

ONE LAST THING



WELCOME TO FLIGHT CLUB

WHAT'S ON IN THE SOUTH WEST

KITES EXMOUTH ROTARY CLUB KITE FESTIVAL 2012

Imperial Recreation Ground, Exmouth, May 26 & 27

Next time someone tells you go fly a kite, perhaps you should take them literally. This annual festival sees kites fluttering over the River Exe, flown by adults and children alike. In the past five years, the event has raised £56,000 for local charities. www.exmouthrotaryclub.co.uk/kite-festival

ANNUAL EVENT WESTWARD HO! POTWALLOPING FESTIVAL

North Devon, May 26-28

For the potwalloping festival locals pick up pebbles that have been washed onto the beach and throw them back onto the ridge, which protects the area from flooding. Then they quaff ciders. www.visitdevon.co.uk

CYCLING PORTSMOUTH WORLD NAKED BIKE RIDE

Portsmouth, May 26

Slap on the sunscreen and get your clobber off for Portsmouth's naked bike ride. The route goes from Seafront and Pembroke Road, past The Hard and then back to the start. www.worldnakedbikeride.org/uk

THEATRE BIG DADDY VS GIANT HAYSTACKS

Rondo Theatre, Bath, May 25

The clue to the subject matter of this play lies in the title. It tells the story of these British titans, who were about as far from steroid-pumped American wrestlers as a rickshaw is from a jumbo jet. Still, Britain loved them. www.rondothatre.co.uk

LITERATURE CRIMEFEST

Royal Marriot Hotel, Bristol, May 24-27

Celebrating its fifth anniversary, this crime-fiction convention returns to Bristol. Writers, including PD James and Lee Child, will be on hand to answer questions, and there will be a gala dinner with special awards handed out to the best whodunit authors. www.crimefest.com

ALAN MURCHISON'S GREAT BRITISH MENU

The Angel, Dartmouth, May 25

Join the TV chef for a masterclass in how to cook some of the dishes he prepared for the *Great British Menu*. If that sounds like too much hard work, there's a three-course meal afterwards. www.angeliquedartmouth.co.uk



COMEDY PAUL MERTON – OUT OF MY HEAD

Colston Hall, Bristol, May 25

This is the first live show that *Have I Got News for You* star Paul Merton has written since 1998 and he's taking it to 50 venues around Britain. Expect sketches, jokes and even dancing girls – some of whom are actually men. Don't expect Ian Hislop. www.colstonhall.org

HIDDEN BRITAIN

IN SEARCH OF THE
NATION'S OBSCURE
CULTURAL TREASURES



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CARBETH HUTS, STIRLINGSHIRE, SCOTLAND

Little more than 10 miles north of Glasgow, just off the A809, lies an enchanting village of wooden houses nestling in the forest. It is not too wild a stretch of the imagination to suggest the Carbeth Huts bear a passing resemblance to *The Lord of the Rings'* Rivendell. Hutting has a long, strange history (Carbeth remains the last prominent hutting community in Scotland). After WWI the working classes of Glasgow, Renfrewshire and Clydebank made use of their newly won weekends to rediscover the countryside. In the 1920s the landowner at Carbeth decided to let plots in the woods to ordinary folk. Despite battles with landowners in recent years, more than 100 tenant families remain. The West Highland Way passes through the Carbeth estate, and walkers will find the discovery of the huts a worthy diversion. www.carbethhuts.com

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