

## English Riviera Events 09

Welcome to the Spring/Summer 09 edition of our English Riviera Events Programme. Whenever you visit the English Riviera, you'll always find a busy calendar of fantastic events and festivals to choose from.

The resort's year-round programme incorporates something for everyone, day and night, from theatre shows, firework displays, festivals and carnivals, to sporting events, regattas and powerboat races.

Our three Tourist Information Centres and their dedicated staff can help with all your holiday planning to suit your requirements for a holiday to remember.

Torquay Tourist Information Centre, Vaughan Parade, Torquay TQ2 5JG  
 Paignton Tourist Information Centre, Apollo Cinema, The Esplanade, Paignton TQ4 6ED  
 Brixham Tourist Information Centre, The Old Market House, The Quay, Brixham TQ5 8TB  
 English Riviera and Agatha Christie Shop, next door to the Torquay Tourist Information Centre, Palk Street, Torquay TQ2 5JG. *Shop online* [www.englishriviera.co.uk](http://www.englishriviera.co.uk)



### Win a Holiday on the English Riviera and Feed the Giraffes

Enjoy a week on the English Riviera in a luxury lodge and visit four of our fantastic attractions.

- Spend a day at Paignton Zoo which will include feeding Janica, Sangha and Yoda, Paignton Zoo's Giraffes.
- Take a VIP tour of Torre Abbey and try out Brass Rubbing!
- Explore the prehistoric caves at Kents Cavern.
- Experience the stunning views from the Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway and enjoy a boat trip along the River Dart.

For your chance to win this holiday please log on to [www.englishriviera.co.uk/competition](http://www.englishriviera.co.uk/competition) by 29th May 2009

## Theatres

### Babbacombe Theatre

#### March–April and October

Alive with Laughter  
 Tuesday and Wednesday  
 8.15pm

#### May–September

Alive with Laughter  
 Tuesday, Wednesday and  
 Thursday 8.15pm

11 April  
 Joe Brown  
 8pm

6 June  
 Mercury (Queen Tribute)  
 8pm

25 July 7.30pm  
 8 & 22 August 7.30pm  
 5 & 19 Sept 7.30pm  
 Jethro

### Princess Theatre

1–4 April  
 The Naked Truth  
 7.30pm

12 April  
 Ken Dodd  
 7pm

15 April  
 Rob Brydon  
 7.30pm

16 April  
 Zion – A Tribute to  
 Bob Marley  
 7.30pm

17 April  
 The Brothers Gibb  
 7.30pm

18 April  
 The Pasadena Roof  
 Orchestra  
 7.30pm

23 April  
 Halfway to Paradise  
 7.30pm

25–26 April  
 Tweenies Live –  
 Top of the Tots  
 11am (and 2pm on 25th)

3 May  
 You Don't Bring Me  
 Flowers  
 7.30pm

10 May  
 Essence of Ireland  
 7.30pm

11 May  
 We'll Meet Again –  
 Hits from the Blitz  
 7.30pm

13 May  
 Tchaikovsky Gala  
 Evening  
 7.30pm

15 May  
 The Songs of Sister Act  
 7.30pm

16 May  
 One Night of Queen  
 7.30pm

18–22 May  
 Horrible Histories  
 Various performance times  
 [for children]

23 May  
 The Tales of  
 Peter Rabbit  
 2.30pm

26 May  
 Ellen Kent Productions  
 present Carmen  
 7.30pm

27–28 May  
 Thriller Live  
 TBC

29 May  
 Dolly  
 7.30pm

24–28 June  
 Cirque de Glace  
 Various times

2 July  
 Roy Hemmings  
 7.30pm

3 July  
 The New Seekers 40th  
 Anniversary Tour  
 7.30pm

4 July  
 Nashville Nights and  
 Dixie Days  
 7.30pm

14–18 July  
 Hello Dolly [TOADS]  
 7.45pm, sat mat 2.30pm

1–2 August  
 Jimmy Carr Joke  
 Technician  
 8pm

10 & 24 August  
 Joe Pasquale Summer  
 Tour 2009  
 7.30pm

14 August  
 The Magic of Motown  
 8pm

1–6 September  
 Joseph  
 Various times

16–19 September  
 Agatha Christie's  
 'A Spiders Web'  
 7.30pm Wed & Sat  
 mat 2.30pm

### Little Theatre

11–18 April  
 Sylvia  
 7.30pm  
 \*No performance Sunday

9–16 April  
 The Diary of Anne Frank  
 7.30pm  
 \*No performance Sunday

26–30 May  
 The Gondoliers  
 7.45pm (also 2.30pm  
 matinee on Saturday 30th)

20–27 June  
 Present Laughter  
 7.30pm  
 \*No performance Sunday

### Palace Theatre

3 April  
 Musicals in Motion  
 7.30pm

6–9 & 14–17 April  
 South West Festival Dance

11 April  
 A Musical Mystery Tour  
 7.30pm

28 April–1 May  
 & 4–10 May  
 South West Festival Music

2 & 3 May  
 South West Festival  
 Speech

14 May  
 An Evening with Jimmy  
 Cricket  
 7.30pm

15 May  
 Made in Britain  
 7.30pm

5 June  
 T-REXTASY  
 8pm

24 July  
 Elvis Presley Rocks  
 7.30pm

9 August  
 Elvis Presley Rocks  
 7.30pm

### Open Air Theatre

25 June  
 Romeo & Juliet by  
 Chapterhouse  
 Cockington Court  
 7pm

9 July  
 The Three Musketeers  
 by Illyria  
 Cockington Court  
 7pm

22 July  
 Alice in Wonderland by  
 Quantum Theatre  
 Cockington Court  
 7pm

6 August  
 A Midsummer Night's  
 Dream by Illyria  
 Cockington Court  
 7pm

12 August  
 The Mowgli Stories  
 by Illyria  
 Cockington Court  
 7pm

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Babbacombe Theatre	(01803) 328385
Brixham Coastguards	(01803) 882704
Brixham Heritage Museum	(01803) 856267
Brixham Theatre	(01803) 858338
Brixham Yacht Club	(01803) 853332
Bygones Victorian Street	(01803) 326108
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Greenway (National Trust)	(01803) 842382
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Kents Cavern Prehistoric Caves	(01803) 215136
Little Theatre	(01803) 299330
Living Coasts	(01803) 202470
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Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway	(01803) 555872
Paignton Pier	(01803) 522139
Paignton Sailing Club	(01803) 525817
Paignton Zoo Environment Park	(01803) 697500
Palace Theatre	(01803) 665800
Plainmoor (Torquay United)	(01803) 328666
Princess Theatre	0844 847 2315
Royal Torbay Yacht Club	(01803) 292006
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## Events and Festivals Spring/Summer 09





## Torbay's Festival of Crime Writing 1-4 April

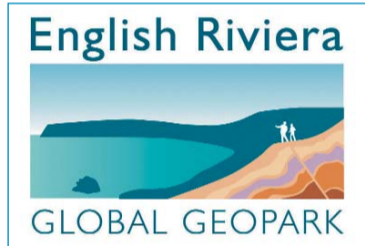
The scene is set for a delightfully devious celebration of crime writing on the English Riviera.

The death count is sure to be high, as a number of renowned authors visit the Bay for the inaugural Sleuths! festival. As well as featuring talks and workshops from these experts in their craft, the festival also features forensic talks, poetry readings, murder mystery evenings, films and a veritable crime wave of other dastardly diversions.



## English Riviera Geopark Festival 23 May - 7 June

The English Riviera was designated a UNESCO Geopark in September 2007 in recognition of its unique geological formations and its environmental significance on a worldwide scale.



The festival will be a two week celebration of this wonderful heritage, featuring everything from walks, talks and unique cultural visits using the Geopark as a stunning backdrop. The resort's relationship to the land and sea will also be marked during the festival through the consumption of liberal quantities of sumptuous local delights!

## Brixham Pirate Days

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| 16 April | 23 July     |
| 2 May    | 30 July     |
| 4 May    | 6 August    |
| 28 May   | 13 August   |
| 2 July   | 20 August   |
| 9 July   | 27 August   |
| 16 July  | 3 September |
| 18 July  |             |



## Paignton Bike Festival 1st - 3rd May, Paignton Green

The Festival runs over 3 days and is quite a spectacle, with hundreds of motorcycles of all shapes and sizes taking over Paignton Green and with live entertainment on throughout the festival, this social event is fun for all the family. Organised by Bikers Make A Difference (BMAD) this wonderful festival helps raise money for various local charities, including Devon Air Ambulance. Regular Bike Nights take place every Wednesday from 27th May through to the end of September on Paignton Green.



**6 March-28 June**  
Craft Exhibition - Making a Lasting Impression  
Torre Abbey

**18 March**  
Fashion with Passion  
Living Coasts

**30 March-12 April**  
The Origins Dig-Darwin 200  
Kents Cavern

**30 March**  
Babbacombe Cliff Railway Opens  
Babbacombe Downs, Torquay

**March-April**  
Coastal Courtship  
Living Coasts

**4 April**  
83rd Cliff Railway Anniversary  
Babbacombe Downs, Torquay

**4-19 April**  
Crack the Easter Code  
Babbacombe Model Village

**6 April**  
Mystical Mermaids  
Seashore Centre

**7 April**  
Creative Kid's Spring Fun with SPARC  
Gamekeepers Cottage

**8 April**  
Prehistoric Grand Prix  
Seashore Centre

**8 April**  
In Search of Neanderthals  
Torquay Museum

**9 April**  
Revolting Rockpool Ramble  
Seashore Centre

**10 April**  
Easter Walk  
Market Street to Torquay Harbour

**10-13 April**  
Occombe Easter Dragon's Quest  
Occombe Farm

**10-13 April**  
Golden Egg Hunt  
Living Coasts

**10-13 April**  
Continental Market  
Princess Gardens, Torquay

**10-13 April**  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Kents Cavern

**11-13 April**  
Chocolate Tracks  
Easter Trail  
Paignton Zoo

**11 April**  
Easter Family Treasure Hunt  
Berry Head Visitor Centre

**12 April**  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway

**14 April**  
Shipwreck Survival  
Seashore Centre

**15 April**  
Face-to-Face with Birds of Prey  
Torquay Museum

**15 April**  
Family Fire-craft Challenge  
Warren Barn, Cockington

**16 April**  
Bird's Nest Challenge  
Occombe Education Centre

**16 April**  
Safari Spring Evening BBQ  
Paignton Zoo

**17 April**  
Hobby Seahorses  
Seashore Centre

**26 April**  
Saturn's Rings, Mercury and the Moon  
Occombe Farm

**1-4 May**  
Brixham Pirate and Shanty Festival  
Brixham

**2 May**  
Foundation Bushcraft Day  
Kents Cavern

**2-3 May**  
Brixham Yacht Club Spring Regatta  
Brixham

**3 May**  
Birdsong and Breakfast  
Occombe Bake House Café

**9-10 May**  
Dart Music Festival  
Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway

**9-10 May**  
Heritage Festival  
Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway

**10 May**  
Race for Life  
Clennon Valley, Paignton

**16 May**  
Sheep Shearing and Woolly Crafts  
Occombe Farm

**16 May**  
Spring Walk  
Paignton Zoo

**18 May**  
Gardens Open Evenings  
Paignton Zoo

**21 May**  
Adoption Auction  
Paignton Zoo

**23-24 May**  
GB6GEO Calling  
Kents Cavern

**23 May**  
Brixham Heritage Race  
Brixham Yacht Club

**23 May-30 May**  
Brixham Heritage Festival  
Brixham

**25-29 May**  
Summer Evening illuminations  
Babbacombe Model Village

**25 May**  
Farmyard Fun!  
Occombe Farm

**26 May**  
Worm Charming, Soil Squeezing and Earth Rainbows  
Occombe Farm

**26 May**  
Rockpool Explorers Wanted!  
Seashore Centre

**27 May**  
Watery Realm Wonders  
"Gamekeepers Cottage, Cockington"

**28 May**  
Fun with Fossils  
Seashore Centre

**28 May**  
Meadow Minibeasts  
Occombe Farm

**29 May-5 June**  
English Riviera Dance Festival  
Victoria Hotel, Torquay

**29 May**  
Bat Walk at Berry Head  
Berry Head Visitor Centre

**29 May**  
Who's afraid of the dark?  
Seashore Centre

**30 May**  
Armed Forces Day  
Princess Gardens, Torquay

**5-6 June**  
Occombe Beer Festival  
Occombe Farm

**6 June**  
Veterans Day  
Princess Gardens, Torquay

**12-20 June**  
Offshore Cruiser/Race Week  
Brixham Yacht Club

**18 June**  
Gardens Open Evenings  
Paignton Zoo

**20 June**  
Flours and Flavours  
Occombe Farm

**20 June**  
Penguin Summer Ball  
Living Coasts

**21 June**  
Foundation Bushcraft Day (Fathers Day)  
Kents Cavern

**21 June**  
Torbay Half Marathon  
Paignton Green

**17 June**  
Babbacombe Fayre  
Babbacombe Downs, Torquay

**17-28 June**  
Babbacombe Festival  
Babbacombe Downs, Torquay

**26 June**  
Occombe Moth Evening  
Occombe Education Centre

**27 June**  
Marvellous Moths  
Occombe Farm

**29 June\***  
Guillemot Jumlings Event  
Berry Head Visitor Centre

**1 July-31 August**  
Summer Ghost Show  
Kents Cavern

**11 July**  
Rotary Club Regatta  
Brixham Yacht Club

**18 July**  
Brixham Trawler Race  
Brixham

**18 July**  
Foundation Bushcraft Day (Festival of British Archaeology)  
Kents Cavern

**19-26 July**  
RNLI Torbay Lifeboat Week  
Brixham Harbour

**20 July**  
RNLI Week  
Charity Sailing Race  
Brixham Yacht Club

**20 July-4 September**  
Evening Illuminations  
Babbacombe Model Village

**22 July**  
The Big One - Royal Navy Parachute Team Display  
Brixham Yacht Club

**25 July**  
Marlton Apple Pie Fair  
Marlton, Paignton

**25-26 July**  
Pirate Pandemonium  
Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway

**25 July-8 August**  
Chess Federation Competition  
Riviera International Conference Centre

**26 July**  
Riviera Classic Car Show  
Paignton Green

**26 July-2 August**  
Torbay Carnival Week  
Paignton Green

**29 July**  
Cockington Fayre  
Cockington Village

**30 July**  
The Crabbing Cup  
Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway

**31 July-2 August**  
Torbay Steam Fair  
Steam Fair Site, Brixham Road

**Mon-Fri throughout August**  
Wild Week at the Zoo  
Paignton Zoo

**5 August**  
Really Wild Encounters  
Torquay Museum

**5 August**  
Secrets of the Hive  
Torquay Museum

**8-16 August**  
Paignton Regatta

**14 August**  
Red Devils Parachute Display  
Paignton Green

**17-21 August**  
Childrens Week  
Paignton Green

**19 August**  
Darwin & The Beagle  
Torquay Museum

**21-23 August**  
Ice-Cream Festival  
Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway

**23 August**  
Torbay 10k Marathon  
Torquay

**24-31 August**  
Nigeria Elephant Week  
Paignton Zoo

**26 August**  
Red Arrows  
Torquay

**27-29 August**  
Dartmouth Royal Regatta  
Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway Special Trips

**31 August-13 September**  
The Origins Dig-Darwin 200  
Kents Cavern

**5 September**  
The Michelmores Challenge Regatta  
Brixham Yacht Club

**10-13 September**  
Heritage Open Days  
Beacon Quay

**11-13 September**  
Flower Festival  
Torre Abbey

**12 September**  
Fishstock  
Brixham

**12 & 20 September**  
Young Zoo Explorers Go Enriching  
Paignton Zoo



**Torbay Week is the only dedicated sailing regatta where the four individual yacht and sailing clubs of Torbay come together to create a superb week of highly-charged competitions.**

The first such regatta took place in 2008 and was a huge success, with hundreds of yachts and dinghies of all classes whipping across the Bay in a bid to win numerous prestigious trophies including the renowned Admiral's Cup. In 2008 the event hosted three national dinghy championships, and 2009 will see the South West IRC championships, the Impala championships and the J Cup racing incorporated into proceedings. As you would expect there is also plenty of onshore entertainment for both competitors and spectators, including parties, live music, fireworks and the Red Arrows display. As the event continues to develop, it will certainly be the regatta to watch as it continues to attract the best sailors on the South Coast, many of whom sail down from Southampton and beyond to take part.



## Agatha Christie Festival 14-20 September

The festival that celebrates the most popular author of all time returns to the English Riviera for its 5th year in 2009.

Each year there are murder mystery dinner dances, tea dances, river and sea cruises, talks, seminars, plays and film screenings, as well as a classic car treasure hunt. Agatha Christie is inextricably associated with the area, having grown up in Torquay and later purchasing Greenway on the banks of the River Dart as her holiday home. The towns and surrounding countryside are scattered with landmarks familiar from her novels and influential in her life. A trip to the English Riviera during this festival will guarantee an interesting and fun-packed holiday, with many hotels entering into the murder mystery theme, and there are plenty of smaller events going on throughout the week.

## Field for the British Isles by Antony Gormley 27 June - 23 August, Torre Abbey

Antony Gormley's Field for the British Isles will be the centrepiece of a year of contemporary art in the ancient setting of Torre Abbey in Torquay.

Famous for his giant sculpture, Angel of the North, Gormley's Turner Prize-winning Field series is a startling and arresting sight: 40,000 of unglazed, fired, small clay figures, standing closely together, all staring towards the viewer. The figures will fill much of the Abbey's huge Spanish Barn and the exhibition will be open to the public free of charge.

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