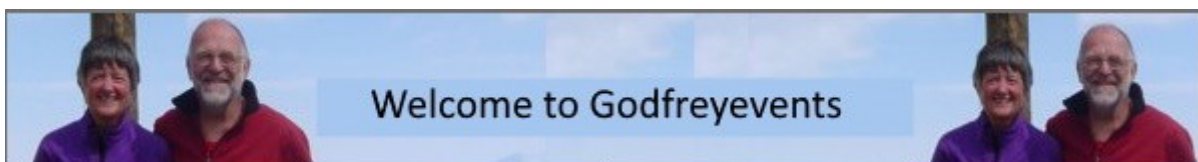




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Feb 24/March

Hello all!

We never cease to be amazed at the number and variety of events taking place within our area! February and March will not disappoint. As always, items in black have featured in earlier messages, 'new' items are in green and amendments/additions to earlier items are in red. If you know of anything else happening please tell us. Please let us know also if you decide not to receive this information in future. On the other hand, please feel free to forward it to other friends / colleagues.

Sue and Ivan

Go to bottom for extra information – Tiverton's Swan Trail : Les' Latest Quiz : Mid-Devon Walking Festival : Sustainable Tiverton

Th. Feb. 1st 7.30 - Kinky Boots, The Musical, filmed live at the Adelphi Theatre coming to your local cinema! With songs from Grammy and Tony Award-winning pop icon Cindy Lauper, book by legendary Broadway playwright Harvey Fierstein and direction and choreography by Jerry Mitchell, the musical is based on the film written by Geoff Deane and Tim Firth. Inspired by true events, this huge-hearted hit tells the story of two people with nothing in common - or so they think. Charlie is a factory owner struggling to save his family business, and Lola is a fabulous entertainer with a wildly exciting idea - a joyous story of British grit transforming into a high-heeled hit! Tiverton (Merlin Cinemas) £12.50 (some discounts) – go to <https://tiverton.merlincinemas.co.uk/event-cinema>

Fr. Feb. 2nd 8.00 – Comedy Hall presents **Set Menu – the best of George Egg at Tiverton Community Arts' Theatre.** George Egg cooks food while making you laugh. In the last half-decade he's toured three shows ('Anarchist Cook', 'DIY Chef' and 'Movable Feast') and cooked over a thousand dishes, all of them in front of a live audience, none of them with a kitchen. "A culinary Bill Bailey with chopping boards instead of keyboards" The Scotsman £16.00 (<http://tivertontheatre.com/>)

Sa. Feb. 3rd 9.00 – 2.00 – **Tiverton Farmer's Market** These monthly showpiece events in the pannier market focus on local, quality, fresh, sustainable produce with 40 to 50 stalls. There will also be a dedicated area to showcase local makers, with other traders, live music, entertainment and extras thrown in to make it a great day out for people of all ages.

Sa. Feb. 3rd 9.30 – 12.00 – **Sustainable Tiverton's Share Shop Clothes Swap** at the Ecohub, Phoenix Lane . These will be run on an honesty system – take roughly what you give. Women's, men's and kids' clothes, shoes and accessories in good condition are all welcome. Clothes donations can be bought along to the Eco Hub 12.30-1.30 on Friday 2nd Feb or brought to the clothes swap on the Saturday. Free Entry

We. Feb. 7th 7.00 – **Sustainable Tiverton's** next **community forum** at Tiverton Town Hall where you are invited to join them and help take forward plans for the future. **They will follow up the themes which emerged as priorities from the first forum, agree what actions to take next and how best to engage with the community on each theme.**

There are two overarching themes - improving education and communication about sustainability and listening to young people and acting on what they say. In addition there are five subject themes - developing a circular economy, promoting biodiversity and looking after rivers, enabling local food growing, improving energy efficiency in our homes and active and sustainable travel.

The event will start with short presentations and then break into groups around the themes. You'll be able to choose which group to join, so that you can participate in plans for the theme in which you are most interested.

We. Feb. 7th 7.15 – **The Royal Ballet** presents **Manon** from the Royal Opera House live. This adaptation of Abbé Prévost's novel embodies Kenneth MacMillan at his best, his acute insight into human psychology and his mastery of narrative choreography finding full expression in the impassioned duets of the central couple. The heroine's struggle to escape poverty make Manon one of the most dramatic and devastating of ballets, emphasized by Nicholas Georgiadis' evocative designs that reflect the contrast between Manon's impoverished origins and the lavish world she longs to inhabit.

Tiverton (Merlin Cinemas) £15.00 (some discounts) – go

to <https://tiverton.merlincinemas.co.uk/event-cinema>

Th. Feb. 8th 6.30 – 8.00 – **Tiverton Museum** invites you to take a look **Behind the Scenes at the Museum**. Join Director, Pippa Griffith, as she takes you on an exclusive tour of the museum's stores and shares some of her favourite objects. Book at the museum desk or

at <https://tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life.arttickets.org.uk/tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life/2024-02-08-behind-the-scenes-at-the-museum> £10.00 (£9.00 museum members)

Sa. Feb. 10th 9.30 – 12.00 – **Sustainable Tiverton's Share Shop Toy Swap** at the Ecohub, Phoenix Lane . These will be run on an honesty system – take roughly what you give. Toys and games in good condition are all welcome. Toy donations can be bought along to the Eco Hub 12.30-1.30 on Friday 9th Feb or brought to the toy swap on the Saturday. Free Entry

Sa. Feb. 10th 9.30 – 12.30 – **Repair Cafe** at Tiverton Library. Bring anything you need repairing - don't put it in landfill! Bring broken items to be fixed for free ... and save both waste and money. To reduce waiting time, please pre-book a slot by e-mailing the

type of item (e.g. lamp) to tivertonrepaircafe@outlook.com It also helps if you come early in the session - this gives the repairers more time to assess and work on your item, and you may be able to collect it later in the session.

Sa. Feb. 10th 10.00 – 11.30 - **Tiverton Litter-pickers'** monthly clean-up session weather permitting **meeting at McDonald's**. They meet for a 10.00am start, finish by 11.30am and all equipment is provided. It is helpful to have an idea of how many people will attend so that they can plan the appropriate number of routes. Their contact email is tivertonvolunteerlitterpickers@gmail.com

Sa. Feb. 10th 10.00 – 2.00 – **Tiverton Tree Team** session - **Hazel Coppicing: An Introduction to Coppicing, Restoration and Regeneration** - a forestry masterclass and practical day of woodland management and conservation. You are invited to spend a practical day with experienced forester, Dave Wood, to learn the history of coppicing, when it is useful and how it is managed as a tree culture. Together you will cut some hazel stools with hand tools and understand hazel's many uses. We'll plug the gaps in the present plot and 'layer' some stems to demonstrate vegetative regeneration. A fun day to be had in the coppice! Tea, coffee and cake provided. To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hazel-coppicing-an-introduction-tickets-747641083607?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Sa. Feb. 10th – Sa. Feb. 17th 10.00 – 4.00 – **Tiverton Museum's Bumper Half Term**. Head to the museum for lots of railway themed fun to help celebrate their biggest museum object, the Tivvy Bumper steam engine! Follow the railway map around the museum, collecting letters to spell your destination. PLUS train toys, board games, dressing up, colouring station and more! The trail is included in normal admission. Special Half Term Opening: Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm. You can book ahead online or just turn up on the day. ... and the museum has just got even more family friendly, with their brand new ride-on toys for younger visitors! You'll find shiny new vehicles near the front desk at the family friendly station. Select your favourite and ride it all the way around the museum (just make sure you hop off before going down the stairs!!).

Tu. Feb. 13th 10.00 – 12.00 – **Tiverton Museum Craft Session**. Drop in (no need to book) £3 per child with a paying adult (£2.50 with a museum member).

Tu. Feb. 13th – Sa. Feb. 17th 7.30 (Sat. Matinee at 2.30) – The excellent **Tiverton Junior Operatic Club** present **All Shook Up**, a new musical featuring the songs of Elvis Presley. It's 1955, and a guitar-playing roustabout rides into a square little town and shakes things up. TJOC has over 30 members performing this year from the age of 11 to 21 – a show not to be missed! New Hall, Tiverton Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/tiverton/the-new-hall-tiverton/all-shook-up/e-rajvmd> or Twyford Print £12.00 (concessions £10.00) – special offer of £9.00 for all Sat. matinee tickets

We. Feb. 14th 10.00 – 12.00 – **Tiverton Museum Craft Session**. Drop in (no need to book) £3 per child with a paying adult (£2.50 with a museum member).

We. Feb. 14th 12.00 and 2.30 – **A show for the very young – IGLOO at Tiverton Community Arts Theatre**. Winter is almost over and it still hasn't snowed. Sometimes you don't get what you want, even when you're made to wait... Sometimes what you end up with is something even better... Igloo is a non-verbal, playful experience filled with warmth, sensation and gentle exploration, suitable for babes in arms and pre-schoolers aged 0-3 accompanied by their carers. "FANTASTIC! My daughter (8 months) loved it – mesmerised & sat still watching in a way I've not seen before! I equally loved it. The actors non-verbal emotion & sensory stimulus was excellent!" £3.00/£5.00 (<http://tivertontheatre.com/>)

We. Feb. 14th 7.30 – **My Favourite Things, Rogers & Hammerstein 80th Anniversary Concert** filmed at London's **Drury Lane** and featuring a forty-piece orchestra and international stars of the stage and screen including Joanna Ampil, Michael Ball, Maria Friedman, Daniel Dae Kim, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Audra McDonald, Rita Moreno, Julian Ovenden, Lucy St. Louis, Aaron Tveit, Marisha Wallace and Patrick Wilson. The landmark event showcases original arrangements of the most iconic songs from Oklahoma!, Carousel, South Pacific, The King And I, Cinderella, The Sound Of Music, and more! Tiverton (Merlin Cinemas) £12.50 (some discounts) – go to <https://tiverton.merlincinemas.co.uk/event-cinema>

Th. Feb. 15th 7.30 - **Tiverton Archaeology Group's** monthly meeting with guest speaker **Sue Greaney** (Specialist in Prehistory at Exeter University) on "**Connections and Complexes: the Stone Circles at Stanton Drew, Somerset**". Britton Centre, Heathcoat Community Centre, King Street, Tiverton. Non-members welcome (£3 donation)

Tu. Feb. 20th 2.00 - **Tiverton Quakers'** 30-minute meeting in the Quaker tradition on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Walrond Chapel, Tiverton (the one at the junction of King St / Wellbrook St). Everyone welcome. Refreshments at Old Heathcoat Community Centre at 3-ish.

Tu. Feb. 20th 7.00 – **Tiverton Film Club's** film this month is a Swedish film, '**Cairo Conspiracy**'. Adam, the son of a fisherman, is offered the ultimate privilege to study at the Al-Azhar University in Cairo, the epicentre of power of Sunni Islam. Shortly after his arrival in Cairo, the university's highest ranking religious leader, the Grand Imam, suddenly dies and Adam soon becomes a pawn in a ruthless power struggle between Egypt's religious and political elite. Petroc College Tiverton. Guests are always welcome - tickets £5 per film for non-members

We. Feb. 21st 3.00 – 4.00 - **Tiverton Museum** presents an **Illustrated Talk on The Grand Western Canal**. A presentation of the history of the Grand Western Canal through the museum's archives from its opening in 1814 to its role as a treasured country park today. Book at the museum desk or at <https://tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life.arttickets.org.uk/tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life/2024-02-21-grand-western-canal> £6.00 (£5.00 museum members) Refreshments served

We. Feb. 21st 7.30 prompt (doors open 6.45) - **Gordon's Jazz Club** at the **Magelake Pavilion Uffculme** EX15 3DP celebrate the season of Mardi Gras in their own unique way, led by **Gordon's Algiers Strutters**. Expect the unexpected!! Finish at 10.00pm £10 admission (cash only) **reserving seats is recommended** - please phone Jane on **07799 014173** or email gordonsjazzclub@hotmail.com for more info. **Note entry price change and phone contact number change**

Th. Feb. 22nd 7.00 for 7.30 - **Mid Devon Wildlife** welcome **Andrew Hughes** to talk about "**Joined-up Farming with a focus on wildlife**". **Andrew will share the way farming can meet the needs of climate change, providing food and delivering wildlife to our nation. Andrew worked for a number of years on many livestock and arable farms in the UK and Australia before working in the animal feed industry. He returned to the family farm in Hampshire to work alongside his Grandfather for 13 years and after his grandfather's death he ran the family farm for a further 10 years. During this period, he was able to pioneer new farming techniques and develop habitats for nature. The farm was sold in 2014 and Andrew moved with his wife, Mandy to Backswood farm Bickleigh to develop a nature reserve.** At Cherith Hall, Blundell's Road. For more details go to www.mdw.org.uk £3.50 for non-members. Also available on Zoom (see website)

Th. Feb. 22nd 7.00 – The National Theatre presents **Chekhov's Uncle Vanya** live from the West End. Andrew Scott brings multiple characters to life in Simon Stephens' radical new version of Chekhov's Uncle Vanya. Hopes, dreams, and regrets are thrust into sharp focus in this one-man adaptation which explores the complexities of human emotions. Tiverton (Merlin Cinemas) £12.50 (some discounts) – go to <https://tiverton.merlincinemas.co.uk/event-cinema>

Fr. Feb. 23rd 10.30 – 11.30 - **SW Heritage** presents an **online coffee talk, 'Researching Your West Country Family'**. Join Archivist Esther Hoyle for the first in a series of talks about resources for researching family history. Online via Zoom. £5.00 – to book go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/coffee-time-talk-researching-your-west-country-family-tickets-773091697077?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Sa. Feb. 24th 9.30 – 12.00 – **Official opening and first borrowing session for Sustainable Tiverton's Share Shop** at the Ecohub, Phoenix Lane. You will be able to view the website and catalogue and reserve items online from February 12th. Free Entry

Sa. Feb. 24th 9.30 – 4.00 – **Take Note Community Choir** are co-ordinating **Come and Sing Abba!** at St. George's Hall, Tiverton. Starting the day with coffee, you will spend Saturday learning a selection of songs by ABBA in a relaxed and informal setting. There will be the option to read from notation or lyrics. Included in your ticket is the loan of music and lyrics you will need for the day, regular light refreshments and a guaranteed day of fun singing with other like-minded people! It is a fully accessible town centre venue with disabled access toilets. There are many local cafes and shops to purchase lunch nearby or bring a packed lunch. Parking is available at Beck Square

Car Park or at the nearby Tiverton Multi Storey Car Park. Tiverton bus station is a 2 minute walk from the venue. Young people aged 14 to 18 must be accompanied at all times by an adult who is also fully participating in the event. This event is not suitable for children under 14. Tickets £20.00 from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/come-and-sing-abba-tickets-764125609267>

Sa. Feb. 24th 11.30 onwards – ‘**Re-rooted surplus food community café**’, St George's Extension, Tiverton – morning snacks and drinks from 11.30, lunch from 12.30. Pay what you feel. Volunteers welcome. For more details contact Sustainable Tiverton at info@sustainabletiverton.org.uk

Su. Feb. 25th 9.00 – 2.00 – **Tiverton Salvage Fair at Tiverton Market** - a treasure trove of salvage, vintage, upcycled, military and retro items as well as toys, collectables, antiques and much more. Organised by the highly-successful South Molton Salvagefairs, which normally attract around 70 traders and thousands of visitors each time. Free entry for visitors. The items are great to look at even if you don't end up buying anything!

Th. Feb. 29th 7.00 – 8.00 - **Tiverton Museum** presents an **Illustrated Talk on The Grand Western Canal**. A presentation of the history of the Grand Western Canal through the museum's archives from its opening in 1814 to its role as a treasured country park today. Book at the museum desk or at <https://tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life.arttickets.org.uk/tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life/2024-02-29-grand-western-canal> £6.00 (£5.00 museum members) Refreshments served

Fr. Mar. 1st 2.00 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, St Andrew's Church, Blundells Avenue. A message from Sue Green “This year's international, ecumenical service has been prepared by Christian women of Palestine. In the light of all the suffering in that region it has a very relevant theme of ‘I beg you bear with one another in love’. This faithful minority remind us that this is the land where Jesus was born, ministered and died, where the Christian faith began and is rooted. Tiverton WDP is organised by representatives of six churches in the town. We take it in turn to host the event and members of every church take an active part in the service every year. Everyone welcome.” Contact: suegreen197@gmail.com or see <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/> for more information

Sa. Mar. 2nd 9.00 – 2.00 – **Tiverton Farmer's Market** These monthly showpiece events in the pannier market focus on local, quality, fresh, sustainable produce with 40 to 50 stalls. There will also be a dedicated area to showcase local makers, with other traders, live music, entertainment and extras thrown in to make it a great day out for people of all ages.

Th. Mar. 7th 7.30 - **Titanic, The Musical**. Winner of five Tony Awards including Best Musical and based on the real people aboard the most legendary ship in the world, Titanic The Musical is a stunning and stirring production focusing on the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of her passengers who each boarded with stories and

personal ambitions of their own. Tiverton (Merlin Cinemas) £12.50 (some discounts) – go to <https://tiverton.merlincinemas.co.uk/event-cinema>

Fr. Mar. 8th 7.30 – **Good Old Fashioned Lover Boys** faithfully re-create the music and the magic, performing highlights from some of their legendary concerts in a fantastic show not to be missed – a true tribute to **Queen**. New Hall, Barrington St, Tiverton. £17.00

Sa. Mar. 9th 9.30 – 12.30 – **Repair Cafe** at Tiverton Library. Bring anything you need repairing - don't put it in landfill! Bring broken items to be fixed for free ... and save both waste and money. To reduce waiting time, please pre-book a slot by e-mailing the type of item (e.g. lamp) to tivertonrepaircafe@outlook.com It also helps if you come early in the session - this gives the repairers more time to assess and work on your item, and you may be able to collect it later in the session.

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Sa. Mar. 9th 10.00 – 3.00 – **Tiverton Tree Team** session - this year's big tree planting event at a beautiful spot near Witheridge which is part of the rewilding network. You can read more about the site

here: <https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/why-rewild/rewilding-success-stories/meet-the-rewilders/dayshul-brake> As ever, you are more than welcome to come along for as much or as little of the day as you would like - There will be cake, a supportive community, beautiful views and expert advice. Please bring wellies, planting tools (spade and secateurs), waterproofs and warm clothing.

Su. Mar. 10th 8.00 – **Comedy Hall** presents legendary Canadian superstar **Tom Stade** with '**Natural Born Killer**', his new stand-up show at **Tiverton Community Arts' Theatre** A master of his craft; unabashed and mischievous with an innate ability to connect to audiences. Join Tom as he toys with the complexities of our ever-changing world; muses on societal conundrums and navigates his way around progressiveness and pronouns – not to mention 27 years of marriage and adult kids who refuse to respect him. Serially hilarious, he's wowed sell-out audiences across the UK for the past two decades and remains one of the most compelling and instinctive stand-ups around. £18.50 (<http://tivertontheatre.com/>)

Tu. Mar. 12th 7.30 – **A Talk for Tiverton Civic Society** by **Professor Tim Burt** on '**Our Changing Climate, with Particular Emphasis on S.W. England**'. Professor Burt is Emeritus Professor of Geography at the University of Durham and President of the Field Studies Council. At Durham he was Master of Hatfield College and the Dean for Environmental Sustainability. He specialises in Climate Change, Geomorphology, Ecosystem health and the water quality of rivers. Mayoralty Room at Tiverton Town

Hall £5.00 for non-members. NB No one will be admitted after 7.30 pm, when the Town Hall doors will be closed.

Th. Mar. 14th 7.30 - **Tiverton Archaeology Group's** monthly meeting with guest speaker to be announced. Britton Centre, Heathcoat Community Centre, King Street, Tiverton. Non-members welcome (£3 donation)

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Sa. Mar. 16th 7.30 - The **Darkside Of Pink Floyd** proudly presents their 2024 UK tour consisting of **classic songs** from Pink Floyd's celebrated **1994 P.U.L.S.E. tour**, featuring the authentic sound of Pink Floyd delivered by seasoned musicians with over 150 years of total experience. Each show includes a custom designed thematic light show, spectacular laser effects and circular video screens delivering a visual feast. "A more intense tribute band than The Darkside of Pink Floyd is hard to imagine" – The Stage. £23.00 (<http://tivertontheatre.com/>)

Tu. Mar. 19th 2.00 - **Tiverton Quakers'** 30-minute meeting in the Quaker tradition on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Walrond Chapel, Tiverton (the one at the junction of King St / Wellbrook St). Everyone welcome. Refreshments at Old Heathcoat Community Centre at 3-ish.

Tu. Mar. 19th 7.00 – **Tiverton Film Club's** film this month will be announced shortly. Guests are always welcome - tickets £5 per film for non-members

We. Mar. 20th 3.00 – 4.00 - **Tiverton Museum** presents an **Illustrated Talk on Health and Welfare** looking at the history of hospitals and medical provision in Tiverton, and details the living conditions for the town's poorest inhabitants in the Nineteenth Century. Book at the museum desk or at <https://tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life.arttickets.org.uk/tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life/2024-03-20-health-and-welfare> £8.00 (£6.50 museum members) Refreshments served

We. Mar. 20th 7.30 prompt (doors open 6.45) - **Gordon's Jazz Club** at the **Magelake Pavilion Uffculme** EX15 3DP has another great evening in store with **Gordon's Algiers Strutters**. A different line-up each time, so always fresh and exciting. Finish at 10.00pm £10 admission (cash only) **reserving seats is recommended** - please phone Jane on **07799 014173** or email gordonsjazzclub@hotmail.com for more info. **Note entry price change and phone contact number change**

Th. Mar. 21st 7.00 – **The National Theatre** presents **The Motive and The Cue** live. Sam Mendes directs Mark Gatiss as John Gielgud and Johnny Flynn as Richard Burton in this fierce and funny new play. 1964: Richard Burton, newly married to Elizabeth Taylor, is to play the title role in an experimental new Broadway production of Hamlet under John Gielgud's exacting direction. But as rehearsals progress, two ages of theatre collide and the collaboration between actor and director soon threatens to unravel. Written by Jack Thorne and designed by Es Devlin, the Evening Standard award-winning best new play was filmed live during a sold-out run at the National Theatre. Tiverton (Merlin Cinemas) £12.50 (some discounts) – go to <https://tiverton.merlincinemas.co.uk/event-cinema>

Fr. Mar 22nd 7.00 for 7.15 – **Tiverton Library** present **Mik Artistik's Ego Trip**. Genuinely delightful, funny, frightening, and indefinable - Northern rock'n'roll stand-up comes close. Mik fixes the audience with his compelling stare, hypnotising and charming them with stories, songs, and poems. Every show is unique as Mik finds a new train of thought to ride. He connects, chats, breaks the wall between audience and band, creates chaos, plays air-crook lock (!?), and is complemented by exquisite layers of rock, soul, funk, and punk created by Jonny Flockton on electric guitar, drum machine, and one of a number of well-heeled bass players. The band are regular Glastonbury favourites since their first appearance in 2007. Bar available. £10.00

Sa. Mar 23rd 1.30 – 3.00 – **Tiverton Museum** presents a **Guided Walk** around West Exe and the centre of Tiverton linked to **Heathcoat's**, exploring how **John Heathcoat and his descendants shaped Tiverton**. Book at the museum desk or at <https://tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life.arttickets.org.uk/tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life/2024-03-23-heathcoats-tiverton/book> £10.00 (£8.30 museum members) Refreshments served.

Tu. Mar. 26th 7.15 – **The Royal Opera House** presents **Puccini's Madama Butterfly** live. When the young geisha, Cio-Cio-San, marries American Naval Officer Pinkerton, she believes she is entering a real, binding marriage for life. Forsaking her religion and community, she learns all too late that for Pinkerton, their marriage is merely an illusion – with tragic consequences. Giacomo Puccini's opera is entrancing and ultimately heartbreaking. Moshe Leiser and Patrice Caurier's exquisite production takes inspiration from 19th-century European images of Japan. Tiverton (Merlin Cinemas) £15.00 (some discounts) – go to <https://tiverton.merlincinemas.co.uk/event-cinema>

Th. Mar. 28th 7.00 for 7.30 - **Mid Devon Wildlife** welcome **Rupert Kirkwood** to talk about '**All at Sea and Up the Creek...Watching Wildlife from my Kayak**' More details to follow ... but we have seen this talk (twice!) and consider it to be easily one of the best presentations we have ever attended. At Cherith Hall, Blundell's Road. For more details go to www.mdw.org.uk £3.50 for non-members. Also available on Zoom (see website)

Th. Mar. 28th 7.00 – 8.00 - **Tiverton Museum** presents an **Illustrated Talk on Health and Welfare** looking at the history of hospitals and medical provision in Tiverton, and details the living conditions for the town's poorest inhabitants in the Nineteenth Century. Book at the museum desk or at <https://tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life.arttickets.org.uk/tiverton-museum-of-mid-devon-life/2024-03-28-health-and-welfare>

£8.00 (£6.50 museum members) Refreshments served

Sa. Mar. 30th 9.00 – 2.00 – **Tiverton Easter Market** with **Easter Egg Hunt** and activities for all the family. More details to follow.

Sa. Mar. 30th 11.30 onwards – **'Re-rooted surplus food community café'**, St George's Extension, Tiverton – morning snacks and drinks from 11.30, lunch from 12.30. Pay what you feel. Volunteers welcome. For more details contact Sustainable Tiverton at info@sustainabletiverton.org.uk

Sa. Mar. 30th 12.00 and 2.30 – **A show for all the family from 5 upwards – 'The Little Prince'** at **Tiverton Community Arts Theatre**. Through mesmerising puppetry and beautiful songs, the boy who fell to earth teaches his friend the Aviator about love, life and real happiness in this adaptation of one of the best-selling children's books of all time. 'Has a sheep on a star eaten a rose?' If that sounds silly then you might be like the King and the Business-Man on their lonely asteroids, forgetting that the most important things can only be understood with the heart in Lyngo's new collaboration with Norwich Puppet Theatre. £9.00 (<http://tivertontheatre.com/>)

Random items of interest – Tiverton's Swan Trail : Les' Latest Quiz : Mid-Devon Walking Festival : Sustainable Tiverton

1. Tiverton's Swan Trail From Easter 2024, Tiverton invites families, art enthusiasts and locals alike to embark on a journey through the heart of our charming town with the unveiling of The Flock That Rock - Tiverton Swan Sculpture Trail. This promises to be a wonderful blend of art, nature, and community. Elegant swans, each with a unique design by a local artist, will be placed at key locations around the town, transforming Tiverton into a scene of artistic expression. The launch of the trail will be held at the Grand Western Canal Basin in April 2024, which will kick-start a summer of celebrations for the Tivertonian's 50th anniversary - one of the last horse-drawn barges in the country and a living heritage attraction that has won several awards. Phil Brind, owner of the Tiverton Canal Co, said: "We are tremendously excited to be part of this trail and to decorate our own swan 'Rosie'. What a fantastic way to welcome people to Tiverton's Grand Western Canal and encourage visitors to follow the trail into the town. We were blown away by the support shown to us by Tiverton and the Mid Devon community during the pandemic. To thank everyone, we will host a summer of celebrations at the Basin. Following the trail launch, we will celebrate the first ever Horse-Drawn Barge trip 50 years ago with the Tivertonian's special first trip of the season." Trail maps will be

available from the Tourist Information Centre (at Tiverton Museum) and the Visitor Centre at the Canal Basin. Twelve swans will be located around the town, with a naughty escapee 13th swan, 'Swanning Around', to find. It will keep everyone entertained this summer! Keep an eye on the Facebook page @TheFlockThatRock for linked events and news about our swans. This trail has been funded by the Government's Levelling Up Fund, through the Shared Prosperity Programme.

2. Les Rendell's latest Rotary Christmas quiz can be downloaded for free at <https://mcusercontent.com/3a48e80ed4c4329a24823e4b7/files/cafc9a46-15cc-7e5d-90ce-b726b26e9156/>

[Save the Children Quiz Combined Pages PDF.pdf](#) . Indoor Games is the theme - a number of these games have been around for many years, others will be a little more modern but there are no video or computer games. Les' charity this year is **Save the Children**

- <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/> . **Deadline for entries Feb. 29th**

3. Mid Devon's First Walking Festival – September 2024. Get ready to put on your hiking boots and explore our great countryside as Visit Mid Devon proudly announces the launch of their Walking Festival, due to take place across the region from 14 to 29 September 2024. "The Mid Devon Walking Festival intends to be an unforgettable celebration of nature, heritage, community, and the fun of walking" Cllr Keable, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration stated. "This event is set to captivate adventurers, nature enthusiasts, and families alike, providing an opportunity to uncover the beauty of our slice of Devon here in Mid Devon." Mid Devon's Walking Festival is not just an event; it's an opportunity to connect with nature and build lasting memories with friends and family.

Follow <https://www.facebook.com/VisitMidDevon/> for future posts regarding, ticket information and event schedules, which will be announced on <https://www.visitmiddevon.co.uk/walking-festival/> .

4. Summary of Sustainable Tiverton (ST) activities

● **Exeter Community Energy (ECOE)** free drop-in advice takes place at the Ecohub in Raymond Penny House, Phoenix Lane on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays (2.00-4.00) and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (10.00-12.00) every month

● **Climate Outreach Group (COG)** discussions on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (10.30-12.00) every month a chance to discuss your concerns about the climate crisis, to meet other people, to find out what can be done together locally and to join in activities which help Sustainable Tiverton projects.

● **Share-Shop Tiverton** – a 'library' of useful items that can be shared. Share-shop equipment donation drop off times are at Climate Outreach Group or Repair Cafe sessions

●**Repair Workshops** - Can you help develop this project? ST are currently looking for people with sewing skills which they would be happy to pass on to others at informal sessions in the Ecohub. They now have funding for sewing machines for people to use - many people just lack confidence and need a helping hand. They are also looking for donations of spare fabric or shirts or skirts suitable for Charity shops which can be used for the workshop programme. If you can help as a volunteer or with a donation contact Gill Gale at gillgale101@gmail.com or call in to the Repair Café

●**Volunteers!** There are lots of opportunities to get involved in Sustainable Tiverton projects - volunteering at the monthly Repair Cafe or ReRooted, contributing your knowledge to the Foraging Map, popping into the Climate Outreach Group or learning to keep bees with the Bee Group in Sampford Peverell. There is something for everyone! Share-shop has successfully obtained funding for a development worker to help with setting up the library project, recruiting and training volunteers and publicising the new library. You could also join in and help with one-off events.

All of the above items are summaries from the monthly newsletter from Sustainable Tiverton. We do strongly urge you to get this digital newsletter for full details - just e-mail info@sustainabletiverton.org.uk

... and if there isn't enough happening for you in Tiverton and the immediate surrounding area (!!) you can always try:

Exeter Barnfield Theatre - <http://www.barnfieldtheatre.org.uk/whats-on/>

Exeter Corn Exchange - <https://www.exetercornexchange.co.uk/whats-on/>

Exeter Northcott Theatre - <https://exeternorthcott.co.uk/whats-on/>

Exeter Phoenix - <https://www.exeterphoenix.org.uk/whats-on/>

Exeter Picturehouse

- https://www.picturehouses.com/cinema/Exeter_Picturehouse

Exmouth Pavilion - <https://www.ledleisure.co.uk/exmouth-pavilion/whats-on>

Honiton The Beehive - <https://beehivehoniton.co.uk/>

Plough Arts' Centre Great Torrington

- <https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/>

Taunton Brewhouse - <https://www.thebrewhouse.net/>

Villages in Action (events in small village halls around Devon)

- <http://villagesinaction.co.uk/events/>