

CELEBRATING **INDEPENDENT VENUE WEEK** 2026

WHAT'S ON



A MONTHLY GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON
AT THE BARREL HOUSE BALLROOM
& THE TOTNES BREWING COMPANY

JAN/FEB 2026

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TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY
THE TOTNES BOARD GAME CLUB

Join a friendly and welcoming community to play modern board games. Bring a game along if you can, but if not, just bring yourself! Free entry - We just request that you buy a couple of drinks from the bar over the course of the evening. To join WhatsApp Group - Contact: Grace - 07964 062777
DOORS 6:30PM | FREE ENTRY



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DOORS 4PM-7PM | FREE ENTRY

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY
POETRY WORKSHOP WITH IONE
"SPIRAL SONGS: PANTOUM AS RITUAL"

DOORS 5:45PM-7PM | CONTRIBUTIONS £6
TO RESERVE A PLACE CONTACT:
IONE@GMAIL.COM



MONDAY 12TH JANUARY
POETS & PINTS OPEN MIC

Sign up to read your poem or just relax with a drink from the bar for a fun evening of poetry. Book your place at the mic by emailing Host/MC Ione 'n' Geoff poetsandpints@yahoo.com or turn up and take potluck. This month's featured poet is Ione.
DOORS 7PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY



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DOORS 7:00PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY
QUIZTRAVAGANZA
SEASON FIVE: ROUND FOUR

Quiz like you have never quizzed before with the 'No Wrong Answers Quiz'. General knowledge is not a requirement. Pursuits may be trivial, but not necessarily factual. Get your creative pants on and prepare for low level shenanigans and chaos. Wow our panel of judges with wit, charm and occasional bribes. Try to figure out what on earth is going on, as the point scores are drowned out by laughter. Maximum team of 6.
DOORS 7:30PM/START 8PM | £2 PER PERSON

EB - EARLY BIRD | ADV - ADVANCE | CONC - CONCESSION | OTD - ON THE DOOR

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY
ONENESS - JASON SINGH

Oneness returns with a new bi-monthly residency in collaboration with The Black Bird Collective. Curated by DJ, sound artist and beatboxer Jason Singh, Oneness celebrates solidarity, social and political struggle, and collective freedom through the creative energy of black underground dance music. Each event is a deep-listening journey across jazz, cosmic-afro-spiritual house, disco, bruk, Detroit techno, acid, UKG, afrobeat, Latin, eastern breaks, grime and D&B. Tickets sell out fast, please book early.
DOORS 7PM-11PM | TICKETS £10, £12, £15

MONDAY 19TH JANUARY
TOTNES UKULELE COLLECTIVE

Lessons - Library bar - 6:30PM-7:15PM
Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM
FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS



TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY
JAM IN THE BARREL

"Jam in the Barrel" is the Totnes open jam night, where you can come and share your musical skills with others in our community, or just enjoy the vibe... playing, singing, gentle listening, and joyous dancing are all welcome.
All the music we play is totally improvised, with a setup of drums, bass, guitar, keys, sax, and vocals... and other instruments are welcome too. If you want to play or sing we will always find a slot for you to be part of the action... we are a friendly, inclusive group! Find out more at jaminthebarrel.org
DOORS 8PM-11PM | FREE ENTRY

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DOORS 6:30PM | FREE ENTRY



THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY
THE TOTNES HOTNESS #7

Totnes Hotness a regular MONTHLY celebration of rhythm, rhyme, and raw talent. Showcasing rappers, singers, beatmakers, DJs, and dancers - bringing together original material, special guests, and an open mic freestyle cypher with the finest local vibes. Hosted by MC ApplJuic & Mabonman. Got beats? Want a feature spot? Submit to: totneshotness@gmail.com
DOORS 8PM | FREE ENTRY

Ben Roberts

BLENDING RITUAL, REBELLION, AND RESONANCE

Devon-based cellist Ben Roberts is a rare kind of boundary-breaker - an artist who folds spirituality, punk energy, sound design, and healing practices into a musical language entirely his own. His performances feel less like traditional recitals and more like immersive experiences, where raw emotion, experimental textures, and moments of deep stillness coexist. As we begin our conversation, Roberts speaks with a grounded intensity, revealing the inner world of a musician driven not just to play, but to transform, disrupt, and heal through sound.

'Transition' has the tag line "a soundtrack to turbulent times". What personal or global changes shaped this album, and how did you translate that into sound?

Four years ago I walked out of my career as an engineer, and my marriage ended at the same time. Ever since then, I've been trying to piece together a new version of myself; a me that feels aligned, energised, in eros, a mystical punk, a sacred rebel. I'm still working on that. My decision to make this enormously disruptive change was fuelled by my frustration at the direction global culture seemed to be going: further into consumerism and polarisation at a time when we so desperately need to be pulling together and coming into closer relationship with nature, ourselves and each other. I went into engineering to try to make a positive impact and realised that the issues are much deeper than technology, so now I hope to have a cultural impact through art and music. You will hear this in the words on the album, but my main passion is helping people to reconnect to their inner and collective power through sound, through music, channeling my own personal experience into something that can be shared.

Your work blends spirituality, punk energy, sound design, and healing practices. Punk isn't a genre people associate with the cello. Where does the punk side of your music show up? Is it in the attitude, the sound, or something else?

I've always loved the no-nonsense attitude of the DIY punk scene, it's a very non-dual kind of spirituality. You'll definitely hear punk influences in the music, whether that's the raw power of acoustic cello, or the heavily distorted electric cello. And it's there in the fundamental approach: I love to confront norms and expectations, bringing the cello into a context you wouldn't expect to see it, presenting an entirely new kind of cello music that belies expectation. Being radically and unapologetically myself, which I think is the essence of punk. My amazing band for this show will be much more like a punk band than a classical orchestra; I hope it offends a few people ;)

"it's the atmosphere and community around the venue that make it as exciting as it is"

CLASH described your previous album *Vibrator* as 'an uncanny spiritual awakening.' What do you hope audiences will feel or experience during the Transition live performance?

Yes, that album was focused on pure cello sounds, a journey through the chakras. Transition's a little different from that - it's a more eclectic mix of sound journeys. My intention for these pieces is to confront various aspects of these crazy times, and provide a way of transmuting difficult energies into more empowering states. I'm expecting that people will feel transported through other worlds and realms: under water, outer space, and deep underground.

Full band vs. solo - does it totally change your on-stage headspace, or is it just more people to vibe with?

It definitely changes my headspace: I'm blessed to be joined on stage by some of the finest musicians in this wonderful town, so I'm looking forward to giving them some of the responsibility! It does mean that we need to be a bit more structured than my usual fluid solo approach. There will be some improvisation with the band, but also I'll have to remember to count, stay in tune, stick to the plan, all that sort of left-brain stuff.

When you're deep in an improvised sound journey, what's actually going through your mind?

To quote Kurt Cobain when he was asked that question: "Less than you can possibly imagine".

Totnes has its own kind of magic, how has it rubbed off on your music?

One of the many things that attracted me to Totnes when I moved here 10 years ago was that it is the home of the Transition Town movement, and here I am releasing an album with that same name. I feel very at home in this town, and seen by the wonderful community of like-minded spirits here: the creativity, the earthy hippies, the realists and dreamers, the passionate campaigners.... literally everyone here is a musician. I can't underestimate the impact of this amazing town and community on my life and particularly this recent phase that has spawned this album.



Do you have a musical guilty pleasure you'd admit to?

I played Javert in Les Miserables at school, and I have adored that show ever since. Musicals are not terribly cool in the art rock scene I like to hang around in so I keep it hush so as not to be excluded.

What makes The Barrel House Ballroom such a special place that you have chosen it for your album launch?

Well, along with the Black Bird Collective it's the beating heart of the music scene in this special town. I've seen so many amazing independent artists here, the sound is always superb, but it's the atmosphere and community around the venue that make it as exciting as it is. Well done and thank you for maintaining a thriving independent music venue in such challenging times for the arts.

What's on the horizon for Ben Roberts?

So many things, so many horizons! I'm keen to take this music out on the road and play as many live shows as possible. My partner Steph and I are taking our Sonic Ritual sound bath on tour, plus I have a few new recording projects up my sleeve, and lots of potential collaborations too - follow me on Instagram to find out more.

GETTING TO KNOW... BEN ROBERTS

TEA OR COFFEE?
HERBAL TEA

WHISKEY OR WINE?
FRESH SPRING WATER

FAVOURITE FILM?
LIFE OF BRIAN

GIGGING OR STUDIO?
GIGGING

FAVOURITE ALBUM OF ALL TIME?
OK COMPUTER BY RADIOHEAD - AND WE'RE GOING TO DO A LIVE BAND PERFORMANCE OF IT AT THE BARREL HOUSE ON 6TH JUNE!

CATS OR DOGS?
LIONS

FAVOURITE BOOK?
WILD BY JAY GRIFFITHS

VENUES OR FESTIVALS?
VENUES, BUT IT'S CLOSE!

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LAST SUPPER?
A SEA FOOD PLATTER, ON THE BEACH

WHAT SCARES YOU?
CONFORMING

Catch Ben at The Barrel House Ballroom on Friday 23rd January - Tickets available now from universe.com

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY**BEN ROBERTS - ALBUM LAUNCH
FULL BAND GIG + SUPPORT PILLOW**

Join us for the official launch of Ben's latest album 'Transition', released in December 2025, a soundtrack to turbulent times. This will be a full band show featuring pieces from the album set among the spellbinding improvised sound journeys that define Ben's unique and powerful live cello performances.

DOORS 7:30PM | TICKETS £10, £12, £14

**SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY
SUNDAY SOUL SESSION
WITH LUKE MARZEC**

Join Luke Marzec and his band for an intimate Sunday Soul Session - a cosy, candlelit evening in the downstairs Library Bar. Expect a mix of new and classic material, spontaneous improvisations, and special guest appearances.

DOORS 7PM-10PM | FREE EVENT-DONATIONS WELCOME

**MONDAY 26TH JANUARY
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE**

Lessons - Library bar - 6:30PM-7:15PM
Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM

FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS

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DOORS 7:00PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY
TUMMYACHE (ALT ROCK)
+ SUPPORT WILDWIRE****(FORMERLY KNOW AS RIFKA) + DJ BLACK BIRD**

The Black Bird Collective's 14th Birthday Rock Night Celebration featuring one of the most exciting live Alternative Rock bands around right now. Tummyache is a project that blurs the line between band and personal confession, a raw and enigmatic expression crafted by songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Soren Bryce

DOORS 7PM | TICKETS: PAY WHAT YOU CAN
£9, £12, £15**THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY
QUEER ANGELS**

Queer Angels - is a social evening on the last Thurs of each month. It's a social, trans inclusive gathering, designed for the queer community, a place connecting people in a relaxed atmosphere. Whether you're looking to meet new friends or simply enjoy a night out, this event is a safe, fun and inclusive space. So join us in the Library Bar on the ground floor of The Totnes Brewing Co. We will make sure you are welcomed.

DOORS 7PM | FREE ENTRY

**THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY
WILL VARLEY
+ SUPPORT PAEON**

The Kent-born troubadour praised by legends from Billy Bragg to Counting Crows, brings his spellbinding songwriting to the stage. Fresh from the release of his acclaimed new album, he returns with storytelling that's as vivid, surreal and moving as ever.

DOORS 7:30PM/START 8PM | TICKETS £18

**FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY
LIVE BANDS NIGHT**

We're cooking up something special... announcements soon! Check our website for updates.

DOORS TBC

**SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY
PIGEON WIGS
+ SUPPORT THE VIVE**

Cardiff's Pigeon Wigs are a 5 piece, fuzz-fuelled alt-rock powerhouse, blending 60s psychedelia, 70s swagger, and sharp modern edge. Fronted by songwriters Harry Franklin-Williams and Louis Jugessur, the band deliver hook-heavy riffs, soulful harmonies, and high-impact live sets that have earned them a devoted following across the UK festival and venue circuit. With support from The Vive - an upcoming Alt-Indie 3-piece band from Bristol. High energy original music. For fans of: Fontaines DC, The Stone Roses and Wunderhorse.

DOORS 7:30PM/START 8PM | TICKETS £8, £10
£12 PAY WHAT YOU CAN**SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
THE TROUBLE NOTES + SUPPORT**

Totnes' favourite global fusion trio returns! The Trouble Notes bring their infectious energy and deep creative connection back to The Barrel House. With dazzling musicianship and a spirit that celebrates cultures from around the world, this is a night guaranteed to lift your heart and move your feet.

DOORS 7PM/START 7:30PM | -TICKETS £10,
£12.50, £15 PAY WHAT YOU CAN**MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE**

Lessons - Library bar - 6:30PM-7:15PM
Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM

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**TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
JAM IN THE BARREL**

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DOORS 8PM-11PM | FREE ENTRY

**TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
THE TOTNES BOARD GAME CLUB
DOORS 6:30PM | FREE ENTRY****THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
CABARET VOLTAIRE PRESENTS...
THE ORIELLES**

The Orielles blend jangly indie rock with disco-funk grooves and dreamy, psychedelic textures. Their sound is playful and experimental, often shifting genres mid-song while maintaining a strong sense of melody and rhythm. Overall, they feel like an art-pop band with a danceable, cosmic twist.

"Cherry-picking gebres to make a rich feast of musical ideas" - The Guardian ★★★★★DOORS 7PM | TICKETS £16.50
CABARETVOLTAIREEVENTS.COM**FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
THE JAZZ FUNK EMPORIUM**

The Jazz Funk Emporium includes some of the finest musicians with a slant and interest towards jazz funk in the Southwest. It's a band dedicated to the funkier side of life. You can expect to hear great tunes by artists such as The Average White Band, The Crusaders, Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea, Ronnie Jordan, James Taylor Quartet (JTQ), Brecker Brothers, Marcus Miller and Vulfpeck, performed with great flair by this awesome band.

DOORS 8PM | TICKETS £10, £12, £14

**SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
THE RETURN OF THE REBEL DREAD...**

DON LETTS DJ SET + SUPPORT MABONMAN
The Rebel Dread returns! After two sold-out shows in 2022 and 2023, legendary filmmaker, musician and culture-shaping DJ Don Letts is back at The Ballroom with a powerhouse set. A Grammy-winning documentarian and the iconic DJ who introduced reggae to the punk scene at The Roxy in '77, Letts has spent decades shaping music, film, and counterculture. With acclaimed films, over 300 music videos, his book *There and Black Again*, and the documentary *Rebel Dread*, he remains a creative force, and this night promises to be another unmissable event.

DOORS 8:30PM - 1AM | TICKETS £18

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DOORS 7PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE**

Lessons - Library bar - 6:30PM-7:15PM
Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM

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**TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY
THE BLACK BIRD COLLECTIVE OPEN MIC #134**

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DOORS 7:00PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

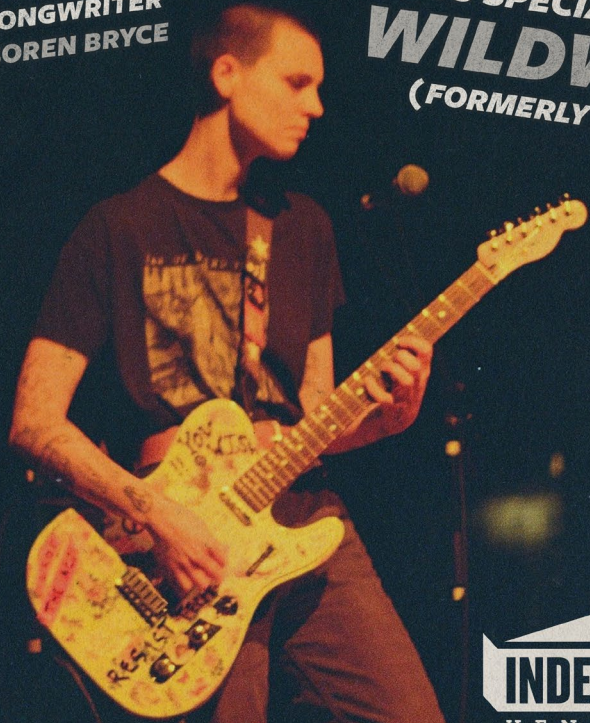
WEDNESDAY THE 28TH OF JANUARY

DOORS 7.00PM

TUMMYACHE

STUNNING ALT ROCK BAND
FRONTED BY SONGWRITER
& PRODUCER SOREN BRYCE

PLUS SPECIAL GUEST
WILDWIRE
(FORMERLY RIFKA)



PLUS DJ BLACK BIRD (VINYL ROCK SET)
CELEBRATING 14 YEARS OF THE BLACK BIRD COLLECTIVE



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COLLECTIVE

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WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

MAN OF THE WORLD THE PETER GREEN STORY

Celebrating the life and music of Peter Green, founder of the original Fleetwood Mac. Guitarist Remi Harris will be joined by vocalist Dave Small, bassist Tom Moore and Nicky Waters on drums to perform music from throughout Peter Green's career. Including such classics as Man Of The World, Black Magic Woman, Need Your Love So Bad, Albatross and The Green Manalishi (With The Two Prong Crown).

DOORS 7:30PM/STARTS 8PM | TICKETS £16
£18, £20

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

THE TOTNES HOTNESS #8

Totnes Hotness a regular MONTHLY celebration of rhythm, rhyme, and raw talent. Showcasing rappers, singers, beatmakers, DJs, and dancers.

DOORS 8PM | FREE ENTRY

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

ZACH THOMPSON + SUPPORT

We are very excited to welcome Zach Thompson to The Barrel House Ballroom. For fans of early Bob Dylan, Bert Jansch and John Martyn. Born and raised in West Yorkshire, but now based in London, he's long been making his mark in the burgeoning South-East London folk scene. A truly enigmatic songwriter, Zach moves between intimate folk and freewheeling jazz at a moment's notice.

DOORS 8PM | TICKETS - PAY WHAT YOU CAN
£8, £10, £12, £14

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

WE DON'T OWE YOU PRETTY ANTI VALENTINES GIG

Sick of the roses, the clichés, the heart-shaped everything? Come spend your Anti-Valentines with two bands who know exactly how to tear up the rulebook. A gig celebrating power, rage, vulnerability and everything in between.

LEONARD AND THE ZOMBIES - A female fronted five-piece, bringing raw, riot-grrrrl-charged punk rock with the emotional weight of grunge legends. Heavy, gritty, heartfelt, their sound burns through the noise. If you like bands like Hole, Bikini Kill and The Breeders you will love LATZ.

GRLBND - All Female powerhouse, crafting expansive sonic worlds, drifting between alt-rock, indie and pop with fearless experimentation and undeniable force. Creating an experience that's both fresh and timeless. Love is overrated. Music isn't! No romance required. Just catharsis. Ditch the date night. Bring the attitude.
DOORS 8PM | TICKETS - PAY WHAT YOU CAN
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MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE

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FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

DOG SHOW + PRE/POST BAND DJ SETS FROM MABONMAN

Dogshow are here to turn your night upside down, inside out, and wonderfully off-leash. Born from two brothers who stride boldly across the astral planes of dance music, while dressed as poodles. This full-bodied canine duo deliver a party like no other. Expect a wild fusion of live techno, jazz, and dance musicianship centred around their iconic battery-powered Dog-Trolley, planted right in the middle of the crowd for maximum chaos and connection. Part rave, part ritual, part surreal fever-dream, Dogshow aren't just a performance, they're a portal to your most euphoric, tail-wagging self. Step into the pack, surrender to the howl, and get ready to unleash. WOOF WOOF!

DOORS 8PM | TICKETS £13 ADV £15 OTD

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

GLOW #5

Yes, they are back with another night of gorgeous House & Funk with a World Music Flavour. Always a great night with stunning visuals and a veritable feast of DJ's on the menu. Get your tickets now!

DOORS 8PM | TICKETS £7 ADV £9 OTD

WHAT'S ON - JAN/FEB

ALL ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM **universe** UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE

Lessons - Library bar - 6:30PM-7:15PM
 Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM
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TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
THE BLACK BIRD COLLECTIVE OPEN MIC #135

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DOORS 7PM | FREE ENTRY

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
THE ALLERGIES - 4 HOUR VINYL DJ SET

The Allergies return to The Barrel House with four hours of high-energy funk, soul, and party hip-hop on 45s. Expect their signature vintage grooves, explosive mixes, and full-throttle dance-floor vibes. As BBC 6 Music's Craig Charles says: "Funk and soul for the 21st century!"

Let's make it another night to remember. Let's go!
DOORS 8PM | TICKETS £10 EB £13.50 ADV

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
NOON COLLECTIVE LAB

Step inside the NooN Collective Lab, a space dedicated to artistic experimentation and communication between the live and digital; finding connection in sound, image, movement and object. Join us for an evening of ambient soundscapes layered over progressive natural and manmade rhythms.

Featuring: Clare Parker - movement & costume/ Ric Byer - live music, sound design & composition/ Emilio Mula - visuals, projection, generative art & sound design.

DOORS 7:30PM | TICKETS £10, £12, £14


TUESDAY 3RD MARCH
MATTHEW C. WHITAKER (HENGE)
WITH SHUNYA

Celebrate the release of Matthew C. Whitaker's new solo album Songs for the Weary - a serene blend of classical guitar, rich strings and subtle electronics - co-produced with Alan Keary (Shunya). Expect graceful new compositions, highlights from Whitaker's debut The Man with the Anvil Hat, a solo set from Shunya, and special reworkings from the HENGE back catalogue.

DOORS 7PM | SEATED GIG | TICKETS £10, £12, £14

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH
GREASE! THE SOUNDTRACK LIVE

Greased lightning is heading straight for Totnes! Join us at The Barrel House Ballroom as the all-star supergroup behind our sellout Queen, Rocky Horror, ABBA and Bowie nights returns to bring the Grease soundtrack to life. From "Summer Nights" to "You're the One That I Want," the gang's all here as these timeless tunes are reimagined with the power and swagger of Totnes' finest musicians. Expect big harmonies, bigger hair, and a night that'll have you dancing faster than a Pink Lady with a plan. Don't be late!

DOORS 8PM/STARTS 8:45PM | TICKETS £12, £14

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH
SAMANTICS: THE TOUR OF ONE GUY WITH TWO SIDES

A special two-part evening with Samantics: first, a stripped-back acoustic/ukulele set reworking favourites from his back catalogue; then the high-energy, live-looped performance he's loved for. Expect sharp lyrics, big laughs, heartfelt moments and a few deep cuts rarely heard live.

DOORS 7:30PM | TICKETS (PAY WHAT YOU CAN) £10, £12, £14

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH
THE RHEINGANS SISTERS

BBC Folk Award winning duo The Rheingans Sisters bring a powerful new live show to the Barrel House. Step into their vivid avant-folk sound world where baroque fiddle tunes meet trance beats, metal-tinged ballads, drones, voice notes and soaring vocal harmonies, all delivered with their fearless, boundary-pushing creativity. Age limit: 14+ (under-18s must be accompanied by an adult)

DOORS 7PM | TICKETS £18, £20

THURSDAY THE 29TH OF JANUARY
DOORS 7.30PM
START 8.00PM

WILL VARLEY

PLUS SUPPORT
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ALT-COUNTRY & FOLK
SINGER-SONGWRITER
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As we wave a fond farewell to 2025, we're stepping into the new year with full hearts, open arms, and a calendar brimming with the creativity, community, and glorious chaos that make The Barrel House Ballroom & Totnes Brewing Co what they are. January arrives with an especially eclectic spark, everything from soul-soothing poetry and riotous quizzes to intimate open mics, global-fusion joy, spine-tingling rock nights, a brand-new Jam Night, and the return of our cosy, candlelit Sunday Soul Sessions with Luke Marzec. Add in everything from board games to deep-listening dance journeys, and the month becomes a reminder of how much magic unfolds when people gather with curiosity and a willingness to play.

And February? She's coming in hot (well as hot as Feb can be !!). Expect cosmic indie explorations, blistering punk catharsis, legendary DJs, world-class musicianship, vibrant queer community gatherings, and boundary-pushing performances that stretch across genres and artforms. Bold experiments, late-night euphoria, and the kind of nights you don't plan so much as let sweep you up. Here's to 2026 - a year where we dance harder, shout louder, listen deeper, and keep building a space where every voice, every beat, and every story has room to shine. Come in from the cold. Grab a pint. Let's begin again.

Tracie Gillies

TRACIE GILLIES - EVENTS & PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

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