

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

2012 *Agatha Christie*™ FESTIVAL

ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA
BIRTHPLACE OF THE QUEEN OF CRIME

SUNDAY 9TH-SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER



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THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

Agatha Christie™ Festival



**WELCOME TO THE AGATHA CHRISTIE
FESTIVAL 2012 ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA,
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EVENTS ON DAILY

HERCULE POIROT HERE ALL WEEK!



01 TOM ADAMS' AGATHA CHRISTIE BOOK COVERS EXHIBITION Sunday - Sunday

Exhibition of original art produced for Agatha Christie book covers by renowned artist Tom Adams

VENUE: Torquay Museum, 529 Babbacombe Road, Torquay TQ1 1HG

PRICE: Museum entry fee applies.

NEW

02 BABBACOMBE MODEL VILLAGE MURDER MYSTERY TRAIL Sunday - Sunday

Mini murder mystery scenes and well-known characters are hidden in the Model Village.
Can you deduce which novel they relate to?

VENUE: Babbacombe Model Village, Hampton Avenue, Torquay TQ1 3LA

PRICE: Model Village entry fee applies.

03 MURDER AT VINTAGE KITTY ROSE Sunday - Sunday from 2pm

Every day a different "murder" will take place in the shop. Look out for clues that may help solve the crime and win a prize! There's also a prize for best vintage costume.

VENUE: Vintage Kitty Rose, 31 Market Street, Torquay TQ1 3AW

PRICE: Free entry into shop

NEW

04 GREENWAY OPEN Sunday - Sunday (excluding Monday)

Visit Agatha Christie's holiday home at Greenway on the banks of the River Dart.

VENUE: National Trust Greenway, Galmpton TQ5 0ES - 01803 842382

PRICE: Greenway entry

**05 SEA & RIVER VOYAGE TO GREENWAY FROM TORQUAY AND BRIXHAM
Sunday - Sunday (excluding Monday)**

Voyage aboard heritage ship The Fairmile along the coast and river to Greenway.
Commentary on selected days from historian John Risdon.

VENUE: Greenway Ferry, Princess Pier, Torquay and The Quay, Brixham
Dept: Torquay 10.45am and Brixham 11.15am - 01803 882811

PRICE: Adults £14 - Children £10 - Concession £13.
Price exclusive of entry to Greenway.

DARTMOUTH FERRY TO GREENWAY Sunday - Sunday (excluding Monday)

Visit Greenway on a short trip from Dartmouth. 01803 882811

VENUE: Greenway Ferry's Christie Belle Dept Dartmouth at:
9.45am, 10.45, 11.45, 12.45, 2.15pm & 3.15pm Returning every hour approx.

PRICE: Adults £8 Child £6 Return Price exclusive of entry to Greenway.



06 AGATHA CHRISTIE VINTAGE TOUR BUS TRIP TO GREENWAY Sunday - Sunday (excl Monday)

All aboard 'Barnaby', a 1940s original vintage bus. See the Agatha Christie Mile and surrounding countryside on a nostalgic trip to Greenway, Agatha Christie's holiday home. **01803 882811**

VENUE: (Limited places) Greenway Ferry's Vintage Bus, Belgrave Road, Torquay 10am & 2pm
Cary Parade, Torquay 10.10am & 2.10pm - Paignton Seafront 10.25am & 2.25pm

PRICE: Adults £11 – Children £6 – Concession £10 Price exclusive of entry to Greenway.

07 ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURSTON FERRERS OPEN Monday-Friday 10.30am - 4.30pm

Visit Churston Church and see the stained glass window donated by Agatha Christie, bought with proceeds from her short story Greenshaw's Folly.

VENUE: St Mary's Church, Green Lane, Churston Ferrers, Brixham TQ5 0JG

PRICE: **FREE**

08 AGATHA CHRISTIE MYSTERY SHOPPING Monday-Saturday

Paignton shops have dressed their windows as Agatha Christie novels. Identify the titles for a place in the prize draw!

VENUE: Paignton Town Centre. Pick up entry forms from The Torbay Bookshop,
7 Torquay Road, Paignton TQ3 3DU

PRICE: **FREE**

PRIZES!

09 TEA ON THE TERRACE Monday-Friday 2.30pm

Afternoon tea in Our Room with a View at Living Coasts overlooking Beacon Cove, where Agatha bathed. Tickets include cream tea and sandwiches for two. Christie titles will be available to read.

VENUE: Living Coasts, Beacon Quay, Torquay TQ1 2BG - 0844 474 3366 (calls cost 5p/min)

PRICE: £12.95

10 MURDER ON THE NILE Mon-Sat 7.30pm (matinées 2.30pm Wednesday & Saturday)

The Agatha Christie Theatre Company presents a stylish new production of classic thriller Murder on the Nile. Stars Kate O'Mara, Denis Lill, Susie Amy, Chloe Newsome, Ben Nealon and Mark Wynter.

VENUE: Princess Theatre, Torbay Road, Torquay TQ2 5EZ - 0844 871 3023 (calls cost 5p/min)

PRICE: £10-£25

11 FREE AGATHA CHRISTIE FILM SCREENINGS Monday-Thursday 2pm

Adaptations of classic novels showing free of charge.

VENUE: Torquay Museum, 529 Babbacombe Road, Torquay TQ1 1HG

PRICE: Museum entry fee applies.

12 FLOWER FESTIVAL Wednesday-Sunday

Flower festival at All Saints Church, Torre, where Agatha Christie was baptised.

VENUE: All Saints Church, Bampfylde Road, Torre, Torquay TQ2 5AR

PRICE: **FREE**



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FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Ring **0844 474 22 33** for up to date information on the festival. (calls cost 5p/min)
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FESTIVAL VIDEO

Check out the festival video on YouTube for more inspiration.



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SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

13 10am - THE AGATHA CHRISTIE FÊTE

Launch Event

Our quintessentially English fête launches the festival, with traditional stalls, music and dancing! Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Torbay. **Palk Street and seafront, Torquay TQ2 5JG Price: FREE**

14 10am - FAMILY MYSTERY FUN DAY

NEW

It's 1st April 1926 and the Grand Opening of the Babbacombe Cliff Railway. But a dastardly plot has been uncovered! Use your detecting skills to foil the scheme. **Babbacombe Cliff Railway, Babbacombe Downs Road, Torquay TQ1 3LF Price: Cliff Railway return trip**

15 6pm - GREENWAY LITERARY DINING CLUB WITH JOHN CURRAN

In the style of Agatha Christie's Tuesday Night Club, diners will discuss Christie's writing, including *Dead*

from the estate will be explored. **Greenway, Greenway Road, Galmpton TQ5 0ES - 01803 842382 Price: £60**

MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

16 4pm - MURDER ON THE LINKS

NEW

One of the quirkiest events this year - vintage golf on Torre Abbey Meadows! Dig out some suitable period attire and enjoy 18 holes of fun, before drinks and live music at Pimms O'Clock! **Torre Abbey Pitch and Putt, Torquay Seafront TQ2 5HP - 0844 474 22 33 Price: £8.50**

17 7.30pm - DESYAT NEGRITYAT WITH JOHN CURRAN

Renowned Christie expert John Curran introduces this critically-acclaimed 1987 Russian version of *Ten Little Indians*. Subtitles. **Torquay Museum, 529 Babbacombe Road, Torquay TQ1 1HG - 0844 474 22 33 Price: £5**



THE AGATHA CHRISTIE FÊTE
Sunday 9th September from 10am

TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

18 10am - PARTNERS IN CRIME-WRITING!

A creative writing workshop exploring the art of

Bring your own lunch. **Brixham Library, Market St, Brixham TQ5 8EU - 0844 474 22 33 Price: £20**

12.30pm - "IN CHARACTER" LUNCH AT BURGH ISLAND

Lunch at the famous Art Deco retreat where Agatha wrote "Evil Under the Sun" and "And Then There Were None" with a grand tour of the island. **Burgh Island Hotel, Bigbury on Sea, TQ7 4BG - 01548 810514 Price: £58**

19 3pm - A GARDEN PARTY TO DIE FOR

Meet the Head Gardener, learn about Agatha Christie's potent plants and join us for afternoon tea – if you dare! With music, servants, tea and cake served on the lawn.

Torre Abbey, The Kings Drive, Torquay - 0844 474 2233 Price: £13.50

20 7pm - TWILIGHT TOUR OF GREENWAY

See Greenway House after hours, in the September twilight glow. Enjoy canapes, sparkling wine and a fascinating guided tour of the house. **Greenway, Greenway Road, Galmpton TQ5 0ES - 01803 842 382 Price: £15**

21 7pm - MURDER MYSTERY DINING TRAIN

Board the Dartmouth Express for an evening of murder and mystery with the Candlelight Theatre Company. Be on your guard at all times....A night not to be missed!

Dartmouth Steam Railway, Queens Park Station, Torbay Road, Paignton TQ4 6AF - 01803 555872 Price: £52.50

22 7pm - 21ST CENTURY CHRISTIE WITH HARPERCOLLINS

HarperCollins have been the English language publishers of Agatha Christie since 1926. Head of Publishing David Brawn brings his stories to this intimate event and discusses the challenges of publishing Christie in the 21st century. With cocktail and three course supper: **The Cary Arms, Babbacombe Beach, Torquay TQ1 3LX 0844 474 2233 Price: £35**

A GARDEN PARTY TO DIE FOR
Tuesday 11th September 3pm



WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

11.30pm - TOTNES FERRY TO GREENWAY

Visit Greenway on a trip from Totnes.

Greenway Ferry, Steamer Quay, Totnes TQ9 5AL 01803 882811 Price: Adults £12 Child £8

Concessions £11 Price exclusive of entry to Greenway.

23 3.30pm - CELEBRATION TEA DANCE WITH TORBAY LIBRARIES

Traditional tea dance with cream teas and live period music from "High Society". Period costume encouraged. High

Society sponsored by **AudioGO**. **Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Drive, Paignton TQ3 2NL - 0844 474 2233 Price: £12.75**

24 6.30pm/6.40pm - AGATHA CHRISTIE MILE EVENING BUS TOUR WITH SUPPER

Dept: Belgrave Road Torquay at: 6.30pm

Dept: Cary Parade Torquay at: 6.40pm

Greenway Ferry's Vintage Bus - 01803 882811

Price: Adults £17 Child £11

25 7pm - MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Wine, dine and solve a crime! An evening of suspense, mystery, good food, great company and entertainment with Murder Made to Measure. **Toorak Hotel, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay TQ2 5JS - 0844 474 2233 / 01803 400 400 Price: £35**

26 7.30pm - MURDER BY THE BOOK

John Curran introduces *Murder by the Book*, a seldom seen television play featuring an imagined encounter between Agatha Christie (Peggy Ashcroft) and Hercule Poirot (Ian Holm). A mystery radio play follows. **Torquay Museum, 529 Babbacombe Road, Torquay TQ1 1HG 0844 474 2233 Price: £5**

NEW

PRIZES!



AGATHA CHRISTIE'S GREATEST
WORK PANEL DISCUSSION
Friday 14th September 6pm

THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

27 4pm - FIENDISHLY FUN QUIZ & GARDEN PARTY

Time to put the little grey cells to the test! Teams of amateur sleuths (max 6 per team) will solve a series of devious challenges, with a few red herrings thrown in. Music, cream tea and Pimms. **Toorak Hotel Gardens, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay TQ2 5JS - 0844 474 2233**
Price: £10 per person

28 7pm - MURDER MYSTERY DINING TRAIN

Board the Dartmouth Express for an evening of murder and mystery with the Candlelight Theatre Company. Be on your guard at all times... A night not to be missed! **Dartmouth Steam Railway, Queens Park Station, Torbay Road, Paignton TQ4 6AF - 01803 555872**
Price: £52.50



MURDER MYSTERY DINING TRAIN
Thursday 13th September 7pm



AGATHA CHRISTIE VINTAGE BUS TOURS - Throughout the week

FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

29 2pm - LYRE OF UR RECITAL

NEW

A recital of haunting music played on a beautiful replica of the 4,500 year-old Gold Lyre of Ur; discovered in a royal Mesopotamian tomb in 1929 by archaeologists – including a young Max Mallowan. The lyre is the earliest stringed instrument ever found. **Torquay Museum, 529 Babbacombe Road, Torquay TQ1 1HG - 0844 474 2233**
Price: £5

30 6pm - AGATHA CHRISTIE'S GREATEST WORK PANEL DISCUSSION

NEW

A debate on Agatha Christie's greatest work with a panel comprising Christie's grandson, Mathew Prichard; Christie expert John Curran; HarperCollins' David Brawn and BBC broadcaster and Christie fan, David Fitzgerald. 1920s/1930s dress encouraged! Cocktail and canapés on arrival. **The Grand Hotel, Seafront, Torquay TQ2 6NT - 0844 474 2233 / 01803 296677** Price: £12

31 6.30pm - AGATHA CHRISTIE MILE EVENING BUS TOUR WITH SUPPER

Departing Brixham (back of Tesco's) at 6.30pm
Greenway Ferry's Vintage Bus Price: Adults £17 Child £11

32 7pm - MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Transport yourself back to an era of elegance, mystery and intrigue. Enjoy a three course à la carte dinner whilst being entertained by a professional team of actors as they create a challenging who dunnit by candlelight. **Churston Court, Church Road, Churston Ferrers, Brixham TQ5 0JE**
01803 842186 Price: £34.95

33 MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND

A fun murder mystery weekend break at the Frognel Hall Hotel, with entertainment on the Saturday night.

TQ1 2LD - 01803 298 339 Price: £95 per person

SEA & RIVER VOYAGE TO GREENWAY
- Throughout the week





AGATHA CHRISTIE'S BIRTHDAY SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

34 10am - THE AGATHA CHRISTIE CAR TREASURE HUNT

NEW

PRIZES!

Treasure hunt through Christie Country. Get your thinking caps (and hub caps) on to solve the clues and collect the answers. Prizes for the winners! Classic/Vintage Car Heat and Conventional Car Heat. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the end of the hunt. Start from The Little Theatre, St Marks Road, Torquay TQ1 2EL - 0844 474 2233 Price: £10 per car.

35 5.15pm - CREAM TEA & CONVERSATION

NEW

Enjoy a cream team in the company of various cast members and producers from the Agatha Christie Theatre Company. Tickets available from the Princess

for Murder on the Nile. Princess Theatre, Torbay Road, Torquay TQ2 5EZ Price: £5

36 6.30pm/6.40pm - AGATHA CHRISTIE MILE EVENING BUS TOUR WITH SUPPER

Dept: Belgrave Road Torquay at: 6.30pm
Dept: Cary Parade Torquay at: 6.40pm
Greenway Ferry's Vintage Bus - 01803 882 811
Price: Adults £17 Child £11

37 8pm - STRYCHNINE BALLROOM

To round off the festival with style, Torre Abbey invites you to a dance with a difference – a party paying homage to the dances attended by the youthful Agatha Christie and inspired by the recent renaissance in ballroom. Combining vintage style with modern fun, this is an unmissable event for enthusiasts and newcomers alike. After a few of our delicious cocktails you will be stepping out in no time! Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey, The Kings Drive, Torquay TQ2 5JE - 0844 474 2233 Price: £15

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

38 All Day - AGATHA CHRISTIE SEA SWIM

Agatha Christie was a keen sea swimmer and often bathed at Boodsands Beach and nearby Elberry Cove. The Devon Air Ambulance Trust is once again running The Agatha Christie Sea Swim, to raise essential funds for the charity. Email: info@daat.org or call 01392 466666. Boodsands Beach, TQ4 6LL



39 All Day - MURDER, MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE AT COCKINGTON COURT!

A mélange of murder, mystery and mayhem at Cockington Court! 1920/30s fancy dress, family fun, croquet, children's arts workshops and face painting, and the 'mystery of the head gardener', found murdered in the compost heap. Plus - win a Murder Mystery evening for ten guests. Cockington Court, Cockington, Torquay TQ2 6XA - 01803 607230 Price: **FREE** (Tickets for competition £10)

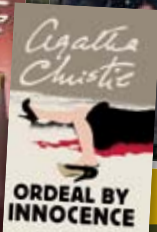
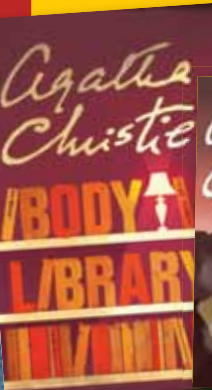
10am - TOTNES FERRY TO GREENWAY

Visit Greenway on a trip from Totnes. Greenway Ferry, Steamer Quay, Totnes TQ9 5AL Price: Adults £12.00 Child £8 Concessions £11.00. (Price exclusive of entry to Greenway)

40 6pm - AGATHA CHRISTIE SERVICE - ALL SAINTS CHURCH

NEW

Come and join us for a special service of celebration. All Saints was built with money from Agatha Christie's family and is the church where Agatha was baptised. All Saints Church, Bampfylde Road, Torre, Torquay TQ2 5AR Price: **FREE**



STRYCHNINE BALLROOM
Saturday 15th September 8pm



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