

WBW Summer Diary

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Our Guide to Summer Fun in Devon and Cornwall

Bike Ride – South Hams

As a keen cyclist Lisa loves to cycle from Brixham, crossing the ferry at Dartmouth leaving Torbay behind and heading into the lumpy South Hams. She usually stops for a coffee and snack at Hope Cove, Salcombe, before embarking on another ferry crossing. At this point she does her best to ignore the burning legs as she climbs out of Blackpool Sands, soaking up the beautiful coastal views. On the return, taking the ferry crossing to Brixham with a well-deserved refuel at The Curious Kitchen in Brixham, which serves a great selection of vegan options.

Perhaps not a ride for the faint-hearted!

Lisa Stanton, Paignton Office



Stannary Brewery Company – Nr Tavistock

Garry White (from our Launceston office) & Chris John took over the running of the brewery in late 2017 and they now boast a range of some 20 plus beers, brewed seasonally throughout the year.

Using the freshest and best quality ingredients Stannary brew all manner of beers from Pales to Porters and IPAs to Saisons, if it's out there to brew they'll give it a go! All Stannary beers are unfiltered, unfinned and serve with a natural haze, by allowing the beers to clear naturally rather than using additives like isinglass (the swim bladders of fish) Stannary beers boast bigger flavour than traditional beers and are also suitable for vegans.

The brewery is situated only a 10 minute stroll from the town centre of the picturesque market town of Tavistock on the edge of Dartmoor. The brewery taproom bar is open every Friday from 5:30pm, the

bar has 10 taps serving a range of Stannary beers that changes week on week plus a number of guest beers from around the UK and the World. If beer is not your thing fear not as Stannary also stock a range of locally sourced ciders, wines & spirits and soft drinks, including ciders from Bumblebee Cider, 2 wines from the award winning Sharpham Vineyard in Totnes, Barbican Botanics small batch craft gin from Plymouth and a selection of soft drinks and tonics from Luscombe's in Buckfastleigh.

As well as the weekly taproom openings, on the last Saturday in each month Stannary hold their Beer & BBQ Bash at the brewery.

Sounds like a lot of fun!

Garry White, Launceston Office

Orange Elephant Ice Cream – Kennford

Love ice cream? Then this is the place for you....Orange Elephant Ice Cream is made onsite using milk from their large herd of cows. The farm is set over 500 acres and the Taverner family have been dairy farming here for over five generations.

You may have seen the large...you've guessed it...orange elephant, next to the motorway as you come down Haldon Hill (A38) on your way to Exeter at the Splatford Split. It's easy to get to and perfect for children, they have ice cream and a number of play areas on site.

You've not had ice cream until you've had Orange Elephant Ice Cream.

Lucy Steven, Newton Abbot Office

Sup Yoga – Teignmouth

Want to try something new? Then give Sup Yoga a go (yoga on a paddleboard), on the Teignmouth back beach. SeaSports South West run regular sessions for all ages.

After you've flexed and stretched head to The Blue Hut on the back beach down by the point car park and reward yourself with amazing wraps and halloumi chips.

Tina Herne, Newton Abbot Office



Talland Bay Hotel – Porthallow

Must be done the Cornish way. If you fancy a cream tea then head to this lovely little hotel near Looe in Cornwall for a delicious treat. As a bonus it's only a ten minute drive from Looe, which thrives in the summer so you can really make a day of it.

Chloe Daw, Launceston Office

Camel Trail – Padstow (or Padstein as it's fondly known)

Marie and her family regularly walk or cycle part of the Camel Trail between Wadebridge and Padstow. However, if you're in no rush then why not cycle the whole distance which is about 5 miles. Once you've made it to Padstow there is a whole host of foodie treats! Ice cream on the harbour or fish & chips at Rick Steins.

Marie Moore, Launceston Office



Coleton Fishacre – Kingswear

A 1920s country retreat complete with luxuriant garden by the sea. If you like a cream tea with a difference, head to Coleton Fishacre with a loved one and have one sweet and one savoury cream tea between you, splitting them both to enjoy one cheese & chutney, as well as the more traditional jam and cream – you can't beat a bit of Sharpham cheese. Finish with a walk around the gardens. Seasonal bliss.

Jolyon Tuck, Torquay Office

Glamping – Exe Valley

A slice of heaven in Devon.

Glamping in the beautiful Exe valley, perfect for friends, family and getting together. Sarah's favourite with her family is Yonder Meadow, nestled in the Exe Valley. Perfect for long summer evening sunsets, a hearty bbq washed down with good local beer - www.yondermeadowholidays.co.uk.

Sarah Witheridge, Exeter Office



Dartington Hall – Dartington

Justin was born and bred in the beautiful village of Dartington, so it holds a special place in his heart. On a sunny day, there's nothing better than a dog walk from the Weir in Totnes up along beside the River Dart, ending up at Dartington Hall. The steam trains of the Dart Valley Railway on the other side of the river make you feel like you've gone back in time.

Once at Dartington Hall, the choice is either coffee and cake at the Green Table café (<https://www.dartington.org/visit/food-drink/the-green-table/>) or a pint at the White Hart. On the way back you can call in at The Cider Press Centre for an ice cream, where Justin spent the summers working as a student. An idyllic Devon day out!

Justin Osborne, Newton Abbot Office

Coastal Railway – St Ives

One of Helen's favourite trips out is to St Ives by train, the trip from St Erth to St Ives is a delight. St Ives is beautiful - beaches lined with white sand, plenty of bustling eateries, and of course, lots of glorious art...

<https://greatscenicrailways.co.uk/lines/st-ives-bay-line/>

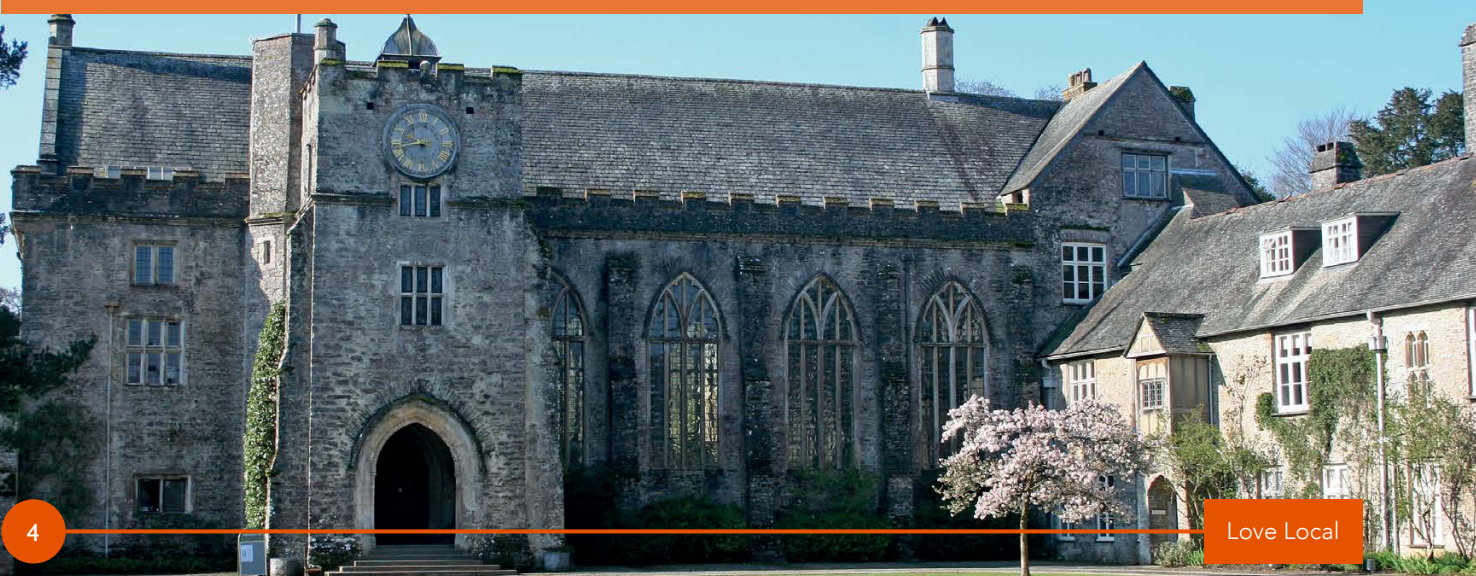
Helen Davies, Launceston Office



A Taste of the Teign - Teignmouth & Shaldon

The Taste of the Teign is a Food and Drink Festival held in the last week of September (22nd-30th) in Teignmouth, Shaldon and the surrounding countryside. This growing festival, now in its fifth year, celebrates the provenance and local flavours of the magnificent Teign River Estuary – mussels, crabs, jams, cakes, ales, gin, wine and much more - <https://tasteoftheteign.org.uk>

Kerry Curd, Newton Abbot Office



Burrator Reservoir – Yelverton, Dartmoor

A Dartmoor delight. Burrator Reservoir is a reservoir on the south side of Dartmoor. There are plenty of peaceful and picturesque picnic spots here too.

Dartmoor's first reservoir, Burrator was built in 1898 and it was expanded in 1929. It washed over the leat that had been providing Plymouth with water for centuries – a leat that had been built by Sir Francis Drake. Richard recommends a wander around the reservoir on a nice sunny day.

Richard Blair, Paignton Office



Meadfoot Beach – Torquay

A mile from Torquay harbour and in a stunning location at the bottom of a row of imposing cliffs. Grab a deckchair and enjoy the sound of the sea lapping against the shore. Enjoy the scenic view of Meadfoot Beach at the popular beach café.

Close to Meadfoot Beach is the Agatha Christie Mile. Stretching along Torquay's seafront, you can follow in the footsteps of South Devon's most famous daughter.

Matthew Cooper, Newton Abbot Office

Firework Championships - Plymouth

Penny recommends taking a trip to Plymouth to watch the world famous British Firework Championships will return on 8th and 9th August, offering two nights of spectacular pyrotechnics that will illuminate Plymouth Sound.

Six top firework companies will battle it out over two nights, each putting on an awe-inspiring ten minute display.

Enjoy the thrill of the funfair on Plymouth Hoe, or simply sit back and soak up the atmosphere – it's an unmissable event!

Penny Tomlinson, Newton Abbot Office



South West Coast Path Walk – Branscombe to Beer

Why not visit East Devon? This is a popular coastal walk between the picturesque Devon villages of Branscombe and Beer. It takes you along the South West Coast Path with fantastic cliff tops views. You'll pass the stunning Hooken Cliffs, a Jurassic Coast UNESCO World Heritage Site. Both Beer and Branscombe offer a number of pubs and local eateries which provide much needed refreshments on a warm day at both the start and end of the walk. A stunning route which is close to Jess' heart, as this is where she got engaged (at the top of the cliff).

Jessica De Cruz, Newton Abbot Office



Crabbing & Cake – Stoke Gabriel

Emma often likes to visit this beautiful spot with her two young boys for a fun filled family day out. Nestled between the River Dart and a tranquil mill pool, Stoke Gabriel is an idyllic crabbing spot. Drop your line along the shore of the mill pool, along the quay or on the dam itself. What's more, The River Shack Cafe is a popular bistro situated on the water's edge. Treat yourself to a treat after a day of crabbing!

Emma Baker, Newton Abbot Office



Dinner at the River Exe Café – Exmouth

Dining with a difference... The River Exe Cafe is open from 1st April until the 30th September each year. It is a custom built barge that floats well off shore in the Exe Estuary. The Restaurant offers a wide range of locally-sourced food and is surrounded by amazing views, you will often see the odd local seal on the way to the floating café.

It can only be accessed by boat, either a Puffin Water Taxi from Exmouth Marina, or on your own boat. Make sure you book ahead, a fantastic place for an occasion meal – something quite different.

Jessica De Cruz, Newton Abbot Office



Image from River Ex Cafe website

Buckfast Abbey – Buckfastleigh

Rachel recommends a day trip to the beautiful Buckfast Abbey, the abbey itself is open to walk around and is set in lovely grounds with different gardens. They have recently completed and opened a Millennium Garden as the Abbey has just had a big anniversary, there are shops selling the monks products, a bookshop, the Grange restaurant and they have just completed an amazing extremely expensive interactive exhibition called the 'Monastic Way' which is worth seeing. Fun for all the family!

Rachel Worthington, Newton Abbot Office

Red Arrows – Sidmouth

A possible highlight of the summer calendar if you like all things aviation! The Red Arrows will once again grace the skies over Sidmouth at the opening day of Sidmouth Regatta on Friday 24th August 2018.

With 2018 being the 100th Anniversary of the creation of the RAF, the Council is thrilled to also welcome the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight consisting of a Lancaster Bomber and two Spitfires. Book the day off and take the family for a fun filled day at the beach followed by a spectacular display!

Jessica De Cruz, Newton Abbot Office

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