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Festivals & Carnivals 2003

BRIXHAM HERITAGE FESTIVAL

24th – 31st May

Brixham Harbour & Town Centre will be buzzing all week with music, dance, street theatre & fireworks both on & off the water! Celebrating the rich heritage of this historic fishing port.

TORBAY CARNIVAL

27th July – 3rd August

Paignton's traditional annual carnival has something to keep the whole family entertained throughout the week. The events held on Paignton Green are hugely popular & are a must for visitors & families culminating in the unmissable Grand Carnival Parade.

REGATTA SEASON

Paignton Regatta

9th – 17th August

Don't miss the fireworks!

Brixham Regatta

22nd – 24th August

Excitement on & off the water!

Torbay Royal Regatta

23rd – 27th August

Air displays & fireworks galore!

TORBAY CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

19th – 22nd August

With music, displays, games, clowns, activities, workshops, children's theatre & lots of fun!

TORBAY VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

14th September – 11th October

Organised by C Visual Arts, this month long art festival fills Torbay

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Living Coasts – New Exhibit Opening July 2003

This will be a unique, world class aquatic visitor attraction, developed by Paignton Zoo, with financial support from the South West Regional Development Agency and Government Office South West, focusing on the conservation of coastal and marine life around the globe.

Living Coasts is about life on the edge, between land and sea and takes visitors on a journey of exploration to coastal habitats around the world, meeting some of the plants and animals that live in them.

Visitors will discover how each habitat and its species are being affected by human activity, and learn what personal and collective actions we can take to protect and conserve them for the future.



Living Coasts, Beacon Quay, Torquay, Devon

Coffee, Lunch & Dinner Recommended ...

No.7 Fish Bistro

7 Beacon Terrace, Torquay

Tel: 01803 295055

Edwards Brasserie

5 Ilsham Road, Wellswood

Tel: 01803 290855

The Orange Tree Restaurant

14 Park Hill Road, Torquay

Tel: 01803 213936

Bar Code

1 Palk Street, Torquay

Tel: 01803 200110

Pizza Express

16 The Strand, Torquay

Tel: 01803 211525

The Orchid Restaurant

Torbay Road, Torquay

Tel: 01803 296366

The Orestone Manor Restaurant

Rockhouse Lane, Maidencombe

Tel: 01803 328098

Langtry's Restaurant

The Osborne Hotel, Hesketh Crescent,

Torquay – Tel: 01803 213311

Old Vienna

6 Lisburne Square, Torquay

Tel: 01803 380180

The Plantation – Caribbean

8 Palk Street, Torquay

Tel: 01803 299266

Marina Restaurant

Vaughan Road, Torquay

Tel: 01803 292255

Yum Sing Chinese Restaurant

Old Torwood Road, Torquay

Tel: 01803 293314

Balti Garden – Indian Restaurant

23 Abbey Road, Torquay

Tel: 01803 290087

Willow Vegetarian Restaurant

87 High Street, Totnes

Tel: 01803 862605

COFFEE & LUNCH

Hoopers Restaurant / Coffee

6 The Strand, Torquay

Tel: 01803 212754

House of Locher

39 Ilsham Road, Wellswood

Tel: 01803 294424

Lanscombe House Hotel

Cockington Viillage, Cockington

Tel: 01803 606938

China Blue Café & Restaurant

Station Road, Totnes

Tel: 01803 860900

Cranks Vegetarian Restaurant

Dartington Cider Press

Shinners Bridge, Dartington

Tel: 01803 862388

Devon Guild of Craftsmen Gallery

Café

Riverside Mill, Bovey Tracey

Tel: 01626 832223

NEW LUXURY SEA VIEW APARTMENTS AVAILABLE FROM JUNE 2003



Welcome to **Horizon** and **Skyline**, the very latest luxury apartments to be added to our portfolio. Horizon is a 3rd floor apartment and Skyline is a penthouse suite above. They both have the most amazing sea views and are not only situated within the impressive architecture of Hesketh Crescent but they also have the most beautiful stretch of coastline in front of them. They are furnished and

decorated to the very highest standards with king-size Victorian bedsteads, Marks & Spencer and Laura Ashley furniture and fabrics accentuated with gorgeous Italian lighting. Complimentary toiletries are provided for you for that added touch of luxury by Arran Aromatics. There will also be a gallery feel in the apartments with works of art by local artists which will be available for purchase.

1 min away ...

Meadfoot Beach – is sandy and pebbly in places and offers good views across the bay. It is generally quiet and has lot's of interesting rocks and places to explore. Holds a Blue Flag Award. Facilities include ample Parking, Toilets including disabled, Baby Changing, Telephones, Beach Shop & Café.

South West Coastal Path – stretching from the south side of Brixham to Maidencombe, the coast path around the Bay offers excellent and varied walking, with spectacular sea views, and an exotic range of flora & fauna. The south Devon coast path is part of Britain's longest trail, over 600 miles!

Lincombe Woods – walk down to the tennis courts in the grounds of Hesketh Crescent and turn left along the footpath which leads to a stile on into Lincombe Woods – miles of woodland paths interconnecting and weaving around Ilsham Valley. A delightful place overlooking the bay and Meadfoot Beach.

5 mins away ...

Kents Cavern Showcaves – Kents Cavern is one of the most important Palaeolithic caves in Northern Europe and the oldest recognisable human dwelling in Britain. It holds beautiful and spectacular geological formations and significant prehistoric finds, some over 700,000 years old. Ilsham Road, Wellswood – Tel: 01803 215136

Living Coasts – world class aquatic visitor attraction at Beacon Quay, Torquay. **Due to open July 2003.**

Agatha Christie Mile – Along the busy harbour and stretching along the palm-lined seafront and promenades. The Agatha Christie Mile takes you to some of the places that were inspirational in her life and works. To see the map go to: www.theenglishriviera.co.uk/the_mile/start_tour.htm

AMF Bowling Alley/ Megszone – The No. 1 Family Tenpin Bowling Centre in Devon! Plus Megazone, one of the most exciting laser games in the country. Torwood Street, Torquay – Tel: 01803 201230

The Princess Theatre – Box Office: 08702 414120

Fleet Walk – Away from the harbour curve, a pedestrianised shopping area. There is an indoor speciality shopping centre, Fleet Walk, The shops continue as you go up the slope of Union Street with a good mix of local shops, and some familiar high street names.

10 mins away...

Torre Abbey – Visit Devon's finest art gallery in Torquay's most historic building. See the Agatha Christie collection and explore the ruins and gardens. The King's Drive, Torquay Tel: 01803 293593

Riviera Leisure & Conference Centre – The popular leisure pool features a giant flume and wave machine to add an extra splash of fun. Water Heated to 84°F. Neptune's indoor soft play area (for children 0 – 10 years old). Chestnut Avenue, Torquay Tel: 01803 299992

Bygones – Life size Victorian Exhibition Street with over 20 shops & period rooms, authentic smells. Walk through a First World war trench. St. Marychurch Tel: 01803 326108

Babbacombe Cliff Railway

Babbacombe Downs – Tel: 01803 328750

Babbacombe Model Village – a masterpiece of miniature landscaping. Babbacombe – Tel: 01803 315315

Oddicombe Beach – Blue flag beach in Babbacombe Bay. The beach has a cliff railway which lowers bathers down from the 240 foot Sandstone cliffs to the sands below.

15 mins away ...

Cockington Village – The medieval village of Cockington was noted in the Domesday Book. Variety of walks through woodland, lakes and ornamental grounds, Cockington Court Craft Centre and a Norman Church. A warm Devon welcome awaits you at Cockington Court where a large range of crafts are explained and demonstrated within this historic manor house. There is a licensed restaurant & tea-rooms, together with an organic kitchen garden and craft shop. The Court is set in a 450 acre park with a cricket pitch, historic church and ornamental lakes. Nearby is the famous thatched village with its forge, gift shops, and horse-drawn carriages to & from Torquay seafront by Livermead Beach.

20 mins away ...

Preston Beach – A popular sandy beach lined with Paignton's famous multi-coloured beach huts.

Oldway Mansion – Oldway Mansion is the magnificent legacy of Paignton's most colourful family - the Singers of sewing machine fame.

Torquay Road, Paignton – Tel: 01803 201201

Paignton Pier – Paignton Pier, built in 1879 stretches far out into the sea and was originally built by the Victorians for the many visitors to the town. The pier houses an amusement centre and arcade, snack bars, gift shops and an outdoor area with trampolines for young children. Paignton – Tel: 01803 522139

Quay West – get wet & go wild on huge water slides, water heated to 80°F. Goodrington Sands – Tel: 01803 555550

The Apollo Cinema – 9 Screen Multiplex, Dolby Digital Surround Sound, Computerised Booking, Luxury Seating. The Esplanade, Paignton, Torbay. Box Office Bookings between (12.30-7pm) - Tel: 01803-558822

Paignton & Dartmouth Steam Railway – stunning scenery with seascapes from Lyme Bay to Portland Bill. Queen's Park Station – Tel: 01803 555872

Paignton Zoo – One of England's biggest Zoos/ Environmental Parks with hundreds of animals in natural settings in 75 acres of the worlds threatened habitats. Totnes Road, Paignton – Tel: 01803 697500

25 mins away ...

Brixham – a picturesque port with a working harbour and flourishing fish market. Brixham is much loved, oozing character with its trawlers, fishing boats, seagulls and colourful tumble of cottages.

30 mins away ...

Totnes – The ancient borough of Totnes enjoys a prominent position above the River Dart. The town is one of Devon's gems; full of both colour and character, that stems from a rich cultural, historical and archaeological heritage. It is the second oldest borough in England, and is full of

interesting diversions for the visitor — museums, a riverside with steamer quay, an ancient Guildhall and Church, a Norman Castle and the North and East Gates. The town is an architectural feast to those interested in historic buildings - with fine examples of properties dating back to Norman, Medieval and Tudor times. Great outdoor Friday market and unique shopping!

China Blue – Pottery and ceramic studio, espresso bar and patisserie – Station Road, Totnes – Tel: 01803 860900

Dartington Cider Press – a unique visitor centre with fifteen shops, workshops & eating places including Cranks. Shinnars Bridge, Dartington – Tel: 01803 847500

Kingswear, catching the ferry across to Dartmouth

Coleton Fisharce – this 24 acre garden developed by the D'Oyly Carte family (of Gilbert & Sullivan fame) in the 1920's lies in a stream fed valley above the beautiful South Devon coast. The house reflects the Arts & Crafts tradition. Kingswear, Dartmouth – Tel: 01803 752466

40 mins away ...

Greenway Garden – the family home of Agatha Christie. A glorious woodland garden occupying a hillside perch, overlooking the River Dart. Galampton – Tel: 01803 842382

Riverside Mill – home of the Devon Guild of Craftsmen – the West's leading gallery & craft showrooms with café and courtyard seating. Bovey Tracey – Tel: 01626 832223

House of Marbles – a working glass & games factory. The Old Pottery, Bovey Tracey - Tel: 01626 835285

Dartmoor National Park – a beautiful moorland landscape with wooded valleys and wind swept Tors. It is a rich habitat for wildlife and has a wealth of archaeological remains.

Powderham Castle – Built over 600 years ago, Powderham Castle is the historic home of the Earl of Devon. The Castle is still lived in by the Courtenay family and is one of England's best known Stately Homes.

Kenton, Exeter – Tel: 01626 890243

50 mins away ...

National Marine Aquarium Plymouth – Britain's biggest & Europe's deepest aquariums. The Barbican, Plymouth – Tel: 01752 220084

Salcombe – famous resort boasting some of the best sailing waters in the UK, sheltered for dinghy sailing and windsurfing. See chocolate being made at The Salcombe Chocolate Factory Tel: 01548 842260.

Blackpool Sands Beach – South Devon's most picturesque award winning beach with golden sands.

Castle Drogo – the last castle to be built in England. Lutyens masterpiece on Dartmoor. Tel: 01647 433306

Miniature Pony Centre & Field of Moor Dreams Craft Shop & Café – Moretonhampstead – Tel: 01647 432400

1 1/2 hours away ...

The Eden Project – the worlds largest greenhouses nesting in a giant 50m deep crater the size of 30 football pitches. A global garden for the 21st century. A top international visitor destination.

Bodelva, St Austell, Cornwall - Tel: 01726 811911

2 hours away ...

The Lost Gardens of Heligan – “the garden restoration of the century” - The Times. Pentewan, St. Austell, Cornwall Tel: 01726 845100

Trebah Gardens – dramatic 26 acre ravine running down to the Helford River. Falmouth, Cornwall – Tel: 01326 250448

Golf in Devon – www.devon-calling.com/golf.htm

Tourist Information Centre – The Tourist Centre, Vaughan Parade, Torquay Tel: 01803 297428

National Express Coaches – Tel: 08705 808080

National Rail Enquiry – Tel: 08457 484950

Local Taxi Company – Tel: 01802 211611

**THE DAILY TELEGRAPH**

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

“Devon has been declared the best county in England, with a quality of life that puts it ahead of its rivals “by a thumping great margin”, according to a survey by *Country Life*.

Its climate with an average of four hours of sunbathing time a day, 300 miles of coastline, the bleak beauty of Dartmoor, vast hanging copses of oak & beech, and still-healthy rivers, it has a greater wealth of National Parks, Heritage Coast and Areas of Outstanding Beauty than any other rival county. It has more National Trust properties than any other county, ranging from medieval cottages to the Lutyens Castle Drogo, the last castle to be built in Britain.

With two quite different coasts, more estuaries than any other county, a soft, red arable soil in the south and wetter, soft, acid soil in the north, and lots of hedgerows, Devon has a rich abundance of wildlife. Devon also has a number of outstanding pubs – an indicator not only of good beer, but the vibrancy of village life, rural prosperity and the quality of local produce.”

Extracts by Robert Uhlig