



GREAT TORRINGTON
ROUND THE SQUARE
MUSIC & ART FESTIVAL
16th - 18th June 2017

'ROUND THE SQUARE' MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL
FRID – SUN, 16-18TH JUNE

Great Torrington, is holding a new festival over three days in June, based around it's fabulous town square to help raise money to reopen it's historic town hall to the public.

The festivals focus reflects the diverse and wonderful community the town has, by putting on a wide range of events with music from classical to rock, art from formal to abstract and performances from modern to traditional. We have talks and presentations, street theatre, dance, children's activities and a myriad of other festival goodies across several town streets and venues!

The festival is community led and 'not for profit'.

www.roundthesquare.co.uk

Facebook - round-the-square-music-art-festival

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PLEASE NOTE THE MANY RECENT CHANGES
CORRECT AS OF FRID 26 MAY

INFORMATION

FESTIVAL TICKETING

All tickets will be available from the Plough Arts Centre, Fore St, Torrington, or on the door of the event (if available).

Box Office 01805 624624 and its online portal. <http://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/>

Ticket price: commission is added where appropriate. (Outwith Plough Arts Centre events)

All under 16 free.

No concessions

Non refundable tickets

All events subject to contract.

The organisers RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES.

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ALL WEEKEND Photographic Exhibition

THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE – GALLERY - PAUL SEED -Photographic

'More Uptown and Further Down West' Photographic Exhibition.

Bideford born and now Torrington resident, two time BAFTA winning television drama director Paul Seed really doesn't like London very much, but loves North Devon.....however, he does take huge pleasure in finding fascinating

and often beautiful images in both places. The almost silent snap of a shutter, that unique instant in time which can hold within it an extraordinary complex story, as wondrous a thing as a mosquito trapped in an amber bead.

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE, Fore St.

MAIN SPACE - Dance

Standing (£13)

8.00 pm

CHRIS SCOTT *Now living locally, Chris has been performing and recording with a host of high rollers across the many years. Performing his self styled and penned acoustic-soul music, this is a great way to start the festival off!*

LANDSPEEDER

A post-retirement-from-music no-pressure hobby band goes horribly wrong and this... this... howling creature... emerges from its grave, demanding to be heard. Remembering what it was once about and making it happen again. Digging up garage bands from the '60s, UK punk from the '70s and nailing it back onto the dirty end of Britpop where it began for them. They are LANDSPEEDER

SONS OF GODS

SONS OF GODS, bass lines cooler than the other side of the pillow and beats hard enough to make your teeth rattle.

Sons Of Gods live set has a nice balance between light and shade, there are in your face tracks such as The Boys In Blue and You Don't Know, as well as more sultry, simmering numbers. Think Queens Of The Stoneage, Arctic Monkeys, Pixies and you're getting there.

On Stage, Sons Of Gods are a powerhouse, full of energy and excitement.

BIG AL AND THE WILD STRAWBERRIES. *Local favourites performing their accomplished mix of rock and roll and everything between.*

THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

7.30 pm – Concert (£5.00) **THE KEBEL MARTIN PROJECT**

A performance – music, words ++ by Great Torrington School to celebrate the work of Reverend Keble Martin. (Botanical artist and illustrator) Part of an extensive local project that celebrates the life and work of one of Torrington's most famous residents.

The concert will explore songs and tunes which have a connection, near and far, with plants and flowers. The story of Keble Martin will be narrated and children will perform traditional dance. Artistic and Literary license will be the order of the day and some lovely tunes and songs will resonate through this lovely church.

HOWE CONCERT HALL, Castle St.

7.30pm – Great Torrington Silver Band (£5.00)

In existence for over sixty years, the Great Torrington Silver Band are one of the areas greatest musical attractions- and whether they're taking part in a national competitions, playing in local carnivals or holding concerts, they're combination of fun, enthusiasm and hard work shine through for all to enjoy.

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE – YOUNG PERSONS' DAY

THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE - GALLERY – *Photographic Exhibition*
PAUL SEED – Photo Exhibition (see information at start)

THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE, Fore St.

GALLERY

2- 3.30 pm – **NICK WYKE – FIDDLE WORKSHOP** (£6) MAX 15 PEOPLE

“South-West fiddle tunes” workshop, learning 2 or 3 new local tunes with some harmonies and technique. Level – Beginners / Intermediate

WORLD MUSIC - STANDING

MAIN SPACE (£13)

8PM ROSA REBECKA - An outstanding vocalist and truly original and innovative songwriter, Rosa Rebecka produces finely crafted songs which mix haunting narrative storytelling with a playful lyricism and sublime musicality. Her career has seen her performing with Britain's finest acoustic and folk artists, including Martin Carthy, Phil Beer and Cara Dillon.

9.00pm MARAMOS - Maramos play music from Eastern Europe, particularly Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and the European Jewish tradition of Klezmer. With clarinet, violin, accordion, guitar, bass and drums/percussion, they will transport you to strange and distant places where the music has a passion and wildness that will capture your heart. Na zdrowie!

10.00pm BARAKA – Let's party – and these masters of the dance floor Afro/Caribbean music mashup provide just the blissed out and raw sounds to heat the night in Torrington!

BARAKA is a unique combination of musicians from Ghana, Senegal, Dominica, Trinidad and Southern Ireland. Each musician contributes his individual sound and style - Reggae featuring a Kora and Djembe, Township with a Calypso bassline, Hilife with Blues Harmonica, Soca with Balafon and Flute. Baraka features musical collaborations that you are unlikely to hear with any other band. This is not just one person's music translated by backing musicians, as so many "world" music bands seem to be. Baraka is edgy, experimental and innovative without losing sight of the fact that entertainment is the key.
<http://www.barakamusic.co.uk/>

TOWN MUSEUM, South St.

(Talks limited to **20 people** maximum.)

11.30 am (£6.00)

Interactive talk - **THE TOWN BELOW YOUR FEET – EXCAVATING TORRINGTON**

An interactive talk on archaeology with Emily Wapshott, MA, MSc.

What is Archaeology? Why do we do it? A brief introduction to modern archaeological techniques. A case study focus on No.13 Great Torrington, the detailed excavation of a medieval town plot. Emily, a professional archaeologist will present the talk, with the aid of slides and digital images, as well as a chance to handle some of the finds from the excavation.

With the kind permission and help from South West Archaeology Ltd .and as part of the non-profit registered organisation ArchaeologistsEngage. www.swarch.net <http://archaeologists-engage.org/>

1.00 pm Followed by a **walk** through the town, exploring the architecture and history of the centre...

TORRINGTON IN FIVE BUILDINGS

A brief walking tour of the town examining its growth and development through five of its key historic buildings. Presented by professional archaeologist and buildings historian Emily Wapshott, the walk will take approximately 30mins with plenty of time for question and answer sessions.

2.30 pm (£6.00)

Illustrated Talk – '**THOMAS FOWLER, TORRINGTON'S FORGOTTEN GENIUS**' – Historian and author Pamela Vass presents an appraisal of one of Great Torrington's greatest inhabitants. Inventor, mathematician, printer, banker - Fowler is seen by many as the builder of the world's first 'calculating machine'.

THE SQUARE / UNDERCROFT – TOWN HALL / THE STREETS

THROUGHOUT THE DAY – CHILDREN'S / STREET THEATRE, ACTIVITIES with 'Higher Beings'
HAIR BRAIDING, FACE PAINTING, BIG DECKCHAIR, LITTLE RED BUS..... DONATIONS
BUSKERS
STREET FOOD FROM 3PM

FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

11.30	CIRCUS SKILLS
12.00	TBC
12.00	THE VOICE COMMUNITY CHOIR
12.30	CHILDREN'S/ ADULTS/ OTHERS! - TASTER TO

MORRIS DANCE WORKSHOP

How to have fun with a big stick! Morris dancing with attitude.

Your chance to learn a bit about morris dancing and be taught how to do a Border Morris Dance with live music.

Suitable for complete beginners from age 7 to 70

1.00	STORYTELLING
1.30	STREET ENTERTAINMENT
2.00	CHILDREN'S PROCESSION
2.30	THE VOICE COMMUNITY CHOIR
3.00	TBC
3.30	STORYTELLING
4.00	CIRCUS SKILLS

STREET FOOD TRADERS / OTHER ATTRACTIONS

THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

7.30 pm – Concert (Donations) **THE KEBEL MARTIN PROJECT**

The renowned Multi Story Theatre are working with Mark Pluckrose and year 9 drama students at GTS in order to devise an unorthodox drama based on the life of the Rev Keble Martin (ex vicar of Great Torrington and author/illustrator of Concise British Flora) and tales associated with the local wildflowers that grow on the commons. The evening promises to be charming, creative and will be a great sounding board to the talent of our local youth guided by an inspirational North Devon Company.

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SUNDAY 18TH JUNE – DAY OF DANCE

THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE - GALLERY – Photographic Exhibition
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THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE GALLERY

1.30 – BELLYDANCING WORKSHOP (£6) (Max 15 PEOPLE)

Marianne who has been belly dancing since 2001 and been teaching classes locally since 2014 is holding a fun, informal open level workshop as part of the Round the Square festival.

This Workshop is suitable for anyone wanting to try belly dance for the first time in an informal fun environment, no previous knowledge is required. Basic dance moves and a choreography will be taught which can be performed in the square along with Marianne and the Fun Style belly dancers (this is voluntary) as part of a performance afterwards. Please contact Marianne for any more details mhollandmusic@gmail.com more information can be found on our website <https://mhollandmusic.wixsite.com/bellydancing>

MAIN SPACE STANDING

1.30pm – FAMILY FRENCH DANCE WORKSHOP - Donations

3.00pm – Family friendly FRENCH DANCE (Fez Deiz) WITH 'TRUFFETÈTE' and Guests (£6.00)

Come and enjoy a relaxed French/Breton dance with local band, Truffetète alongside members of the Twinning group and visitors. The An Dro, Schottische, Gavotte, any many other dances – social dancing at its most enjoyable! Truffetète formed eight years ago and has been providing live accompaniment for regular French and Breton dances in North Devon and beyond ever since. A Torrington based band, they are inspired by musical styles from Brittany to Eastern Europe.

SEATED

7.30pm – FILM – 'MORRIS-A LIFE WITH BELLS ON' - 2009 (£5.50)

And to close out the festival and continuing with the 'Day of Dance' theme - a light hearted film released in 2009 which has achieved 'cult' status over the recent past (think 'spinal tap' of morris dancing) – a genuinely relaxing way to wind up the festival proceedings with a west country backdrop.

The morris dancing scene is scrutinised in this eminently amiable indie mockumentary from filmmaker-actors Charles Thomas Oldham and Lucy Akhurst

TOWN MUSEUM

(Talks limited to 20 people maximum.)

11.00 a.m. (£6.00)

Illustrated talk - 'CHANGING LANDSCAPES' –Dave Edgcombe North Devon Coast AONB

From Marshland Mouth to Combe Martin, more than 170 sq. kms of North Devons coast have been nationally protected as an Area of Outstanding Beauty for almost 60 years.

The Beaford Archive contains many photographs of this area taken during the past 100 years. Now AONB Project Officer and coastline expert Dave Edgcombe has visited key coastal sites and rephotographed Archive images, which show how much has changed as North Devon has developed.

2.00 p.m. (£6.00)

Illustrated talk – ‘LIFE ON THE VERGE – HOW WE CAN HELP LOCAL– WILDLIFE AND SUPPORT THE BIOSPHERE?’ Matt Edworthy, Clare Manning (The North Devon Biosphere)

With the right management verges can be haven's for wildlife and valuable wildlife corridors. Join Clare Manning to find out about the "Life on the Verge" project that will train and support communities to manage selected verges to improve their value for wildlife. Involving and engaging people with the environment is a key aim of North Devon's World Biosphere Reserve. Find out more about what and where this is and how the people of Torrington might benefit.

THE VICARAGE GARDEN

12.00 noon onwards..... **Games**

Boule and Crouquet with light refreshments, arranged by the Roscoff – Torrington Twinning Association – and shared with the Rotary Club of Torrington.

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- 12.00 THE GITTISHAM HALL NEW ORLEANS JAZZ BAND
- 1.00 LINDY HOP DANCE– Display and join in / learn!
- 1.30 MORRIS DANCE – WINKLEIGH MORRIS
- 2.00 FIRESTONE – APPALACHIAN and PERCUSSIVE DANCE
- 2.30 FUN STYLE BELLYDANCE DISPLAY
- 3.00 LINDY HOP DANCE – Display, join in and learn!
- 3.30 FIRESTONE – APPALACHIAN and PERCUSSIVE DANCE
- 4.00 MORRIS DANCE – WINKLEIGH MORRIS
- 4.30 STREETZ – Contemporary Street dance

TORRIDGE VALE CLUB

CONCERT - RICH COTTELL + YAZZY – (£8.00)

5.00pm - YAZZY

Yazzy is a 17 year old singer/songwriter from North Devon who has been gigging and writing since the age of 10. She has been fondly named 'North Devons Sweetheart' by The Voice FM. James Santar from BBC Introducing compared her voice to Eva Cassidy. Winner of Open Mic UK, TeenStar, UK and International Songwriting Competition and Future Music Songwriting Competition. Yazzy has a no.1 selling album in The Amazon Music Charts with Silly Boys Breaking Hearts.

Half Lioness, Half Songbird, <http://www.missyazzychamberlain.com/>

6.00pm RICH COTTELL

Some people just have it. Rich Cottell is simply one of 'those' people.

Born and raised in the rolling hills of Devon, Rich found music at a very young age – that and Star Wars Lego... Describing his music as a feel good indie pop – with a 'life is just wonderful' vibe, Rich's personality is a perfect match for his music.

"I have been playing music for as long as I can remember – and love to write my own songs. To have people listen to my tunes and go away feeling positive is just the best feeling"

Having sold over 5000 copies of his self-released debut EP 'In The Now', Rich has since recorded the LP 'More Than Just A Geek'. This was funded, in the main, by using the same idea of the inspired Jack Black film, 'School of Rock', with Rich teaching music in Primary Schools throughout Devon and jamming in as many gigs as humanly possible at night and weekends. At 22, Rich's work and life ethics are way beyond his years.

<http://www.richcottellmusic.com/>