based at her family farm in North Devon. Inspired by the surrounding countryside and coastline, she has a passion for traditional patchwork and quilting, embroidery and various types of needlecrafts. With 15 years' experience, her workshops are known for their friendly, encouraging atmosphere, where beginners and experienced makers alike can develop new skills and build confidence.



Foundations in Embroidery

Fri 2 Oct, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Come and join Kiri for the first of a progressive series of creative embroidery workshops inspired by nature, the seasons and both traditional and modern techniques.

Learn the essentials in embroidery, from transferring designs and preparing fabric to mastering key stitches. Choose from a selection of designs to begin your own project.

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Stitching Animals in Embroidery

Fri 16 Oct, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Develop your embroidery through thread painting, colour blending and long and short stitch to create realistic fur and feathers. You will be given a choice of animal designs and Kiri will show you how stitch direction, layering and shading can bring animal portraits to life.

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Halloween

Fri 23 Oct, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Create a spooky seasonal embroidery design while exploring decorative stitches, embroidered lettering, padded stitches and simple three-dimensional techniques that add texture and personality to your work.

You will learn different ways of adding definition to embroidered lettering depending on the project.

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Bonfire Night

Fri 30 Oct, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Discover how colour, metallic threads, beads and embellishments create sparkle, movement and dramatic light effects.

Learn techniques for stitching on dark fabrics, how to add the illusion of movement in your work and add contrast to contemporary embroidery.

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Mixed Media Textiles & Embroidery - Landscapes

Fri 6 Nov, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Draw inspiration from North Devon's coastline and countryside and learn how to combine a mixture of textile techniques. Using embroidery, appliqué, paint, fabric layering and embellishments to create a richly textured textile landscape. A preliminary design will be provided but you will be encouraged to explore your creativity and make the piece your own.

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Fabric Christmas Baubles

Fri 6 Nov, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Make a beautiful fabric Christmas bauble using simple no-sew techniques. Suitable for all abilities, this relaxed and sociable workshop is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a festive afternoon, meet fellow crafters and create a unique handmade decoration to treasure or give as a thoughtful Christmas gift..

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Gold and Bead work Embroidery

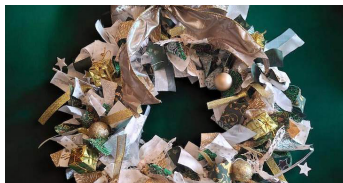
Fri 13 Nov, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Learn how to create richly embellished embroidery using beads, metallic threads and introductory bead and goldwork techniques, including simple couching methods.

After Kiri demonstrates a variety of techniques you will then choose a design and be given all the materials and guidance to be able to finish your piece at home.

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Fabric Christmas Wreaths

Fri 13 Nov, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Create a colourful no-sew Christmas wreath inspired by traditional rag rugging. Reusing recycled fabrics and festive remnants, transform everyday textiles into a beautiful seasonal decoration. Designed to be accessible to all abilities, this friendly, sociable workshop celebrates creativity, sustainability and the joy of making together.

£30

£15 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Working with Wool Felt

Fri 20 Nov, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Discover the versatility of wool felt through appliqué, layering and decorative stitching. Learn techniques for creating crisp shapes, raised details and three-dimensional textile designs.

You will have the option to create a stand-alone wool felt decoration or add felt elements to a traditional embroidery hoop design.

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Fabric Christmas Trees

Fri 20 Nov, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Spend a festive afternoon creating a charming fabric Christmas tree using a selection of seasonal fabrics and decorative embellishments. This simple no-sew workshop is suitable for all abilities and offers the perfect opportunity to relax, get creative and make a decoration to enjoy year after year.

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Christmas Redwork

Fri 27 Nov, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Explore the timeless elegance of festive redwork embroidery while refining line work, composition and decorative stitch techniques.

Ideal for both new and returning participants.

£30

£5 for materials payable to tutor on the day



Hanging Christmas Decorations

Fri 27 Nov, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Create personalised Christmas decorations while learning a variety of simple hand-sewing and decorative embroidery stitches. Using festive fabrics, ribbons and embellishments, you'll develop new skills and techniques, making this the perfect workshop for all abilities.

£30

£10 for materials payable to tutor on the day

FULL LIST OF OUR EVENTS ACROSS OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Location / Event type Key:

B'stple Guildhall - Barnstaple Guildhall

Bideford TH - Bideford Town Hall

CC B'stple - Castle Centre, Barnstaple

Hall BT - Hall Bishops Tawton

St Anne's - The Plough St Anne's

TPAC - The Plough Arts Centre

Book now



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Box Office opening times:

Monday 7-9pm (during term time)

Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm |

6:30pm-close

Telephone: 01805 624624

Barnstaple Town & Workhouse	Thu 01 Oct	07:30 pm	Talk	St. Anne's
Haunted History Tour				
Plough Storytelling Circle	Thu 01 Oct	07:30 pm	Workshop	B'stapse Guildhall
Scott Matthews	Thu 01 Oct	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
Foundations in Embroidery	Fri 02 Oct	10:00 am	Workshop	TPAC
NT Live: The Misanthrope	Fri 02 Oct	07:30 pm	Film	TPAC
The Bowie Experience	Sat 03 Oct	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
Amanita Grove: Deep Beneath The Canopy	Sun 04 Oct	06:00 pm	Live Music	B'stapse Guildhall
Ploughcappella - Apr 25	Mon 05 Oct	07:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Festive Soap Making Workshop	Thu 08 Oct	06:00 pm	Workshop	B'stapse Guildhall
Pressure	Fri 09 Oct	10:30 am	Film	TPAC
Bloomin Church	Fri 09 Oct	08:00 pm	Live Theatre	TPAC
Christmas Green Man Pottery Workshop	Sat 10 Oct	10:00 am	Workshop	St. Anne's
Christmas Green Man Pottery Workshop	Sat 10 Oct	10:00 am	Workshop	B'stapse Guildhall
The Business of Art: Life of an Artist	Sat 10 Oct	10:30 am	Workshop	TPAC
Pressure	Sat 10 Oct	04:30 pm	Film	TPAC
Pattern Recognition present:	Sat 10 Oct	07:00 pm	Live Music	B'stapse Guildhall
Slow Slow Loris & Sieben				
Ploughcappella - Apr 25	Mon 12 Oct	07:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Charles Hanson Valuations	Wed 14 Oct	11:00 am	Room Hire	TPAC
Bideford Town Haunted History Tour	Wed 14 Oct	07:30 pm	Talk	Bidef'd Town Hall
Stitching animals in embroidery	Fri 16 Oct	10:00 am	Workshop	TPAC
Hall 'Upstairs Downstairs' Haunted History	Fri 16 Oct	07:30 pm	Talk	Hall B.T.
Forest streams in acrylics	Sat 17 Oct	10:00 am	Workshop	B'stapse Guildhall
The Sleeping Beauty (ENB)	Sat 17 Oct	04:00 pm	Film	TPAC
Ghost in the Machine	Sat 17 Oct	07:30 pm	Film	TPAC
with Q&A Valarie Veatch				
Swimbridge Consort "As the river runs"	Sat 17 Oct	07:30 pm	Live Music	B'stapse Guildhall
Zarzo Basket Willow Weaving Workshop	Sun 18 Oct	10:00 am	Workshop	B'stapse Guildhall
Ploughcappella - Apr 25	Mon 19 Oct	07:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Nerina Pallot - Solo	Wed 21 Oct	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
Barnstaple Bygone Brothel Tour (South End)	Thu 22 Oct	07:30 pm	History Tour	St. Anne's
Simon and Garfunkel Through the Years	Thu 22 Oct	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
Sense and Sensibility	Fri 23 Oct	02:00 pm	Film	TPAC
Paul Sinha: 2 Sinha Lifetime	Fri 23 Oct	08:00 pm	Live Comedy	TPAC
Shaun The Sheep: The Beast Of Mossy Bottom	Sat 24 Oct	02:00 pm	Film	TPAC
The Comedy Store	Sat 24 Oct	08:00 pm	Live Comedy	TPAC
Witchy & Weird Haunted History Tour	Thu 29 Oct	07:30 pm	History Tour	St. Anne's
Shaun The Sheep: The Beast Of Mossy Bottom	Fri 30 Oct	02:00 pm	Film	TPAC
Sense and Sensibility	Fri 30 Oct	07:30 pm	Film	TPAC
Terracotta Gargoyles for your garden/home	Sat 31 Oct	10:00 am	Workshop	St. Anne's
Weave a Willow Stag or Deer Head	Sat 31 Oct	10:00 am	Workshop	St. Anne's
Shaun The Sheep: The Beast Of Mossy Bottom	Sat 31 Oct	10:30 am	Film	TPAC
Christmas Wreath Pottery Workshop	Sun 01 Nov	10:00 am	Workshop	St. Anne's
Tumbled Tile and Clay Pendant	Sun 01 Nov	01:00 pm	Workshop	B'stapse Guildhall
Ploughcappella - Apr 25	Mon 02 Nov	07:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Plough Storytelling Circle	Thu 05 Nov	07:30 pm	Workshop	B'stapse Guildhall
Making Fabric Christmas Decorations	Fri 06 Nov	01:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Steve Knightley & The Winter Yards Band	Fri 06 Nov	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
The Business of Art: Marketing	Sat 07 Nov	10:30 am	Workshop	TPAC

Go West - We Close Our Eyes, Meet & Greet - with Go West's Peter Cox And Other Stories An Intimate Evening With Singer Peter Cox Ploughcappella - Apr 25	Sat 07 Nov	07:30 pm	Talk	TPAC
Wet-felting Introductory workshop Barnstaple Murder & Macabre Haunted Tour	Mon 09 Nov	07:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Making Fabric Christmas Decorations	Thu 12 Nov	06:00 pm	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
NT Live: Golden Boy	Thu 12 Nov	07:30 pm	Talk	St.Anne's
Michael Spicer - Hope All's Well	Fri 13 Nov	01:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Autumn in watercolours	Fri 13 Nov	02:00 pm	Film	TPAC
Emily Slade	Fri 13 Nov	08:00 pm	Live Comedy	TPAC
Dom Joly - Trigger Happy TV, the 25th Anniversary Tour	Sat 14 Nov	10:00 am	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
Amanita Grove Collective: Sounds of Peace and Joy	Sat 14 Nov	07:30 pm	Live Music	B'staple Guildhall
Ploughcappella - Apr 25	Sat 14 Nov	08:00 pm	Live Comedy	TPAC
Blazin Fiddles	Sun 15 Nov	06:00 pm	Live Music	B'staple Guildhall
Making Fabric Christmas Decorations	Mon 16 Nov	07:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Christmas Tree and Angel Mosaic Workshop	Wed 18 Nov	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
Pattern Recognition Presents: Chimehours & Lichen	Fri 20 Nov	01:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Ploughcappella - Apr 25	Sat 21 Nov	01:00 pm	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
Barnstaple Town Centre: Southgate End Haunted History Tour	Sat 21 Nov	07:00 pm	Live Music	St.Anne's
Making Fabric Christmas Decorations	Mon 23 Nov	07:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Derek vs Derek with recorded Q&A	Thu 26 Nov	07:30 pm	History Tour	St.Anne's
3 Daft Monkeys	Fri 27 Nov	01:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
The industrial past: Cornish Tin Mines in Watercolour Workshop	Fri 27 Nov	04:00 pm	Film	TPAC
The Business of Art: Showing your Work	Fri 27 Nov	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
The Comedy Store	Sat 28 Nov	10:00 am	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
Ploughcappella - Apr 25	Sat 28 Nov	10:30 am	Workshop	TPAC
Christmas Wreath Workshop	Sat 28 Nov	08:00 pm	Live Comedy	TPAC
Barnstaple Bygone Brothel Tour (North End)	Mon 30 Nov	07:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Plough Storytelling Circle	Tue 01 Dec	06:30 pm	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
The Kahunas Live at B'staple Guildhall	Thu 03 Dec	07:30 pm	Talk	St.Anne's
Mad Dog Mcrae	Thu 03 Dec	07:30 pm	Workshop	TPAC
Exmoor Carolers: A Festive Candlelit Singalong	Fri 04 Dec	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
The Kahunas Live at B'staple Guildhall	Sat 05 Dec	02:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
Will Varley	Sat 05 Dec	07:30 pm	Live Music	B'staple Guildhall
Christmas Wreath Workshop	Sat 05 Dec	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
Wet-felting Bottle/Gift Bag Workshop	Tue 08 Dec	06:30 pm	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
Barnstaple Bygone Brothel Tour (South End)	Thu 10 Dec	06:00 pm	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
Beans on Toast	Thu 10 Dec	07:30 pm	History Tour	St.Anne's
Weave a Willow Festive Star and Reindeer Decoration	Fri 11 Dec	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
Weave a Willow Festive Star and Reindeer Decoration	Sat 12 Dec	10:00 am	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
Winter Solstice Goddess Pottery Sculpture Workshop	Sat 12 Dec	02:00 pm	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
A Christmas Carol	Sun 13 Dec	10:00 am	Workshop	B'staple Guildhall
Presented by: David Myne	Sun 13 Dec	07:30 pm	Live Theatre	B'staple Guildhall
Charles Hanson Valuations	Wed 16 Dec	11:00 am	Room Hire	TPAC
North Devon Sinfonia:	Thu 17 Dec	08:00 pm	Live Music	TPAC
Candlelight Chamber Concert	Fri 18 Dec	07:30 pm	Live Music	B'staple Guildhall
Small Town Jones + Special guests	Fri 18 Dec	08:00 pm	Live Music	Plough Arts Centre
Big Al & The Wild Strawberries' Christmas Cracker	Fri 18 Dec	08:00 pm	Live Music	Plough Arts Centre
Small Town Jones + Special guests	Sat 19 Dec	07:30 pm	Live Music	B'staple Guildhall

WORKSHOPS by ThePlough@StAnne's, Barnstaple

St Anne's will be closed to the public, October-December (inclusive) for essential building works. We are hugely grateful to Barnstaple Town Council, who have kindly offered us the use of **Bridge Hall** and **Barnstaple Guildhall**, to ensure that our busy programme of events can still be delivered during this period.

If a workshop you'd like to do is fully booked please call Box Office (01805 624624) to be added to the waiting list, you might be lucky!

Tea and coffee are available at workshops for a small donation.

BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Plough Storytelling Circle

Thu 1 Oct, 7.30pm; Thu 5 Nov, 7.30pm; Thu 3 Dec, 7.30pm

The Plough Storytelling Circle is a lively forum for listening to and telling stories. Anyone and everyone is welcome to tell a tale or just to listen, and we also enjoy occasional music and poetry.

£2.50 Includes refreshments



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Festive Soap Making

Thu 8 Oct, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Tutor: Sarah Ward of Hedgewitch Soapery & Healing

This introductory workshop teaches you how to make your own hair and body soap using the traditional cold pressed method and all natural ingredients!

£30

+£15 for materials, payable direct to the tutor on the day.



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Christmas Green Man Pottery

Sat 10 Oct, 10:00am-4:00pm

Tutor: Helen McCormick

Come and join Helen for a fun day learning how to create your own Festive Green Man sculpture from clay.

£60

+£15 for materials and firings, payable direct to the tutor on the day.



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Forest Streams in Acrylics

Sat 17 Oct, 10:00am-4:00pm

Tutor: John Piper

Join North Devon artist John Piper for a day painting a beautiful woodland stream scene with waterfalls and trees. Full step by step tuition throughout and all equipment and materials provided.

£70



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Zarzo Basket Willow Weaving

Sun 18 Oct, 10:00am-4:00pm

Tutor: Jane Welsh

This is a one-day workshop to make a distinctive and decorative Zarzo basket which makes a beautiful fruit or flower basket. A variety of naturally coloured willow will be available to choose from.

£60

+£10 for materials, payable direct to the tutor on the day.

BRIDGE HALL, BARNSTAPLE

Terracotta Gargoyles Sculpture for your home/garden

Sat 31 Oct, 10:00am-4:00pm

Tutor: Helen McCormick

Throughout the day Helen will teach you how to make two gargoyle or grotesque sculptures using traditional hand building techniques.

£60

+£10 for materials and firings, payable direct to the tutor on the day.



BRIDGE HALL, BARNSTAPLE

Weave a Willow Stag or Deer Head

Sat 31 Oct, 10:00am-5:00pm

Tutor: Lucy Turner

On this full day workshop, you will learn the basic techniques and skills to create a stunning Stag or Deer head. An eye-catching piece which can be hung on any wall. There will be a selection of locally grown natural willow colours to choose from to create your individual Stag or Deer head.

£60

+£15 for materials, payable direct to the tutor on the day.



BRIDGE HALL, BARNSTAPLE

Christmas Wreath Pottery Workshop**Sun 1 Nov, 10:00am-4:00pm***Tutor: Helen McCormick*

Hand-build a stunning, everlasting Christmas wreath from clay to adorn your home for years to come.

£60

+£15 for materials and firings, payable direct to the tutor on the day.



BRIDGE HALL, BARNSTAPLE

Tumbled Tile and Clay Pendant**Sun 1 Nov, 1:00pm-3:30pm***Tutor: Susy Dixon*

Why not spend a relaxing afternoon making a tumbled tile and clay pendant from scratch with no experience needed and you come away with a unique statement piece!

All materials included.

Colours, shapes and necklace can be your choice on the day.

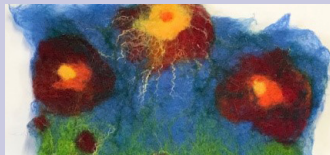
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BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Winter Themed Pressed Flower Lanterns**Sat 7 Nov, 11.30am-1:00pm**
2:00pm-3.30pm*Tutor: Sarah Ward of Hedgewitch Soapery & Healing*

Design and create a gorgeous, glowing lantern in your chosen size using pressed flowers and leaves to use as a table centrepiece or in the garden.

Please bring an apron or wear clothing that you don't mind if it gets gluey!

£15

BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Wet-Felting Introductory**Thu 12 Nov, 6:00pm-9:00pm***Tutor: Penny Rowland Hill*

Come and create your very own piece of fabric, using an assortment of brightly coloured wool fibres, and learn the fun technique of wet-felting to produce a picture of your own design.

£20

+£10 for materials, payable direct to the tutor on the day.

BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Autumn in Watercolours**Sat 14 Nov, 10:00am-4:00pm***Tutor: John Piper*

This watercolour workshop with artist John Piper will give you a chance to express your creativity with a loose and vibrant painting of autumn leaves in a contemporary modern style.

Full step by step tuition and everything provided.

£55

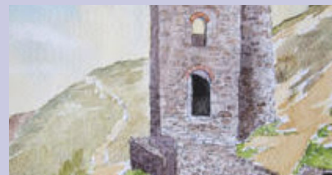
BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Christmas Tree and Angel Mosaics**Sat 21 Nov, 1:00pm-4:00pm***Tutor: Juliette Heyward*

Make your very own Christmas Tree & Angel from upcycled, broken crockery. (If you've just broken your favourite plate, bring it along with you!)

£40

+£5 for materials, payable direct to the tutor on the day.



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

The industrial past. Cornish Tin Mines in Watercolour Workshop**Sat 28 Nov, 10:00am-4:00pm***Tutor: John Piper*

Join artist John Piper for a days watercolour painting capturing the iconic engine houses of the tin mines on the Cornish coast. These atmospheric buildings are the ideal subject for watercolours allowing for detail in the construction and expression of mood in the scenery. Full step by step tuition and everything provided.

£55

BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Christmas Wreath Making**Tue 01 Dec, 6:30pm-8:30pm****Tue 08 Dec, 6:30pm-8:30pm***Tutor: Sue Denham*

You are invited to join us on a wonderful winter wreath making workshop. You will make a straw based wreath and then cover it with beautiful local foliage to make a stunning wreath for your door.

£35

+£5 for materials, payable direct to the tutor on the day.

*Fairy lights are available for an additional £2.

BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Wet-Felted Bottle/Gift Bag**Thu 10 Dec, 6:00pm-9:00pm***Tutor: Penny Rowland Hill*

Come and create your very own piece of fabric, using an assortment of brightly coloured wool fibres, and learn the fun technique of wet-felting to produce a bottle/gift bag.

£20

+£10 for materials, payable direct to the tutor on the day.



BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL

Weave a Willow Festive Star and Reindeer**Sat 12 Dec, 10:00am-1:00pm****2:00pm-5:00pm***Tutor: Lucy Turner*

On this 3-hour workshop, you will learn the basic technique and skills to weave a five-pointed star and a reindeer decoration. Perfect for the festive season, hang either on a door, wall, or above a fireplace. The star looks lovely decorated with lights or foliage too.

£40

+£5 for materials, payable direct to the tutor on the day.



BRIDGE HALL, BARNSTAPLE

Winter Solstice Goddess Pottery**Sun 13 Dec, 10:00am-4:00pm***Tutor: Helen McCormick*

To celebrate the Winter Solstice, this workshop invites you to create your own Winter Goddess sculpture from stoneware clay.

£60

+£10 for materials and firings, payable direct to the tutor on the day.



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

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ARTS CENTRE

POETRY

PRIZE 2027

*Entries between January 5th &
March 31st 2027*

Adults (over 18 years)

1st prize: £1000

2nd prize: £500

3rd prize: £100

Highly Commended: 5 x £10

£8 per entry**Young People (12 -18 years)**

1st prize: £250

2nd Prize: £100

3rd prize: £50

Highly Commended: 5 x £10

£4 per entry

Winners Announced in May



Scan the QR code to complete an expression of interest form and receive more details About this Internationally Acclaimed Poetry Prize

Prize Giving & Workshops in June

History Tours of Devon

Discover North Devon's gritty and grubby secrets with Susan Pengelly's Haunted History Tours. Find out about real local stories, the salacious, the dastardly and the downright scary, a range of North Devon's tales laid bare down the back streets and dark alleys!

Well behaved dogs are welcome on all tours with the exception of Hall, Bishops Tawton.

ALL TOURS:

Due to renovation works happening at St Anne's, refreshments will not be served after tours. Please check the venue information for each tour starting location when making your booking.



Barnstaple Town & Workhouse Haunted History Tour

Thu 01 Oct, 7:30pm

Starting at The Plough@St Anne's

Walking Haunted History Tour of old Barnstaple with Susan Pengelly. True stories of how people lived a wretched existence in the Workhouse.

£12.00

Age Guidance 14+

Bideford Town Haunted History Tour

Wed 14 Oct, 7:30pm

Starting at The Bideford Town Hall

Walking Haunted History Tour of old Bideford with Susan Pengelly, sharing true tales of the ghosts that still haunt buildings in the town, the murders, crimes,

'working girls' enterprising antics and more...

£12.00 *Age Guidance 14+*

Hall 'Upstairs, Downstairs' Haunted History Tour

Fri 16 Oct, 7:30pm

At Hall, Bishops Tawton, EX32 0ES

A fascinating tour of the beautiful Hall house, a family home for generations, rich in historical elegance. Stories of their eccentric and impressive ancestors shared with you by the owners.

Plus a tour of the centuries old outbuildings, cellars and derelict servants wing hearing tales of the working class history and their ghosts with Sue Pengelly.

£25.00 to include refreshments

Age Guidance 14+

Barnstaple Bygone Brothel Tour (South End)

Thu 22 Oct, 7:30pm

Thu 10 Dec, 7:30pm

Starting at The Plough@St Anne's

A walking tour with Susan Pengelly of 'Haunted History Tours of Devon', sharing true stories of Barnstaple's bygone Brothels in all their grubby and gritty glory.

Please be aware the detail, in places, is not spared!

£12.00

Age Guidance 16+

Barnstaple Witchy & Weird Haunted History Tour

Thu 29 Oct, 7:30pm

Starting at The Plough@St Anne's

A guided walking tour with Susan Pengelly, hearing true tales of witchcraft, strange deaths, ghosts and things that go bump in the night....

£12.00

Age Guidance 14+

Barnstaple Murder & Macabre Haunted History Tour

Thu 12 Nov, 7:30pm

Starting at The Plough@St Anne's

Walking tour of old Barnstaple with Susan Pengelly, sharing fascinating, moving and harrowing true stories of Victorian murders, tales of strange death customs and rituals.

£12.00

Age Guidance 14+

Barnstaple Town Centre: Southgate End Haunted History Tour

Thu 26 Nov, 7:30pm

Starting at The Plough@St Anne's

Walking Haunted History Tour with Susan Pengelly, sharing stories of murder, betrayal, prison tales, ghosts and much more.

£12.00

Age Guidance 14+

Barnstaple Bygone Brothel Tour (North End)

Thu 3 Dec, 7:30pm

Starting at The Plough@St Anne's

A walking tour with Susan Pengelly of 'Haunted History Tours of Devon', sharing true stories of Barnstaple's bygone Brothels in all their grubby and gritty glory.

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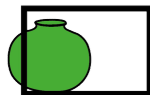
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An essential series of
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We are thrilled to announce a collaboration with Phil Parker and Hilary Beecroft of ArtMakers to provide a series of Masterclass workshops for artists developing their practice.

These high impact two-hour sessions will begin 10.30am on Saturdays and are priced as a pay what you can: **£10.00 / £15.00 / £20.00**

Life of an Artist/Being a Business

Sat 10 Oct 10:30-12:30

Most creatives do not want to see themselves as a business, but creating a portfolio, defining your buyers and dealing with licensing & copywrite in the age of AI is critical. This session will also cover details about setting up a business including tax and sole trading to help you navigate the ever-changing world of business support and survival.

Presentation: Phil & Hilary

Marketing

Sat 7 Nov, 10:30-12:30

Social Media advice to the role of networking is thought of as critical to an artist or makers' success. However, what really works, and what is right for you? This session will explore how artists have undertaken showing and selling their work. This will allow you to choose the best routes for you and your work.

Presentation: Phil & Hilary

Showing your Work - Discussion with a panel of artists

Sat 28 Nov, 10:30-12:30

So you are ready! You've created your work (on your own or with others), you've set up your business, you are clear about your marketing strategy. So how do you present and price your work to its best advantage? This session will cover online and virtual galleries, framing, curating hanging live exhibitions and relationships with galleries.

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Mike Teare

23 Oct, 6.30-8:00 pm

Mike Teare- Way of the Wharves and Torridge Heritage Harbour Group.

Bideford & River Torridge became a UK Heritage Harbour in January 2024, recognising its rich maritime history and international connections. Michael Teare shares heritage harbour activities and historical stories from along the estuary. Bideford & River Torridge won the 2026 Northern Devon Flourishing Culture Award for Heritage.

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John Puddy

6 Nov, 6.30-8:00pm

John Puddy - History of SS Freshspring and Charity that saved her.

Enjoy the fascinating maritime history of the steam ship SS Freshspring- the role of water carriers in world war two and the survival of the last of the Fresh class of 14 vessels.

The aims of the charity in preserving the historic ship and to utilise her to inspire engineers and mariners of the future.

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13 Nov, 6.30-8:00pm

Pete Newell - Artist

Exploring the themes and ideas behind his exhibited work, there will be particular emphasis on the role that direct drawing has taken in the gathering of images and the development of ideas. Over the past twelve years, Newell's work has centred on paintings of boats, water, and harbours. For this exhibition, however, access to the locations and archives of the SS Freshspring Society, Kathleen and May Trust, Rolle Canal Society, and Tarka Valley Railway has opened up new possibilities for research and experimentation.

Free

EXHIBITIONS IN THE GALLERY



Signposts and Departures by Pete Newell

3 Oct - 14 Nov

Private view 3 Oct, 6:00-8:00pm

Signposts and Departures builds on twelve years of painting boats, harbours, and water. Developed through access to the archives and locations of the SS Freshspring Society, Kathleen and May Trust, Rolle Canal Society, and Tarka Valley Railway, the exhibition combines on-site drawing, painted silhouettes, blueprints, and installation work. Exploring themes of heritage, restoration, and tourism, the works trace journeys from design and manufacture through to preservation and public memory.

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Colin Porter

18 - 24 Nov

Private View Sat 20 Nov, 6:00-8:00 pm

Colin's art practice explores in a broader, eclectic way our connections with nature. Performance, word, music are all part of the narrative. His main body of work is sculpture. Materials, elements found and combined to make, first, a visual metaphor, a piece of sculpture, which often then expands to make a story, a poem, sometimes with music.

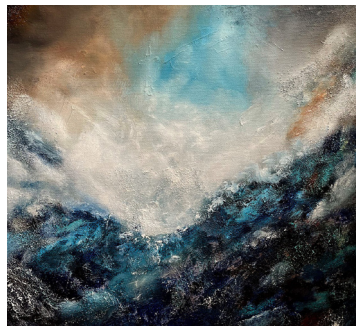
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Instow Arts - Karen Rogers**Wed 12 Aug - 12 Sep**

Karen Rogers is inspired by the ever-changing coastal landscape, resulting in expressive, textured mixed-media paintings that reflect the emotional resonance of colour, light and atmosphere. Drawing inspiration from both the dramatic scenery of Devon and memories of her worldwide travels, her work is vibrant, contemplative and deeply personal.

**Lesley Anne Cornish****Wed 16 Sep - 17 Oct**

Lesley's work covers a wide variety of styles in all mediums. Subjects include traditional portraits, impressionist sea and landscapes, abstract ink works, large abstract feature paintings, plus illustrations for her children's stories. She does not work to one formulaic method, but likes to experiment with new ways to look at, and capture, the essence and atmosphere of her subject, and uses a variety of techniques to produce the desired effect.

Sarah Lockett**Tue 20 Oct - Sat 21 Nov**

Landscapes, forests and the changing coastline are the subjects of Devon-based artist Sarah Lockett's paintings. Sarah paints in acrylic and oil, and her impressionist style blends muted tones with bold brush strokes. Sarah began painting in America 20 years ago and has been exhibiting in the USA and the UK ever since, building on her self-taught practice. Sarah also accepts commissions, capturing the atmosphere of meaningful places and the memories attached to them.



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**DOVES - Rosie Burns****Wed 25 Nov - 2 Jan 2027**

Rosie Burns is a painter, printmaker, illustrator and teacher. Her work is a vibrant exploration of light, life, and the interplay between humanity and our environment. Rosie initially trained as an Archaeological site and finds illustrator, then taught art and design in schools, now in the community and her studios. Rosie has exhibited her paintings and prints locally, nationally and internationally for over 3 decades. Doves, as an emblem for peace and celebratory paintings and prints of Devon, will form a mini exhibition in the Plough Arts Torrington cafe in December, perfect for a discerning gift!

Ceramics by Eilean Eland**Wed 20 Oct - Sat 21 Nov**

Eilean Hooper-Greenhill Eland is a ceramic sculptor. She studied sculpture initially at Reading University and taught in school and museums for a number of years before joining the University of Leicester School of Museum Studies. After retiring she moved to North Devon and set up her home studio. She generally works on images of the female form, but also wall hangings inspired by the beach and her garden.



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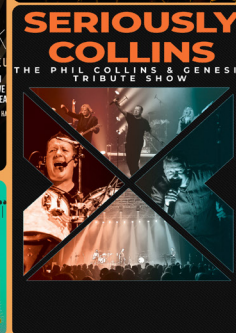
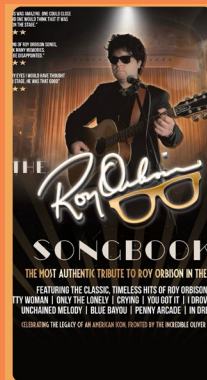
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