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BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

14 – 16 SEPTEMBER 2018
TORBAY, DEVON, UK





ELEPHANTS CAN REMEMBER – SCENE ONE - HOLOLENS EDITION

*Fri 14 – Sun 16 Sept, 10am–5pm
Torre Abbey Museum, Torquay*

A fascinating immersive recreation of the first scene of Agatha Christie’s 1972 Poirot mystery *Elephants Can Remember* told by Agatha Christie herself. Using archive recording Scott Fletcher’s brilliant mixed reality installation takes you into a site-specific 3D audio-scape in the atmospheric setting of Torre Abbey.

Performance lasts just under 10 mins for one audience member at a time. Sessions can be reserved by calling Torre Abbey Museum at 01803 293593. *Elephants Can Remember* is included in a general admission ticket to Torre Abbey Museum. Suitable for all ages.

Tickets: £8 (adult), £7 (concessions), Kids & teens (up to 4 and under 19 per paying adult) go free. Group discounts available.

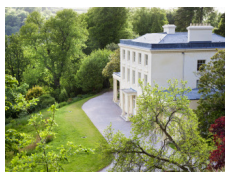
NIWA-GARDD-GARDEN

Fri 14 – Sun 16 Sept, various locations

An outdoor dance recreated by Welsh choreographer Sioned Huws and dancer Honami Shimizu inspired from the “shishi-odori” dance of Iwate, north east Japan. A re-telling through song and movement of the folk story of the “deer dance”, a journey to the imaginary, a process of becoming, as a person, a community.

Performed at various outdoor locations across Torbay and the Torre Abbey Garden Party on Sun 16th Sept. Check www.iacf-uk.org for details.

Free (admission charge to Torre Abbey Garden Party)



GREENWAY FÊTE

Sat 15 Sept, 11am–4pm, Greenway, Galmpton

Agatha Christie’s beloved house Greenway is celebrating the Queen of Crime’s birthday with a 1950s fête in the style of her book inspired by the house and its gardens, *Dead Man’s Folly*. Traditional fête stalls and activities will be in place in honour of the 1950s setting, from a coconut shy to a plant stall, a bird of prey appearance, second-hand book stall, to games like ball-in-a-bucket. A treasure hunt trail will be paying homage to the story’s staged murder hunt.

Tickets: £11.60 (adult), £5.80 (child), £29 (family), £17.40 (1 adult, 2 children). Group tickets also available. National Trust members free. Parking at Greenway £3 per session for non-members. There will be small charges on stalls and stands for some activities.

If travelling by car, please book your parking in advance at Greenway. You can also enjoy the wonderful experience of travelling to Greenway by the Dart Steam Railway departing from Paignton Station to Greenway Halt. Call 01803 555872 to check timetables and prices.

YOUNG WRITERS PROJECT

Sat 15 Sept, 4pm, Palace Theatre Arena, Paignton

A devised theatre performance created over the summer by young people from Doorstep Arts in Torbay and Beyond Face in Plymouth, inspired by IACF’s visiting guest writer, Hawa Jande Golakai from Liberia, West Africa. The performance takes as its starting point *Zombieland*, a short essay reflecting on the writer’s own push and pull relationship with her home city of Monrovia.

Tickets: £4

Commissioned by International Agatha Christie Festival with support from Torbay Council’s Mayor’s Events Fund.



THE LIE BY AGATHA CHRISTIE

Sat 15 Sept, 6pm, Palace Theatre, Paignton

A world-premiere script-reading of Agatha Christie's forgotten play.

Trapped in an unhappy marriage and provoked by her husband's obsession with her younger sister, Nan disappears from the family home for a night – with devastating consequences.

Agatha Christie's extraordinary early play, which predates her famous stage thrillers, lay unread in her family's archives until discovered by theatre producer and director Julius Green. Seemingly written in the mid-1920s, during the breakdown of Christie's first marriage, *The Lie* is an intensely personal piece of writing; a hard-hitting domestic drama which bears many of the hallmarks of her later work for the theatre, and which offers a unique insight into her complex emotional response to events in her own life at the time.

Tickets: £15/£12 | Duration: 2 hours

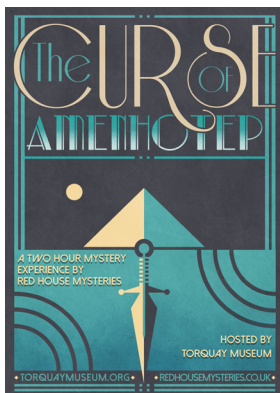
CHRISTIE MYSTERY DAY

Sun 16 Sept, 9am–5.30pm, Torquay Museum

Torquay Museum opens its doors exclusively for a full day special event packed with events for fans of the Queen of Crime, devised by international Agatha Christie expert, Dr John Curran. Day tickets will give guests exclusive access to five rarely seen classic film adaptations of Christie novels, eight radio plays, fascinating talks by Christie experts and a buffet lunch. The Christie Mystery Day will be launched with an introduction by Mathew Prichard, Agatha Christie's grandson.

The day will also include Museum tours and access to the Christie Gallery, which includes furniture, props and costumes from ITV Studios' adaptations of the Poirot stories, some of Christie's personal effects, and a wealth of information about the world's best-selling author of all time.

Tickets: £35 (including buffet lunch)



A GARDEN PARTY TO DIE FOR

Sun 16 Sept, 1–5pm, Torre Abbey Museum

Come and celebrate Agatha Christie's birthday celebration with a charming garden party in the stunning grounds of Torre Abbey Museum. Period costume most welcome! Expect jazz music, decadent drinks, tasty treats, a murder treasure hunt, garden games, outdoor dance, a talk by our head gardener Ali Marshall about her Agatha Christie Potent Plants Garden and a chance to view the Artists of St. Ives Exhibition.

Tickets include entry to the house and garden, the mixed reality performance, *Elephants Can Remember – Scene One – HoloLens Edition*, and a complimentary first drink.

Tickets: £8 (adult), £7 (concessions), kids and teens (up to 4 per paying adult) go free!

THE CURSE OF AMENHOTEP – A MURDER MYSTERY

Sun 16 Sept, 6–8pm, Torquay Museum

Torquay Museum is the unique setting for an exciting and unusual interactive Ancient Egyptian Murder Mystery evening. A priceless Egyptian artefact has been stolen – the Stone of Amenhotep. A murder has been committed. Is this the infamous Curse of Amenhotep or is it a robbery gone wrong?

Teams of guests will work against the clock to sift through the evidence and clues scattered across the Museum's fascinating galleries, piece them together and solve the mystery.

Tickets: £25 per person. Limited places, early booking recommended.

SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
14 - 16 Sept	Elephants Can Remember – Scene One – HoloLens Edition	Performance	10am - 5pm	Torre Abbey Museum
14 - 16 Sept	Niwa-Gardd-Garden	Dance	Various	Various outdoor locations across Torbay and at the Torre Abbey Garden Party on Sun 16 Sept. Check www.iacf-uk.org for details.
15 Sept	Greenway Fête	Event	11am - 4pm	Greenway, Galmpton
15 Sept	Young Writers Project	Performance	4pm	Palace Theatre Arena, Paignton
15 Sept	The Lie by Agatha Christie	Performance	6pm	Palace Theatre, Paignton
16 Sept	Christie Mystery Day	Event	9am - 5.30pm	Torquay Museum
16 Sept	A Garden Party to Die For	Celebration	1pm - 5pm	Torre Abbey Museum
16 Sept	The Curse of Amenhotep – A Murder Mystery	Murder Mystery	6pm - 8pm	Torquay Museum, Torquay

ABOUT

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PLUS: HAWA JANDE GOLAKAI – IN CONVERSATION

Fri 24 August, 2pm, Torre Abbey Museum

In August you can also come to our writer's talk with acclaimed crime and fiction author Hawa Jande Golakai from Liberia and hear her reading from and discussing her work as both a clinical scientist and one of Africa's leading contemporary writers. Free.

VENUES

Torre Abbey Museum

The King's Drive
Torquay, TQ2 5JE
www.torre-abbey.org.uk
01803 293593

Palace Theatre

Palace Avenue
Paignton, TQ3 3HF
www.palacetheatrepaignton.co.uk
01803 665800

Greenway

Greenway Road
Galmpton, TQ5 OES
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway
01803 842382

Torquay Museum

529 Babbacombe Road
Torquay, TQ1 1HG
www.torquaymuseum.org
01803 293975

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