

# MANSION MATTERS

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## MAY AT THE MANSION

With the warmer weather we're getting on well with planning our Sounds at The Mansion mini - festival on Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

In the morning between 10-1.00 there will be a number of free activities for children including face painting, storytelling, a puppet show and Bubbles the Pixie. In the afternoon there will be a ticketed event including 3 bands, a choir and a singalong, a food court and a bar from Copperhead brewery.

See our poster below for more details



HOLLY EBONY



SHAKALAKA



BRIONY GREENHILL

# SOUNDS AT THE MANSION

MUSIC - SONG - SPOKEN WORD

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY FESTIVAL



Daytime (**free**) 10:30am - 1pm

**Kids entertainment** |  
Facepainting | **Theatrical**  
**storytelling** | Puppet shows  
**Bubbles the Pixie** | Global  
Soul Beach Club DJ

Evening (**ticketed**) 4pm - 9pm

Totnes Vocal Improv Choir  
**Holly Ebony** | Briony Greenhill  
Shakalaka | **Disco Snails**  
Street food pop-ups | **local**  
**beers** | Pimm's

**Bank Holiday Monday, May 25**  
**themansiontotnes.org TQ9 5RP**



## THE MANSION ARTISTS



We are holding an exhibition of The Mansion Artists in the Old School Hall from the start of May until the end of July. Thirteen Artists have applied to take part in this exhibition and their work will be displayed on the walls for 3 months. They have all previously exhibited at The Mansion so you may have seen their work on previous visits.

If you take part in any activities or classes in the Old School Hall you will be able to enjoy the exhibition and we are arranging a few Fridays to open the exhibition to the general public.

## RETURN OF THE SWIFTS



The end of April to beginning of May sees the return of the swifts to the Mansion.

These amazing birds migrate from Africa to spend the summer here in Totnes. Their wings are so long that they are unable to land on the ground and even have to drink on the wing. Their diet consists of small flying insects and even baby spiders that are pulled up into the sky on a thin thread of web. If you're enjoying a coffee or lunch in the courtyard you will hear their distinctive screeching cry as they circle overhead and you may see them returning to their nests in the eaves of the Mansion roof.

# NEW EVENTS FOR MAY

## Sketchbook Workshop

with Roger Hart BA (hons)



Throughout my life I've kept a Sketchbook, especially when travelling, recording what I see using pen and watercolour and sometimes other materials.

This workshop is a chance to get inspired; try different techniques and learn to capture what is before us in a quick and interesting way.

The workshop is suitable for all levels, begins to experienced.

It will run 10 am to 1 pm Saturday 2nd May 2026 at the Mansion, Totnes.  
Cost £35

To book contact Roger at: [roger.hart@mac.com](mailto:roger.hart@mac.com)

If you wish to find out more, give me a ring on (07935) 879425 and see my website; [rogerhart.org.uk](http://rogerhart.org.uk)

## VINTAGE CLOTHES SALE

### Preloved / Designer

From All Saints to Oska

Vintage 80's Cool to Cotton workwear

Hosted by:

Calamine Vintage

Lou Rainbow / Sophie Wake

**Fri 1 - Sat 2 May 2026**  
**9am - 5pm**

**THE MANSION**  
**36 Fore St, Totnes, TQ9 5RP**

earthy / mid century / pop

## High quality clothing and bric-a-brac sale

FRONT COURTYARD MANSION HOUSE  
TOTNES HIGH STREET

10-4 SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2026

## DYING MATTERS IN TOTNES 2026



*Dying with Grace presents:*

A rich program of events to bring community together & explore the topic of death and dying



**FRI 8th MAY 10am - 4pm**

Singing from the Heart workshop with Andrew Clark  
@ St Mary's Church

Explore singing as spiritual practice, learn a variety of sacred chants & enjoy the beauty of singing together

\* Booking essential for this workshop - [info@dyingwithgrace.co.uk](mailto:info@dyingwithgrace.co.uk)

**SAT 9th MAY 11.30am - 6pm**

@ Old School Hall, The Mansion **FREE EVENT!**

Talks on different aspects of end of life, meditation, poetry, threshold singers, a space to remember our loved ones & more

**7pm RedEarth Playback Theatre**

@ Bogan House

An evening exploring Death and Dying

**Red Earth**  
PLAYBACK THEATRE

**Sun 10th MAY 10.30am - 7pm**

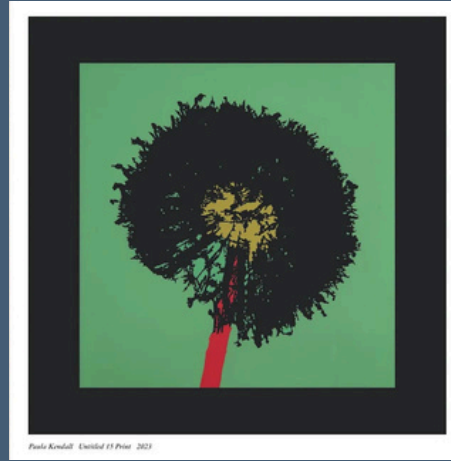
@ Birdwood House **FREE EVENT!**

Death Cafe, End of Life planning,  
Death Morris & Grief Tending Ceremony

Details: [www.dyingwithgrace.co.uk/DM](http://www.dyingwithgrace.co.uk/DM)  
Enquiries: [info@dyingwithgrace.co.uk](mailto:info@dyingwithgrace.co.uk)

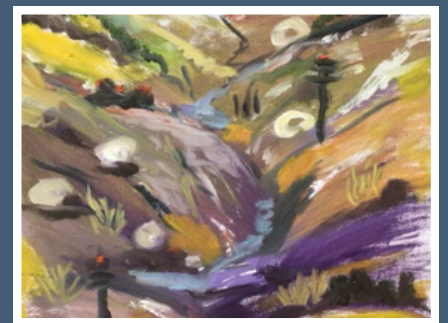
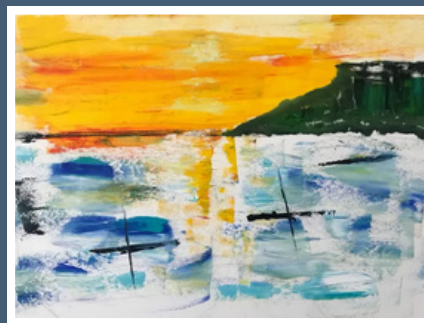
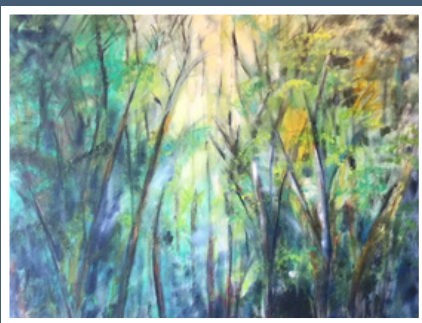


# THIS MONTHS EXHIBITIONS



## ***PAULA KENDALL - FOYER***

This month Paula is exhibiting in the main entrance gallery space. Paula is a local Devon artist who is also the Mansion's art curator. She is an abstract artist and framer who specialises in acrylics screen printing and produces powerful, dynamic images.



## ***JILL CRAIG - LIBRARY STAIRS***

Jill will be exhibiting in the library stairs gallery this month, she works in oils, in impressionist or colourist style. Since moving to Devon she has found inspiration from the landscape and endeavours to find inspiration and motivation from the local countryside.

# What's On May

## **Mondays**

Neighbourhood Work Club  
Reloved Bike Workshop 10-4  
Tai Chi 10.15 - 11.30  
Tai Chi 1.30-2.45  
Pottery 1.30-3.30  
Group Therapy 6-8

## **Tuesdays**

Neighbourhood Work Club  
Gina Sunshine Yoga 9.30-11  
Tea & Tinkering 10-1  
Massage Therapy 10-6  
Pottery 1-3  
Clay Club 4-5.15  
Teen Art Club 5-6.30  
Craft That Reconnects 7-8.30

## **Wednesdays**

Neighbourhood Work Club  
Strength & Balance 10-11  
Painting Class 10-1  
Tai Chi 10.15 - 11.30  
Tai Chi 1.30-2.45  
Bereaved Pottery 1.30-4  
Pilates 1.45-2.45  
Painting Class 2-5  
Border Dancing 7-9

## **Thursdays**

Neighbourhood Work Club  
Art Group 9.30-1.30  
Young Persons Theatre...  
(10-16yrs) 4.15-6.15  
Improv Comedy 7-9

## **Fridays**

Ceramics 9.30-1.30

## **Saturday**

Pre Juniors Theatre (4-7yrs) 9.40-10.10  
Junior Young Persons Theatre...  
(7-10yrs) 10.45-12.15

## **Gallery Exhibition:**

Main Foyer - Paula Kendall  
Library stairs - Jill Craig



Also on:

1<sup>st</sup> May - Flower Club Plant Sale in  
the courtyard

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Vintage Clothes Pop  
Up Shop

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Roger Hart Sketchbook  
workshop 10-12.30

9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Library writers  
group 10.30-12.30

9<sup>th</sup> May - Dying Matters in Totnes  
11.30-6.00

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Plant Sale in the  
courtyard

23<sup>rd</sup> May - Vintage sale in the  
courtyard 10.30-12.30

25<sup>th</sup> May - Sounds at The Mansion  
10.30-1.00 & 4.00-9.00

29<sup>th</sup> May - Outline Courtyard  
Market 9.00-4.00



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with information about your project  
including photos and I'll be in touch.

Calling all aspiring young artists!

# TEEN ART CLUB

Neurodivergent friendly Art Classes and friendly studio space!

**Tuesdays 5 - 6.30pm**  
At The Mansion, 36 Fore St, Totnes, TQ9 5RP

Not getting enough Art in your life?  
Like drawing or making and want help a space to practice?  
Want to learn new skills or add to a GCSE or A level portfolio.  
Being creative can help your mood and confidence.  
Snacks and drink provided!

**£10 per class or 6 for £54**  
Concessions available

Details, and sign up  
email: [artclub@posteo.uk](mailto:artclub@posteo.uk)  
or message **07572178740**

outline events presents

# THE COURTYARD MARKET



arts, vintage, and secondhand stalls  
the front courtyard,  
the mansion, totnes high st.  
fridays in half terms  
and holidays 10am - 3pm




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**£10**

THURSDAYS 7-9PM

# COMEDY IMPROV

## DROP-IN CLASSES

**THE OLD SCHOOLROOM**  
UPSTAIRS AT THE MANSION

No experience necessary

Improv comedy isn't the same as stand-up; you're not alone on stage and it's not about telling jokes. It isn't about being witty or quick. It isn't about getting it right. It's about stepping forward into the unknown, supporting each other and saying 'yes'. And it's tremendous FUN!

HELD BY EXPERIENCED TEACHERS WITH A PASSION FOR PLAY

ALL WELCOME 18+

ROBIN WEBSTER

BUBBLES LAFAYE

Contact Robin by text for more info 07837966408

# Painting classes

@ The Mansion

Wednesdays: choice of morning (10am-1pm) or afternoon (2-5pm) sessions


- Acrylic painting for beginners and improvers
- Friendly, relaxed classes in Studio 1
- Classes restart Jan 14th, welcoming new and returning students
- Book an 8 week block or individual weeks to suit your schedule
- Cost £30 per session
- Discount for block bookings
- All materials supplied



Book online at [bookwhen.com/sarahgreeningart](http://bookwhen.com/sarahgreeningart)  
Or email [sarahgreeningart@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahgreeningart@btinternet.com)

Wednesdays  
1.45-2.45  
£10

Old School Hall  
The Mansion, Totnes



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# Young People's Theatre Playground

Arts

at The Mansion Totnes

weekly theatre sessions exploring physical theatre, drama & movement

Saturdays

- Pre-Juniors 4-7 yrs 9:40-10:40am
- YPT Juniors 7-10 yrs 10:45am-12:15pm

Thursdays

- YPT 10-16 yrs 4:15-6:15pm

Questions welcome - for more info contact  
Sarah 07387553237 [playgroundarts@theatre@gmail.com](mailto:playgroundarts@theatre@gmail.com)



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