



ISLES OF SCILLY

FESTIVAL



FEATURING

FESTIVAL OF Nature

13th – 22nd October 2023

Celebrating the arts and island life



   #ISLESOFSCILLYFESTIVAL

A warm welcome to the Isles of Scilly Festival

We're excited to be working once again with the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, who have enhanced our programme with some special Festival of Nature events.

Look out for the 

With contributions from Scilly-based creatives, wildlife and heritage experts alongside a number of invited visiting guests, we hope you will be inspired and look forward to seeing you.

iosmuseumandculturalcentre.org/festival



Galleries open during Isles of Scilly Festival

(check with galleries for opening times):

St Mary's

Tamarisk Gallery | Phoenix Craft Studios
Porthloo Studios | Silver Street Gallery,
John Bourdeaux | Sophie Hooper

St Agnes

Pot Buoys Gallery

St Martin's

Fay Page | Middletown Barn

Bryher

Golden Eagle Studio | Bryher Gallery

Tresco

Gallery Tresco

Friday 13th October

GEMMA PEARCE ART

Open studio where you can meet nature-inspired artist Gemma Pearce and see current work in progress. Original artwork, prints, cards and gifts for sale.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Rocky Hill Studio, Porthloo, St Mary's

Cost: FREE, simply drop in

ELLIE VERRECCHIA – SCILLY BEACH PAINTING ON ST MARY'S

Make an island seascape painting on natural wood panel, guided by artist Ellie Verrecchia. The colours of Scilly will inspire us as we work from our 'beach studio' in quick-drying acrylic paint – materials included. Simple techniques suitable for everyone (indoor facilities for wet weather). Places limited.

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Porthmellon Beach, St Mary's

Cost: £50

Booking required: ellieverrecchia@gmail.com / 07734 994548



FESTIVAL WELCOME EVENT

Join the Festival Organisers and the team from the Wildlife Trust for a welcome drink and informal introduction to the programme.

Time: 6.00-7.00pm

Venue: Scillonian Club, St Mary's

Cost: FREE, just come along



CRAWFISH IN THE ISLES OF SCILLY

The crawfish used to be an iconic species in the Isles of Scilly, with such large numbers swimming into the islands at the start of summer they could be spotted from the Bishop Rock lighthouse each year. With numbers increasing again, recent research efforts have been focussed on trying to understand more about the natural history and behaviour of this species. In this talk we will introduce you to this characterful crustacean and dip into its life and future in the Isles of Scilly.

Dr Tom Stamp is a Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the University of Plymouth and an expert on fish tracking. He has led the crawfish tracking research project on Scilly over the past couple of years.

Sarah Morcom has worked with the Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority for the past three seasons. She is leading research on the crawfish fishery.

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Scillonian Club, St Mary's

Cost: FREE, just come along

Saturday 14th October



WILDLIFE TRUST WANDER

Join Julian Branscombe, enthusiastic naturalist and Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust Chief Executive for a walk around St Mary's – from Hugh Town to Higher Moors and Salakee Down and back – in search of birds, plants, lichens and more. This four-mile walk will take in a wonderful cross-section of countryside across the Isles of Scilly Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The going will be uneven in places.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Meet at Tourist Information Centre, Porthcressa, St Mary's

Cost: £15 - proceeds to Wildlife Trust

Booking: Tourist Information Centre / 01720 620600

ELLIE VERRECCHIA – SCILLY BEACH PAINTING ON BRYHER

See information for Friday 13th October.

Time: Morning boat to Bryher, workshop will last approx 2.5hrs

Venue: Meet at Bryher Quay

Cost: £50 (excluding boat fare)

Booking required: ellieverrecchia@gmail.com / 07734 994548



SEAGRASS GLASS-BOTTOM BOAT

Join the Seaquest glass-bottom boat, with ReMEDIES* Team guides from Natural England and the Ocean Conservation Trust to explore the seagrass beds and marine wildlife of Scilly.

Collection and return to St Mary's Quay with these 2-hour tours either to the Eastern or Northern Rocks seagrass beds, depending on wind direction.

Please bring warm clothes.

Time: 10.20am-12.20pm or 12.45-2.45pm

Venue: St Mary's Quay

Cost: £10 returnable deposit to reserve your place

Booking: Tourist Information Centre / 01720 620600



*LIFE Recreation ReMEDIES is a marine conservation partnership project to Save Our Seabed at five Special Areas of Conservation in Southern England, through seagrass restoration, education and innovation. It is funded by the LIFE programme and led by Natural England.

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HAMMERED BANGLE WORKSHOP

Join Maisie at Phoenix Craft Studios – all materials and expertise provided.

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Phoenix Craft Studios, St Mary's

Cost: £75

Booking required: traceless.org.uk



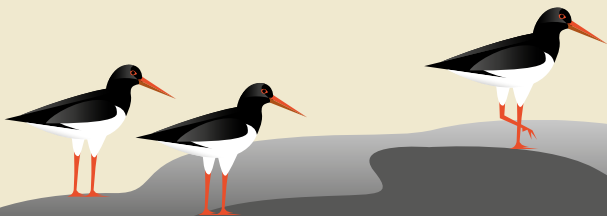
WHAT'S ON A WALL?

Join the Wildlife Trust's Julian Branscombe to look at plants and lichens, in this walk that isn't a walk. We will examine the granite that forms the bedrock of Scilly, and what grows on and between the stones, influenced by our oceanic climate. Whilst this wall can tell much about the story of wildlife in Scilly, we may well reckon that just half an hour is enough to spend staring at a wall!

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Join us in the car park below Tregarthen's Hotel

Cost: FREE, just come along - Wildlife Trust donations welcome



NOS LOWEN (HAPPY NIGHT) - A NIGHT OF DANCING, FUN AND MAYHEM

An evening of Nos Lowen style music and dancing with Scilly musicians Piers Lewin, Nick Lishman and others.

They will be joined by legendary Cornish Celtic musician Neil Davey. A multi-instrumentalist, who plays mainly ‘things with strings’ Neil has appeared on many of the world’s main festival stages. Famous for his lightning fingers!

The band will be accompanied by percussionist Bec Applebee who directed the Grand Ball Project. Not sure what to do? Don’t worry, Bec and Neil will run a Nos Lowen style dance workshop at the beginning of the evening.

As a delicious addition the Old Town Inn will be offering a special Dinner and Dance ticket from 6.30pm.

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Old Town Inn, St Mary’s

Cost: £10 Nos Lowen

£25 Dinner and Nos Lowen (must be booked in advance)

Booking: oldtowninn-scilly.co.uk/arts

TRUE FOXES

Up-and-coming female folk-pop duo from Cornwall. Live music with breathtaking harmonies, acoustic bass, guitar and sisterly banter.

Time: 9.00pm

Venue: New Inn, Tresco

Cost: FREE, just come along

Sunday 15th October



BRYHER SOUND RECORDING WORKSHOP

A guided walk around Bryher recording sounds of the natural environment, using a variety of recording techniques. Followed by an editing and composition session to create an audio soundscape for participants to take away and keep. No previous experience required. bryhersound.org for more information.

Time: 10.00am-2.00pm

Venue: Meet outside Bryher Shop

Cost: £40

Booking required: bryhersound@icloud.com



SEAGRASS GLASS-BOTTOM BOAT

See information for Saturday 14th October.

Time: 10.20am-12.20pm or 12.45-2.45pm

Venue: St Mary's Quay

Cost: £10 returnable deposit to reserve your place

Booking: Tourist Information Centre / 01720 620600

ELLIE VERRECCHIA – SCILLY BEACH PAINTING ON ST MARY’S

See information for Friday 13th October.

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Porthmellon Beach, St Mary’s

Cost: £50

Booking required: ellieverrecchia@gmail.com / 07734 994548



TRESCO ABBEY GARDENS GUIDED WALK

Join Head Gardener Andrew Lawson on a special tour of the gardens. Find out about the plants in this world-renowned collection, and keep an eye out for the increasingly famous red squirrels.

Time: 11.00am-1.00pm

Venue: Meet at Gardens entrance

Cost: £25 – includes an all day pass to the Gardens. Boat to Tresco not included.

Booking: Tourist Information Centre / 01720 620600

TRUE FOXES

See information for Saturday 14th October.

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: New Inn, Tresco

Cost: FREE, just come along



ABOVE AND BELOW

Wildlife abounds above and below Scilly's shoreline. This three-part talk night offers varied insights into these worlds around us.

Scilly's wildlife on land – Julian Branscombe, Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust.

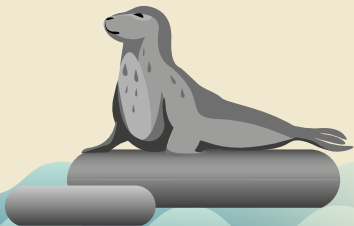
Bat & cetacean bioacoustics – Meg Hayward Smith & Joe Dennett, Chelonia.

Scilly's seagrass – Esther Farrant, the LIFE ReMEDIES project.

Time: 7.30-9.30pm

Venue: Old Town Inn, St Mary's

Cost: FREE, just come along



Monday 16th October

GEMMA PEARCE ART

Open studio where you can meet nature-inspired artist Gemma Pearce and see current work in progress. Original artwork, prints, cards and gifts for sale.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Rocky Hill Studio, Porthloo, St Mary's

Cost: FREE

Booking: Simply drop in

ORIEL HICKS – FUSED GLASS MARINE LIFE WORKSHOP

Make an underwater creature in fused glass – jellyfish, seahorse, fish etc. No previous experience required.

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm

Venue: Phoenix Craft Studios, St Mary's

Cost: £40

Booking required: oriel@taterdu.plus.com



LOW TIDE WILDLIFE WALK

The waters around Scilly are world-renowned for wildlife. Join Esther Farrant from the Ocean Conservation Trust and Jules Webber from Natural England to see what's revealed in Tresco's inter-tidal zone.

Time: 12.15pm **Venue:** Meet at Flying Boat Club, Tresco

Cost: Free

Booking: Tourist Information Centre / 01720 620600

WAVE RING WORKSHOP

Jewellery workshop with Maisie at Phoenix Craft Studios.

Time: 5.30pm **Venue:** Phoenix Craft Studios, St Mary's

Cost: £60 **Booking required:** traceless.org.uk



WILDLIFE QUIZ

Form a team (or pop along to join a table) and test your knowledge of local Scilly wildlife, from land to sea.

The LIFE reMEDIES team will bring interactive displays to answer all your questions about everything from seagrass to plankton.

Time: 7.00pm **Venue:** Old Town Inn, St Mary's

Cost: £10 per team of 4 – proceeds to the Wildlife Trust

Booking: Just come along

Tuesday 17th October

GEMMA PEARCE ART

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Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Rocky Hill Studio, Porthloo, St Mary's

Cost: FREE, Simply drop in

RE[FRAME] BY LINDEN DANCE COMPANY

Inspired by the performers' lived experience, Re[Frame] is a powerful dance duet exploring our human response when faced with limitation or restriction, both in the way we treat ourselves and those around us. The work, in Linden Dance's signature athletic and dynamic Contemporary/Afro style, addresses how we can re-frame our perspective of limitations and ultimately overcome them.

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Five Islands Academy

Cost: FREE for students at Five Islands Academy, donation from adults welcome

Booking: 01720 424850

Wednesday 18th October

GEMMA PEARCE ART

Open studio where you can meet nature-inspired artist Gemma Pearce and see current work in progress. Original artwork, prints, cards and gifts for sale.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Rocky Hill Studio, Porthloo, St Mary's

Cost: FREE, simply drop in

LIZ ASKINS - EXPLORING LEAF STRUCTURE WITH SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOUR

Leaves are fascinating structures with different shapes, edges, colours, hairs or not, veins and textures. You will look closely at your chosen leaf, sketch what you see and explore the hues in watercolour. All materials will be provided. You might like to bring your own leaf or leaves.

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Phoenix Craft Studios, St Mary's

Cost: £30

Booking required: scillyscarves@gmail.com / 07746 684973

SILVER RING WORKSHOP

Jewellery workshop with Maisie at Phoenix Craft Studios.

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Phoenix Craft Studios, St Mary's

Cost: £65

Booking required: traceless.org.uk

BOOK LAUNCH

Join local author Rachel Greenlaw for an evening to celebrate the launch of *One Christmas Morning*, her debut novel for adults, published by HarperCollins. *One Christmas Morning* follows Eva, a workaholic who goes to a house party on the snowy moors of North Cornwall and finds herself reliving Christmas day over and over as she wakes up not as herself, but the various house guests around her. A few copies will be available at the event, or feel free to order online and bring your copy for Rachel to sign and personalise.

Time: 5.30-7.00pm **Venue:** Old Town Inn, St Mary's

Cost: FREE, just come along

COLIN LEGGO'S COMEDY HOTLINE

The 2019 UK Pun Champion and Cornish comedy YouTuber (Grand Theft Cornwall) brings a proper 'ansome stand-up show for you to get your chops around. Forged from granite and pasties, Colin Leggo is one of the few comedians in the UK that lacks an essential tool needed to actually stand-up.... his leg. He is indeed one man with one leg... but many one liners! Join Colin for his unique style of stand-up, filled with puns, wordplay, titanium legs and of course... a bucket load of Cornishness.

"Leggo is wonderfully silly, engaging with his audience as if he were chatting with friends... Bursting with optimism and character" - Three Weeks Magazine

"Extremely funny. You can't help but laugh." - British Comedy Guide
Best joke of 2019 - Daily Mirror

Time: 7.30pm **Venue:** Old Town Inn, St Mary's

Cost: £10 **Booking:** oldtowninn-scilly.co.uk/arts

Thursday 19th October

MIRACLE THEATRE TIME CAPSULE -REHEARSED READING IN ASSOCIATION WITH ST MARY'S THEATRE CLUB

Cornwall-based Miracle Theatre have been visiting Scilly for many years. Join associate artist Ciaran Clarke, for a rehearsed reading of some of their greatest hits supported by members of St Mary's Theatre Club, and hear news of Miracle's plans for next year's tour.

Time: 7.30pm **Venue:** Old Town Inn, St Mary's

Cost: £6 **Booking:** oldtowninn-scilly.co.uk/arts

SCARY LITTLE GIRLS – IT'S YOUR ROUND

This show brings you the best of modern cabaret comedy and a traditional pub quiz. Join Quiz Mistress and Pub Landlady Pat Pinch as she takes over your local with live music, prizes, audience participation and, of course, a few drinks! Whether you're a liver-bashing barely or a strict abstainer, a quiz master-mind or an absolute beginner, Pat is waiting to treat you to six of the best pub quiz rounds EVER!

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Seven Stones Inn, St Martin's

Cost: £10 on the door

Friday 20th October

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Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Rocky Hill Studio, Porthloo, St Mary's

Cost: FREE, simply drop in

THE TEMPEST

Working with a deluge of creative talent from the mainland who have all arrived windswept and weatherbeaten, students from Five Islands Academy will be storming onto the stage to perform *The Tempest*. Specially adapted by the Royal Shakespeare Company and the students themselves, every student will pour their energy into this one-off performance and expect to be blown away by your thunderous applause!

Time: TBC – contact Five Islands Academy for details

Venue: Five Islands Academy, St Mary's

Cost: FREE **Booking required:** 01720 424850

SCARY LITTLE GIRLS – IT'S YOUR ROUND

See information for Friday 20th October.

Time: 7.30pm **Venue:** Old Town Inn, St Mary's

Cost: £10 **Booking:** oldtowninn-scilly.co.uk/arts

Saturday 21st October

HAMMERED BANGLE WORKSHOP

Join Maisie at Phoenix Craft Studios – all materials and expertise provided.

Time: 2.00pm **Venue:** Phoenix Craft Studios, St Mary's

Cost: £75 **Booking required:** traceless.org.uk

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

Old Town Inn presents Scilly's finest bands and musicians.

Time: 9.00pm **Venue:** Old Town Inn, St Mary's

Cost: FREE, just come along



Sunday 22nd October



COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, TRESKO

Help the CAG and Wildlife Trust with vegetation clearance around the entrance graves on Tregarthen Hill, Tresco. Return to St Mary's early afternoon.

Time: 9.45am

Venue: Meet at 'Scilly Walks' sign on St Mary's Quay

Cost: FREE, including boat ticket to Tresco

Booking: Just come along

SEAMAS CAREY – HELP I THINK I'M A NATIONALIST!

From the creator of *The Reason Why* podcast comes the controversial sell-out comedy show on identity, second homes, xenophobia and bagpipes. "A thought provoking romp through all things Cornish; silly, smart and deliciously challenging. This small show moves deep rooted mountains".

Time: 8.00pm **Venue:** Old Town Inn, St Mary's

Cost: £10

Booking required: oldtowninn-scilly.co.uk/arts



Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust

The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust looks after around half of our beautiful islands, managing habitats for wonderful wildlife, allowing people to explore by keeping paths clear and finding creative ways to connect people with local nature. There are lots of ways to support the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, including becoming a Friend of Scilly Wildlife or by making a donation.

support.ios-wildlifetrust.org.uk

If you'd like to stay in touch with us, our Wild Scilly eNewsletter will send a dose of Scilly straight to your inbox, letting you know what we've been up to.

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Join in!

Booking information is listed under each event – advance booking recommended.

The Isles of Scilly Festival is brought to you by the team who are developing the new Cultural Centre and Museum. Building on previous Creative Scilly festivals our aim is to present the best of local and mainland arts and enable visitors and residents to take part in high quality creative activities. The Isles of Scilly festival is funded by Arts Council England and is part of a whole programme of cultural development for the islands managed by the Council of the Isles of Scilly.



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