



# International Agatha Christie Festival

10 - 17 September 2022

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# The International Agatha Christie Festival returns to the English Riviera across eight full days 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Tickets are bookable via the Festival Website at [iacf-uk.org/festival-2022](http://iacf-uk.org/festival-2022) and Ticketsource at [ticketsource.co.uk/agathafestival](http://ticketsource.co.uk/agathafestival)

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## Festival Programme Key:

- Fringe Event
- Festival Event

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The Festival is an Associate Partner of the English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark.  
The Festival is a Project Partner of Exeter UNESCO City of Literature.

Date for Your Diary: our 2023 Festival will run 9-16 September 2023



## DRESSED TO KILL

An exhibition of costumes worn by Maggie Smith, Bette Davis, Angela Lansbury, Emily Blunt and Judi Dench from Agatha Christie film adaptations including *Evil Under the Sun* (1982), *Death on the Nile* (2004) and *Murder on the Orient Express* (2017). These will be accompanied by costumes made by students at South Devon College, inspired by the life and works of Agatha Christie.

Torre Abbey Museum In partnership with South Devon College.

10 September - 20 November 2022  
9:00am, Torre Abbey Museum, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: Ticket Price: Included in the Entrance Fee to Torre Abbey Museum



## AGATHA CHRISTIE WALKING TOURS AROUND TORQUAY

Even if you've never read an Agatha Christie novel, watched a film, or seen her plays, it doesn't matter! Join this tour to hear the story of Agatha's truly remarkable life. Guests will be enthralled to listen to her early years growing up in Torquay; details about her family and servants; her marriages; her 10 day disappearance; her time in the Middle East; and where she found the inspiration to create her legendary characters and plots.

10 - 17 September  
10:00am, The English Riviera Visitor Information Office, Vaughan Parade, Torquay, TQ2 5JG

For more information and booking, visit: [www.iacf-uk.org](http://www.iacf-uk.org)



## THE RETURN OF MISS MARPLE

Authors Elly Griffiths, Dreda Say Mitchell MBE, Kate Mosse OBE, in conversation with David Brawn

45 years after Agatha Christie's last Miss Marple novel, *Sleeping Murder*, was published in 1976, a new collection, *Marple: Twelve New Stories*, is published by HarperCollins, penned by 12 contemporary Christie devotees.

Join us to hear from three of the writers, each a best-selling crime writer in her own right, in conversation with publisher David Brawn. How did they approach the task of reinvigorating Jane Marple, the most famous fictional female detective of all time?

Saturday 10th September 2022  
3:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay, TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10 / £8

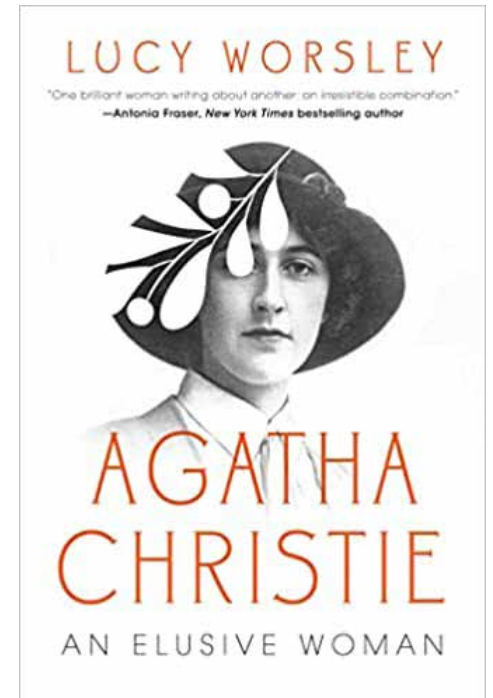


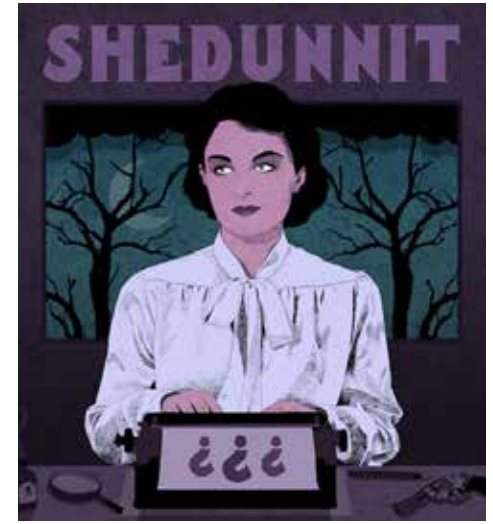
## AGATHA CHRISTIE: A VERY ELUSIVE WOMAN: LUCY WORSLEY

Why did Agatha Christie spend her career pretending that she was 'just' an ordinary housewife, when clearly she wasn't? With access to personal letters and papers that have rarely been seen, Lucy Worsley talks about how she researched and wrote her authoritative new biography which is published this September.

Saturday 10th September 2022  
7:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00





## THE AGATHA CHRISTIE SEA SWIM – COMMUNITY EVENT

This unique event celebrates Agatha Christie's love of sea swimming by taking participants on a one mile 'sightseeing swim' between two of her favourite beaches. Participants are encouraged not to race, but to enjoy the scenery, whilst raising money for Rowcroft Hospice.

Full safety support is being provided, while the event is open to all strong swimmers over the age of 18, who can comfortably swim a mile.

See [www.iacf-uk.org](http://www.iacf-uk.org) for more details.

Saturday 10th September 2022  
12:00pm, Broadsands to Goodrington Sands, Paignton

Tickets: £25 (proceeds to Rowcroft Hospice)

## 'IF YOU LIKE AGATHA CHRISTIE, THEN YOU'LL LIKE... ' WITH PROFESSOR FRANKIE BAILEY

Frankie Bailey is a mystery writer and professor of criminal justice in the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Albany, USA. She won the George N. Dove award and Macavity Award for her non-fiction book, African American Mystery Writers. Her talk explores the work of a host of new female writers of colour in the genre and encourages us to expand our reading horizons.

In partnership with Literature Works and Quay Words.

Sunday 11th September 2022  
11:00am, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00

## ALIAS MARY WESTMACOTT WITH SHREEMAYEE DAS (INDIA)

Author and journalist Shreemayee Das explores the romance novels of Agatha Christie which Christie wrote under the name of Mary Westmacott.

ON-SCREEN BROADCAST EVENT

Sunday 11th September 2022  
12:30pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: FREE OF CHARGE, booking essential

## SHEDUNNIT: LIVE! WITH CAROLINE CRAMPTON

Caroline writes, hosts and produces the Shedunnit podcast, unravelling the mysteries behind classic detective stories such as those of Agatha Christie, Dorothy L Sayers, Ngaio Marsh and Josephine Tey.

Join Caroline for a live presentation of the podcast produced especially for the Festival.

Sunday 11th September 2022  
3:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## PRINCESS PIER ROLLER DANCE – COMMUNITY EVENT

We are rolling back the years to 1911 when Agatha Christie famously roller-skated on Torquay's Princess Pier with her friends. We are teaming up with Revolution Skate to provide the skate hire, while a DJ will be spinning the period tunes on the old 78's. Vintage clothes very much welcome – let the good times roll again!

Please note: the Pier recently suffered some fire damage. We are liaising with the Torbay Harbour Authority over when the Pier will reopen. Please check our website [www.iacf-uk.org](http://www.iacf-uk.org) for any updates on the status of this fringe event before booking.

Sunday 11th September 2022  
4:00pm, Princess Pier, Seafront,  
Torquay TQ2 5HA

Tickets: £10.00 including skate hire



## HISTORY, MYSTERY & CHRISTIE: AUTHORS ROBERT GODDARD AND KATE ELLIS IN CONVERSATION

Moderated by Tony Medawar

Award-winning best-selling novelists Robert Goddard and Kate Ellis, masters of the craft of historical crime writing, talk to author and Christie expert Tony Medawar about Christie's pioneering influence on the genre and their own work.

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Torquay TQ2 5JE

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## DINNER AT GREENWAY – WITH DR JOHN CURRAN

We're delighted to team up with the National Trust at Agatha Christie's former holiday home at Greenway House to host an exclusive and intimate dinner for just 20 guests. Arrive for drinks and canapes followed by a guided tour of the house. A five course dinner is followed by an after-dinner talk by renowned expert on Agatha Christie, Dr John Curran. Carriages to the door of the house at 10.30 pm.

Booking directly via National Trust at Greenway.

Sunday 11th September 2022  
7:30pm, Greenway House, Galmpton,  
near Brixham TQ5 0ES

Tickets: £125.00. Limited to 20 tickets only.



## SOLVE-A-LONG-A MURDER SHE WROTE

See the show Time Out rated one of 2019's 50 Great Nights Out in London that has played to sell-out audiences across the UK and Australia.

Cult hit event Solve-Along-A-Murder-She-Wrote comes to town, with an interactive screening of the classic Murder, She Wrote episode "Broadway Malady". Jessica Fletcher heads to New York City but soon gets caught up in a murder mystery only she (or you!) can solve!

Solve-Along-A-Murder-She-Wrote is a unique and hilarious night featuring games, prizes and audience participation, with special permission from NBC Universal Television.

Book directly with Princess Theatre Box Office.

Sunday 11th September 2022  
7:30pm, Princess Theatre, Torquay  
TQ2 5EZ

Tickets: From £13.00



## 'THE ESSENCE OF A DREAM': AGATHA CHRISTIE'S GRAND TOUR

with Tony Medawar

This year's Festival marks 100 years since Agatha set off on her Grand Tour. Christie expert and author Tony Medawar, former producer of the Festival, explores what she described as her 'travel life...the essence of a dream', the 10-month odyssey around the world she made in 1922, illustrated by pictures from The Christie Archive.

Monday 12th September 2022  
11:00am, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## 100 YEARS OF TOMMY & TUPPENCE: A COLLECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE WITH DAVID MORRIS

David Morris, Editor and author of the authoritative website Collecting Christie tells us about his fascination with collecting Christie first editions and memorabilia in a year which celebrates the centenary of the first Tommy & Tuppence novel.

ON-SCREEN BROADCAST EVENT

Monday 12th September 2022  
12:30pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: **FREE OF CHARGE,**  
booking essential



## DEATH AT THE DIG

A Murder Mystery followed by a talk by Kate Ellis, winner of the CWA Dagger in the Library Award, 2019

Put your sleuthing skills to the test and join us to play detective and figure out whodunit in this entertaining performance, presented by Paignton Library with award-winning crime author, Kate Ellis. Kate will follow the performance with a talk about her crime fiction and the golden age of crime writing.

Presented in partnership with Libraries Unlimited, Torbay.

Monday 12th September 2022  
2:00pm, Paignton Library & Information  
Centre, Paignton TQ4 5AG

Tickets: £5 / £3 /  
Children (under 16) go free



## POIROT'S LONDON

with Tina Hodgkinson

The majority of Agatha Christie's stories set in London featured Poirot, who lived in the capital from the 1920s until the 1970s. Discover Poirot's London with this illustrated talk that follows in his footsteps, from his homes to where his investigations took him, from Scotland Yard to the Old Bailey. We'll travel with Poirot by plane, train, taxi and occasionally tube train, from the glamour and luxury of Mayfair to London's less salubrious districts. We will spend a quiet moment with him and Hastings in the park and also discover some of their favourite restaurants. Please note that the talk will feature the London locations mentioned in the original Poirot stories, and not the adaptation locations.

Monday 12th September 2022  
3:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay TQ2 5JE

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Monday 12th September 2022  
4:00pm, Brixham Library,  
Brixham TQ5 8EU

Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 / Children  
(under 16) go free



## AGATHA CHRISTIE AND THE GHOSTS OF DEVON: TALES SHARED BY DAVID PHILLIPS

David has studied the ghost stories of Torbay for nearly 30 years now and is certain that Agatha Christie would have been aware of most of them during her lifetime.

Through his storytelling, David will take you on a journey that connects Agatha to many of these tales and then whisk you off to Burgh Island before reaching Dartmoor which also had an impact on her writings, and share with you some of the myths and legends that she would certainly have been aware of back in her day.

David's storytelling takes place inside St Nicholas' Priory, Exeter's oldest building, dating back to 1087.

Monday 12th September 2022  
7:00pm, St Nicholas Priory,  
Exeter EX4 3BL

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## WHAT'S YOUR POISON?

Talk and cocktail masterclass with Caroline Hostein and Cosmo Boardman

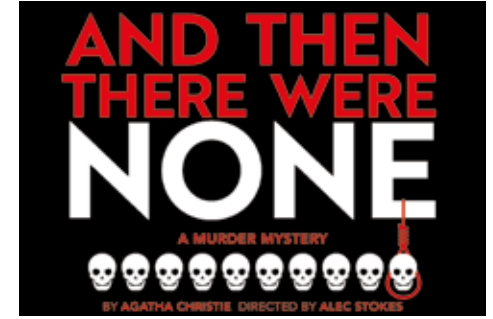
Caroline Hostein introduces us to cocktails in Christie and the stories behind the creation of our favourites, whilst award-winning cocktail mixologist, Cosmo Boardman, demonstrates the craft: learn how to make your own in this delicious Festival Fringe talk and demonstration.

Come as you are or dress up and wear your gladrags!

Tickets include a glass of prosecco, 3 cocktails and a little parting gift.

Monday 12th September 2022  
7:00pm, Hampton Hilton Hotel,  
Torquay TQ1 1DP

Tickets: £25



## AGATHA CHRISTIE: AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

TOADS Theatre Company presents Agatha Christie's 'And Then There Were None,' directed by Alec Stokes, at The Little Theatre, Torquay.

Ten people find themselves stranded in the lonely house on Soldier Island when their supposed hosts send word that they have been detained. A mysterious voice, afterwards discovered to come from a gramophone record, indicts each one of them – the eight guests and the two servants – of murder. It transpires that no-one has met their hosts and that they have evidently been decoyed to the island.

First one and then another dies, and then another. The tension grows as they realise that the killer is, in fact, one of themselves.

Monday 12 September to  
Saturday 17 September 2022  
7:30pm, The Little Theatre, St Mark's  
Road, Meadfoot,  
Torquay TQ1 2EL

Book directly with the Theatre here:  
[www.toadstheatre.co.uk](http://www.toadstheatre.co.uk)



## POIROT – PROPHET FOR A SECULAR AGE?

with Dr. Hannah Strømmen

Senior Lecturer in biblical studies at the University of Chichester, Hannah explores the references and allusions to faith in Christie’s Poirot mysteries and reflects on the author’s stance on morality and ethics in a secular age.

Tuesday 13th September 2022  
11:00am, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00

## AGATHA THE TRAVELLER

with Tom Marchant,  
Black Tomato

To mark the centenary of Agatha Christie’s Grand Tour, Black Tomato has been appointed by the Christie Estate as the official travel partner to bring the monumental trip to life. Here Tom Marchant gives us a taster of a trip of a lifetime, seeing the world through Agatha’s eyes and footsteps.

ON-SCREEN BROADCAST EVENT

Tuesday 13th September 2022  
12:30pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: FREE but booking essential

## CRIME OF PASSION: INVESTIGATING LOVE AND AGATHA CHRISTIE

with Dr Charlotte Beyer

Dr Charlotte Beyer is Senior Lecturer in English Studies at the University of Gloucestershire, UK. She is the author of two single-author scholarly monographs to date, *Murder in a Few Words: Gender, Genre and Location in the Crime Short Story* (McFarland, 2020), and *Contemporary Children’s and Young Adult Literature: Writing Back to History and Oppression* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2021). She has published six edited books, including *Teaching Crime Fiction* (Palgrave 2018). Charlotte has published widely on crime fiction and contemporary literature and is currently writing a book on Agatha Christie.

Tuesday 13th September 2022  
3:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00

## AGATHA CHRISTIE – FROM STAGE TO SCREEN

with Dr Mark Aldridge

Mark Aldridge is Associate Professor of Screen Histories at Solent University. His publications include the books *Agatha Christie’s Poirot: the Greatest Detective in the World* (2020), *Agatha Christie on Screen* (2016) and *The Birth of British Television* (2011). He is currently working on Agatha Christie’s *Marple*, to be published by HarperCollins. His talk will share his knowledge of screen adaptations of Christie’s stage plays, including rarely seen material.

Mark’s talk will be followed by a screening of the 1982 film *Witness for the Prosecution*

Tuesday 13th September 2022  
7:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00





International Writer in Residence 2022  
 Dr Ruby Gupta, crime fiction author from Dehradun, India, is visiting us throughout Festival Week. She acknowledges her debt to Agatha Christie's work in her own fiction. She will be soaking up the atmosphere of Agatha's birthplace and will be writing a blog for us on her return, reflecting on what she has gained from her residency.



## BLOODY BOMBAY

How Agatha Christie inspired modern Indian crime fiction with Vaseem Khan and Ruby Gupta

Best-selling authors Vaseem Khan and the Festival's International Writer-in-Residence, Dr Ruby Gupta, examine the spectacular rise of crime fiction set in, and about, India. They approach the subject through the lens of Agatha Christie whose popularity on the subcontinent – established during the latter days of the Raj – has delighted generations of Indian readers and authors. Touching on their own work, and the writing of other prominent crime novelists, they bring to life the heat, colour and turbulence of a nation that, in just seven short decades, has made the transition from a British colony to a modern global power.

In partnership with Literature Works and Quay Words.

Tuesday 13th September 2022  
 5:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## 100 YEARS OF THE MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT STYLES WITH DR JOHN CURRAN

An opportunity to view primary sources from the University of Exeter's Special Collections' archive of correspondence and papers from the office of Agatha Christie's literary agent, Hughes Massie & Co Ltd. and hear internationally recognised expert on Christie's work, Dr John Curran, speak about how Agatha Christie came to write her very first crime novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* and how it influenced her writing career.

Wednesday 14th September 2022  
 11:00am, Seminar A/B, Old Library, University of Exeter, Exeter EX4 4SB

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## AGATHA, BERNARD & CRIME: THE ABC OF MURDER WITH CARLA VALENTINE

Carla Valentine is a qualified mortician, curator of Barts Pathology Museum and author of *Past Mortems* and *Murder Isn't Easy*. She is passionate about the history of forensic science, Agatha Christie and vintage true crime. In this talk she will explore forensic science in Christie's novels and its very beginnings developed by Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the founder of modern forensics.

Wednesday 14th September 2022  
 11:00am, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



### GOD AND THE LITTLE GREY CELLS WITH DR DAN CLANTON (USA)

Dan Clanton is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Doane University, Nebraska, USA. He specialises in the subgenre of religion and popular culture and is the author of a number of books on the subject. He is now under contract to write God and the Little Grey Cells: Religion in Agatha Christie's Poirot Stories. In this broadcast session he shares his exploration thus far.

#### ON-SCREEN BROADCAST EVENT

Wednesday 14th September 2022  
12:30pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: FREE but booking essential



### WEAPON OF CHOICE: AGATHA CHRISTIE AND POISONS

with Dr Kathryn Harkup

Kathryn is a chemist and author. She completed a doctorate on her favourite chemicals, phosphines. Her first book was the international best-seller A is for Arsenic: The Poisons of Agatha Christie which was shortlisted for a Mystery Readers International Macavity Award and a BMA Book Award. Join her for fascinating insights into Christie's 'weapon of choice' through a chemist's eyview.

Wednesday 14th September 2022  
3:00pm, The Library, Devon & Exeter Institution, Exeter EX1 1EZ

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



### AGATHA CHRISTIE AND THE GHOSTS OF DEVON: PERFORMANCE BY DAVID PHILLIPS

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David's storytelling takes place inside The Undercroft at Torre Abbey, part of the celebrated heritage of the English Riviera, dating back to 1196.

Wednesday 14th September 2022  
7:00pm, The Undercroft, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00

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### ALL ABOUT AGATHA LIVE! AGATHA CHRISTIE'S GREATEST NOVEL?

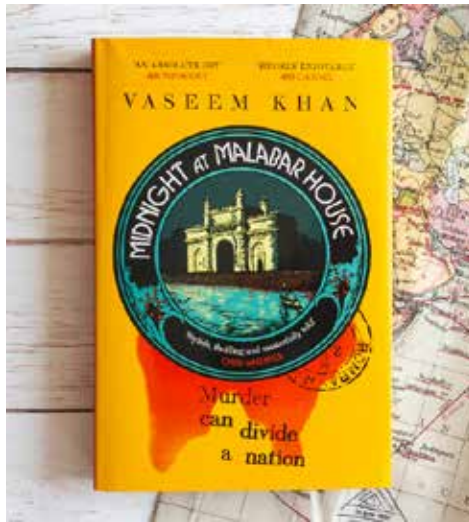
A panel discussion chaired by Kemper Donovan with Dr John Curran, Dr Jamie Bernthal-Hooker, Carla Valentine and Dr Mark Aldridge

A unique opportunity to hear from four Christie experts whose combined knowledge of the Christie oeuvre is unparalleled. In this panel debate they will challenge each other with their own pitches for Agatha's greatest novel.

This event will contribute to the USA-based podcast All About Agatha! Co-founded by Kemper Donovan and the late Catherine Brobeck.

Wednesday 14th September 2022  
7:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## KILLING GHANDI, DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY AND INDIA AT THE CROSSROADS WITH VASEEM KHAN

Bestselling crime fiction author Vaseem Khan takes us on an exhilarating journey from the last days of the Raj to the heart of modern India. Vaseem's Malabar House series is set in 1950s Bombay, just a few years after Indian independence, the assassination of Gandhi, and the horrors of Partition, events Vaseem examines in this illuminating talk.

A Co-Production with Literature Works and Quay Words.

Wednesday 14th September 2022  
7:00pm, Quay Words, Exeter Custom House, Exeter

Tickets: £4.00 / £3.00



## MYSTERY IN MANSIONS: CHRISTIE AND THE ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSE WITH JEREMY MUSSON

Jeremy Musson is an architectural historian, author and journalist. His books include How to Read a Country House and English Country House Interiors. Here he casts an architectural historian's eye on the Country House as it features in so many of Christie's novels and shares new insights into her work.

Thursday 15th September 2022  
11:00am, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



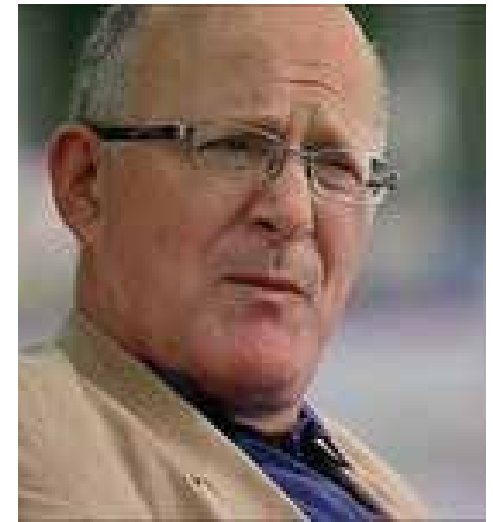
## AGATHA AND AFRICA WITH MICHAEL AND STANLEY (USA)

Michael Stanley is the writing team of native Africans Michael Sears and Stanley Trollip. Their new novel A Deadly Trade is published in paperback by Headline. In this entertaining broadcast they focus on Agatha Christie's less well-known knowledge of Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa. They will be joined by author Bryony Rheam who won the 'Write Your Own Christie' competition in 2014. She lives in Zimbabwe and has made a study of Agatha Christie's visit to Rhodesia.

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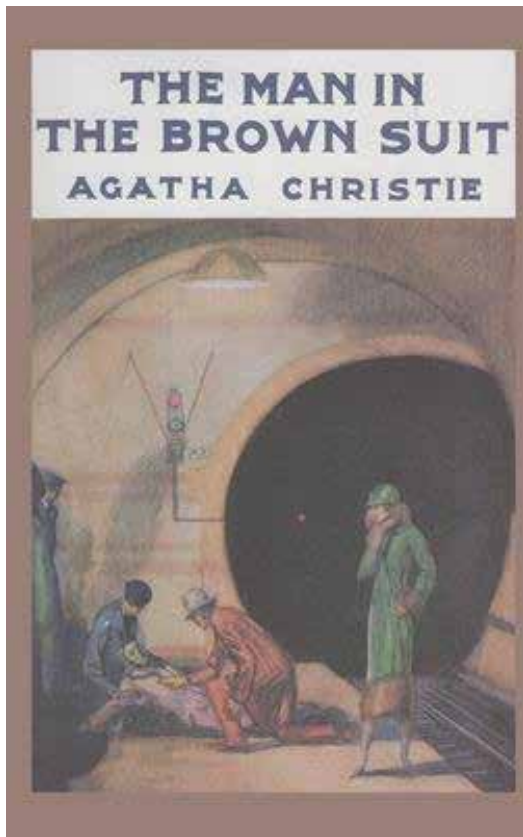
## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING POIROT

with Professor Jeremy Black

Historian Professor Jeremy Black explains how Agatha Christie's detective character Hercule Poirot is inseparable from the turbulent age in which the author lived. Black finds significant social commentary in Christie's novels. He argues that the golden age of the detective novel was more than the triumph of a literary genre. It was also about how the challenge to address the problem of evil was accepted. Black is emeritus professor of history at the University of Exeter and author of books on British, European, and American political, diplomatic, and military history.

Thursday 15th September 2022  
3:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## AGATHA CHRISTIE AND THE MAN IN THE BROWN SUIT

with Dr Jamie Bernthal-Hooker. Plus guided tour of Kents Cavern by James Hull and a glass of prosecco or orange juice.

Christie expert Jamie Bernthal-Hooker's talk takes place inside the atmospheric prehistoric caves that form Kents Cavern in Torquay. Partly inspired by her Grand Tour, *The Man in the Brown Suit* was written in Agatha Christie's flat in London in 1924 with Agatha Christie evoking exotic African landscapes from memory. Kents Cavern plays a role in the novel as Hampsley Cavern.

Tickets including talk, tour and a glass of prosecco/soft drink.

Thursday 15th September 2022  
7:00pm, Kents Cavern, Torquay TQ1 2JF

Tickets: £25.00



## CHARLES COURT OPERA PRESENTS EXPRESS G&S

### FESTIVAL LIT-HOP

This year we are hosting our literary take on a bar crawl, visiting some quirky and unusual venues around Paignton Harbour, with readings, poetry, music and unexpected happenings along the way. The event is free, but booking is essential. We also ask that you support the licensed venues we visit by buying a drink (either alcoholic or soft) whilst enjoying the entertainment.

The Lit-Hop will start at 7 pm. Meet at Paignton Picture House, Torbay Road, Paignton.

Not all venues on the Lit Hop are accessible to wheelchair users. See website [www.iacf-uk.org](http://www.iacf-uk.org)

Tickets available in July.

Thursday 15th September 2022  
7:00pm, Meet at Paignton Picture House, Torbay Road, Paignton.

Tickets: FREE but booking essential

All aboard for a murderous musical mystery tour as the 'Masters of Gilbert & Sullivan in small spaces', the Charles Court Opera company. present *Express G&S*, a new spoof of the classic railway mystery.

Performance lasts 75 minutes (no interval).

A trio of intriguing travellers (and a pianist) take on multiple characters, uncovering clue upon red herring in this extraordinary, inventive, witty murder mystery spoof, which is splattered with favourite songs from the Savoy operas.

All aboard the *G&S Express* – destination: Murder!

Thursday 15th September 2022  
7:30pm, Palace Theatre, Paignton

[Book tickets directly with Palace Theatre, Paignton: www.palacetheatrepaignton.co.uk](http://www.palacetheatrepaignton.co.uk)

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7:30pm, Greenway House, Galmpton, near Brixham TQ5 0ES

Tickets: £125.00. Limited to 20 tickets only.



## MAKING THE AGATHA CHRISTIE STATUE

Elizabeth Hadley, sculptor of the new Torquay artwork

Brixham-based sculptor Elizabeth Hadley is commissioned to create a new artwork in tribute to Agatha Christie in her birthplace, Torquay. Meet the sculptor and hear about her work in progress at this special event. The artwork itself is expected to be completed in 2023.

Friday 16th September 2022  
11:00am, Cockington Court, Cockington, Torquay

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## THE CHRISTIAN WORLD OF AGATHA CHRISTIE, NICK BALDOCK (USA)

The 'whodunnit' is by definition concerned with innocence and guilt, right and wrong. The works of Agatha Christie subtly, but with increasing insistence, engage with the Christian philosophy behind the form.

ON-SCREEN BROADCAST EVENT

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12:30pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

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## 100 YEARS OF THE MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT STYLES

with Dr John Curran

Internationally recognised expert on Christie's work, Dr John Curran, will speak about how Agatha Christie came to write her very first crime novel *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* and how it influenced her writing career.

Friday 16th September 2022  
3:00pm, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## NEW WRITERS ON THE RIVIERA

### Sarah Pearse and Adam Nevill In Conversation

Meet two brilliant local novelists who are advancing the nail-biting thriller writing tradition of the Bay: Sarah Pearse is the author of *The Sanatorium*, an instant New York Times & #1 Sunday Times bestseller. Her new book *The Retreat* is out now. Adam Nevill is the author of *The Ritual*, *Last Days*, *No One Gets Out* and *The Reddening* - all won The August Derleth Award for Best Horror Novel. Both authors have film adaptations under way.

Celebrate the starry literary provenance of the English Riviera inside one of Torbay's best loved heritage buildings, the Paignton Picture House, currently under restoration – a favourite cultural destination of Agatha Christie.

Friday 16th September 2022  
7:00pm, Paignton Picture House,  
Torbay Road, Paignton TQ4 6AA

Tickets: £7.00 / £5.00

## THE A B SEA MURDERS

### A River Boat Tour

Join us for a boat trip around the Bay, passing beaches loved by Agatha or featured in her works. Local author Matt Newbury will be providing a commentary, while there will be period music and a full bar on board. Along the way, you will also be able to take part in a fun murder mystery game, so why not dress up in your best detective outfits ready to spot all the clues and beautiful views.

Embark at Beacon Quay, Haldon Pier, Torquay. Departure time is 6:30pm.

Friday 16th September 2022  
6:30pm, Beacon Quay, Haldon Pier,  
Torquay

Tickets: £20



## BE PART OF A LOCKED ROOM MYSTERY

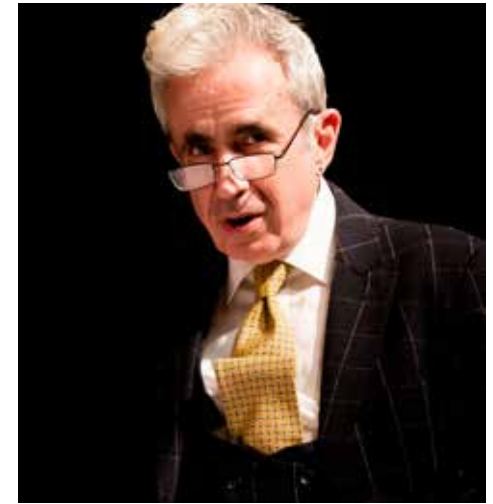
Bring your team along to use your combined detecting skills in a sixty minute puzzle room challenge. Choose from a 'Sherlock'-themed room in Torquay or an 'Espionage' themed room in Dartmouth. Can you crack the case before the timer?

Groups of 3 or more players cost £15.00 per person; £12.50 under 16. Book directly with Escape HQ.

- Find Escape HQ Torquay at 42-44 The Terrace, Torquay TQ1 1DN
- Find Escape HQ Dartmouth at Foss Slip, Dartmouth TQ6 9EU

Saturday 17th September 2022  
10:00am, Escape HQ Torquay, Escape HQ Dartmouth

Booking essential at  
[www.hqescaperooms.com](http://www.hqescaperooms.com)



## AGATHA CHRISTIE AND ESPIONAGE

### with Dr Julius Green

Julius is an Olivier award-winning theatre producer and a Fellow of the Birkbeck Centre for Contemporary Theatre, University of London. He is the leading authority on Agatha Christie's work as a dramatist. In 2020, he directed and co-adapted Agatha Christie's unpublished play *The Lie for Radio Four*, and was awarded a PhD for his work on Christie's plays by Goldsmiths, University of London. His latest book, *Stars and Spies*, co-authored with MI5's official historian, Professor Christopher Andrew, was published last year by the Bodley Head and examines the links between espionage and show business.

Saturday 17th September 2022  
11:00am, Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey,  
Torquay TQ2 5JE

Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00



## FRAMED!

Presented by PaddleBoat Theatre Company and the International Agatha Christie Festival

PaddleBoat Theatre Company presents a thrilling family whodunnit with their distinctive fingerprints all over it! Expect music, puppetry, clowning and more. Come and help us catch the clues and spot the suspects before Rufus goes down for a crime he didn't commit!

The legendary detective Rufus Caper has had an astonishing career of solving crimes: Murders, mysteries, missing persons - it's all in a day's work for Rufus and his trusty assistant. There's only one villain Rufus has never managed to apprehend, Constance Shadows is the nemesis he's been following his entire career - Until the day she's found dead...MURDERED! And all clues point towards Rufus as the prime suspect.

Suitable for families with children 4+

Tickets available from Palace Theatre, Paignton:  
[www.palacetheatrepaignton.co.uk](http://www.palacetheatrepaignton.co.uk)

Saturday 17th September 2022  
2:00pm, Palace Theatre Paignton

Tickets: £8.00 / £4.00 (under 16s)

The International Agatha Christie Festival acknowledges the kind support of The Colwinston Charitable Trust.



## THE TORQUAY COIN CAPER

Torre Abbey Museum had a rare coin collection on exhibit - had being the key word. A crafty criminal has absconded with the collection, leaving only some cryptic clues on the course of the nearby Pitch N' Putt. Join the international crime-fighting duo Lurker-Linane Investigations in solving this crime of currency. Don your plus fours and come down to the course to track down the criminal. Give us a penny for your thoughts, put in your two cents (or twopence), and help crack the case.

Prizes awarded for first detective to solve the crime, best golf score, and best golf attire (but no heels on the golf course, please). Casual Christie fans encouraged (no in-depth knowledge of her life or works required).

Saturday 17th September 2022  
3:00pm, Abbey Park Pitch n Putt Golf Course

Tickets: £8.00



## AGATHA CHRISTIE IN THE MIDDLE EAST A DOCUMENTARY

Directed by Sabine Scharnagl

Torquay Museum hosts a fascinating documentary by Germany-based film-maker Sabine Scharnagl. The film tells the little-known story of Christie's life in the Middle East with her second husband, the archaeologist Max Mallowan and includes rare film footage Agatha herself shot whilst joining Max on his excavations in Syria and Iraq, contrasting these images with the reality of the former excavation sites today.

Saturday 17th September 2022  
7:00pm, Torquay Museum, Torquay

Tickets: **FREE OF CHARGE** -  
booking essential



## INTERNATIONAL AGATHA CHRISTIE FESTIVAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S MYSTERY STORY WRITING COMPETITION

### Prize-giving

The winners of the 2022 Young People's Writing Competition will be awarded their prizes by the Festival's International Writer in Residence, mystery writer Ruby Gupta.

Saturday, 17 September 2022  
TORQUAY MUSEUM, 529  
Babbacombe Road, Torquay TQ1 1HG  
12.30 – 13.30

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## HOW TO BOOK

Tickets are available online via our website through Ticketsource.

Visit [www.iacf-uk.org](http://www.iacf-uk.org)

Some events are bookable directly with our partner venue and you will be linked to the relevant venue as appropriate from our website.

## ACCESS

ACCESS: All core Festival venues are wheelchair-accessible; for some Fringe events restrictions may apply. Please check our website for details.

Email [info@iacf-uk.org](mailto:info@iacf-uk.org) beforehand if you require any special support to access any event you would like to attend.

## INTERNATIONAL AGATHA CHRISTIE FESTIVAL PROJECTS 2022



## INTERNATIONAL AGATHA CHRISTIE FESTIVAL MYSTERY STORY WRITING COMPETITION 2022

Wanted! Young writers (8-13 and 14-18 years of age) across Devon are invited to enter our fabulous mystery short-story writing competition to win great prizes. First Prize: Apple iPad Mini; Second & Third Prizes: Waterstones Vouchers and the new 1000-piece Agatha Christie Puzzle from Laurence King Publishing.

Closing date for entries: 12 August.

How to enter see [www.iacf-uk.org](http://www.iacf-uk.org)

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## INTERNATIONAL AGATHA CHRISTIE FESTIVAL YOUNG WRITERS EXCHANGE 2022

Generously supported by The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

The Festival is working in partnership with Doorstep Arts, Torbay, and Beyond Face, Plymouth, to support a summer-school intensive series of drama and writing workshops with young people during the holidays. The two groups meet to exchange their creative thinking, culminating in a curtain-raising performance of the new work for friends and family in September.

Find out more about the project on the Festival website [www.iacf-uk.org](http://www.iacf-uk.org) and at Doorstep Arts [www.doorsteparts.co.uk](http://www.doorsteparts.co.uk)

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**INTERNATIONAL AGATHA CHRISTIE FESTIVAL  
CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOLS 2022**

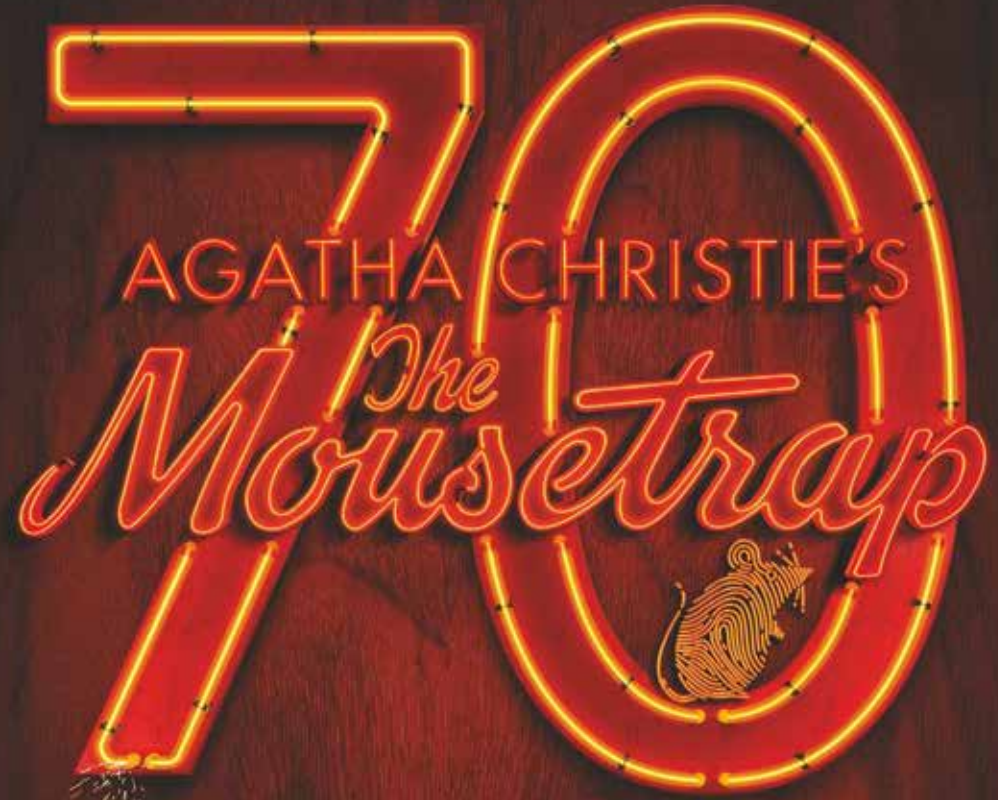
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The Festival is working in partnership with Kernow Arts Education Partnership (KEAP) and The Writers' Block to deliver a full week's residency at Torre Abbey 12-16 September. Year 6 pupils at Torbay Primary Schools are invited free of charge to join 5 days of workshops to engage even the most reluctant writer and draw out their creative spark. Set in the glorious grounds of Torre Abbey and with the support of Torre Abbey's learning department.

Torbay resident schools can find out more at [www.iacf-uk.org](http://www.iacf-uk.org) or email [info@iacf-uk.org](mailto:info@iacf-uk.org) to book. Limited places available.

Thanks to our partners: KEAP, The Writers Block

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**ATG TICKETS 0844 871 7615\***

\*Fees apply. Calls cost up to 7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge.

**EARLY BIRD OFFER!** Book by 18th September 2022: £7.50 off  
(price band exclusions apply) Subject to availability. Only one discount applies at any one time.

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

DAY	EVENT	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
SAT 10th	Dressed to Kill	Exhibition	Daily	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
SAT 10th	Agatha Christie Walking Tours	Walks	Daily at 10.00	English Riviera Visitor Ctr. TQ2 5JG
SAT 10th	Agatha Christie Sea Swim	Community	Starts 12.00	Broadsands Beach, Paignton
SAT 10th	Return of Miss Marple	Live Talk	3.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
SAT 10th	Lucy Worsley: A Very Elusive Woman	Live Talk	7.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
SUN 11th	Frankie Bailey: If you like Agatha	Live Talk	11.00 AM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
SUN 11th	Alias Mary Westmacott, Sheemayee Das	Onscreen Talk	12.30 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
SUN 11th	Shedunnit: Live! Caroline Crampton	Live Talk	3.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
SUN 11th	Princess Pier Roller Dance	Community	4.00 PM	Princess Pier TQ2 5HA
SUN 11th	History, Mystery & Christie	Live Talk	5.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
SUN 11th	Dinner at Greenway: Dr John Curran	Limited to 20 tickets	7.30 PM	Greenway TQ5 0ES
SUN 11th	Solve-A-Long-A-Murder She Wrote	Theatre	7.30 PM	Princess Theatre TQ2 5EZ
MON 12th	The Essence of a Dream, Tony Medawar	Live Talk	11.00 AM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
MON 12th	100 Years of Tommy & Tuppencc	Onscreen Talk	12.30 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
MON 12th	Death at the Dig with Kate Ellis	Performance & Talk	2.00 PM	Paignton Library TQ4 5AG
MON 12th	Poirot's London with Tina Hodgkinson	Live Talk	3.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
MON 12th	The Case of the Late Cook with Kate Ellis	Performance & Talk	4.00 PM	Brixham Library TQ5 8EU
MON 12th	Agatha Christie & Ghosts of Devon	Live storytelling	7.00 PM	St Nicholas Priory, Exeter
MON 12th	What's Your Poison	Cocktail masterclass	7.00 PM	Hampton Hilton Hotel, Torquay
MON 12th	And Then There Were None	Stage Performance	7.30 PM	Little Theatre, Torquay
TUES 13th	Poirot - prophet for a secular age?	Live Talk	11.00 AM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
TUES 13th	Agatha the Traveller	Onscreen Talk	12.30 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
TUES 13th	Crime of Passion, Dr Charlotte Beyer	Live Talk	3.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
TUES 13th	Bloody Bombay	Live Talk	5.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
TUES 13th	Agatha Christie from Stage to Screen	Live Talk	7.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
WEDS 14th	100 Years of Mysterious Affair at Styles	Live Talk w archive	11.00 AM	University of Exeter EX4 4SB
WEDS 14th	Agatha, Bernard & Crime	Live Talk	11.00 AM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
WEDS 14th	God & the Little Grey Cells	Onscreen Talk	12.30 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
WEDS 14th	Weapon of Choice: Dr Kathryn Harkup	Live Talk	3.00 PM	Devon&ExeterInst, Exeter
WEDS 14th	Agatha Christie & Ghosts of Devon	Live storytelling	7.00 PM	Torre Abbey - Undercroft
WEDS 14th	All About Agatha LIVE!	Live Talk	7.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
WEDS 14th	Killing Ghandi, Vaseem Khan	Live Talk	7.00 PM	Quay Words, Exeter Custom House
THURS 15th	Mystery in Mansions	Live Talk	11.00 AM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
THURS 15th	Agatha & Africa, Michael & Stanley	Onscreen Talk	12.30 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
THURS 15th	The Importance of Being Poirot	Live Talk	3.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
THURS 15th	Agatha Christie & The Man in the Brown Suit	Live Talk & Tour	7.00 PM	Kents Cavern, Torquay TQ1 2JF
THURS 15th	Festival Lit-Hop	Tour & Performances	7.00 PM	From Paignton Picture House

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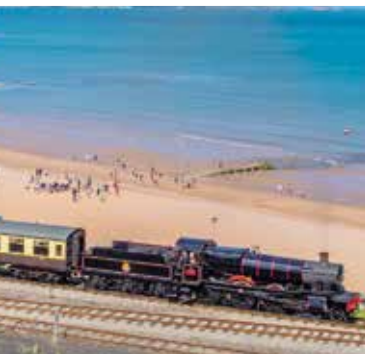
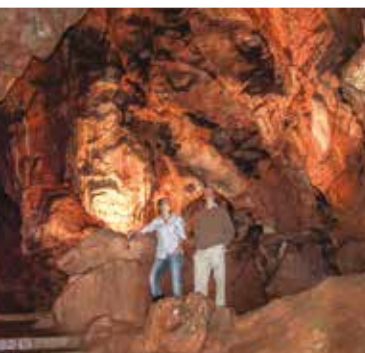
DAY	EVENT	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
THURS 15th	Charles Court Opera - Express G&S	Stage Performance	7.30 PM	Palace Theatre Paignton
THURS 15th	Dinner at Greenway: Dr Mark Aldridge	Limited to 20 tickets	7.30 PM	Greenway TQ5 0ES
FRI 16th	Making the Agatha Christie Statue	Live Talk	11.00 AM	Cockington Court, Torquay
FRI 16th	The Christian World of Agatha Christie	Onscreen Talk	12.30 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
FRI 16th	100 Years of Mysterious Affair at Styles	Live Talk	3.00 PM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
FRI 16th	New Writers on the Riviera	Live Talk	7.00 PM	Paignton Picture House
FRI 16th	The ABSea Murders	River cruise	6.30 PM	Beacon Quay, Torquay
SAT 17th	Be part of a Locked Room Mystery	Escape Room	From 10.00 AM	Torquay & Dartmouth
SAT 17th	Agatha Christie & Espionage	Live Talk	11.00 AM	Torre Abbey TQ2 5JE
SAT 17th	Framed! Paddleboat Theatre	Stage Performance	2.00 PM	Palace Theatre Paignton
SAT 17th	The Torquay Coin Caper	Fringe Golf Event	3.00 PM	Abbey Park PitchnPutt, Torquay
SAT 17th	Agatha Christie in the Middle East	Documentary Film	7.00 PM	Torquay Museum, Torquay

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