

'TIS THE SEASON TO PARTY... **IN THE GARDEN!**

WHAT'S ON

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



JULY/AUG 2026



— EXCLUSIVE —
**CHRIS
BRAIN**


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FRIDAY THE 3RD OF JULY

DOORS 8.00PM

HIGH ENERGY BRISTOL BASED BAND FUSING LATIN & BALKAN JAZZ, FUNK, HIP-HOP, SKA AND MORE

IS THERE A BETTER YOUNG BAND ON THE CIRCUIT? NEIGH! ~ ANDY QUICK, LAND OF THE GIANTS

HORSES ON THE BEACH

HIGH ENERGY LIVE SHOW! SCREAMING GUITAR RIFFS AND TRUMPET HOOKS FACE OFF AGAINST SOULFUL LYRICS

LONG TONIC

ONE OF THE MOST CHARISMATIC & ENERGETIC ACTS I HAVE SEEN IN MY TIME ~ THE EPIGRAM



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THURSDAY 2ND JULY

THE TOTNES HOTNESS #12

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

FRIDAY 3RD JULY

HORSES ON THE BEACH & LONG TONIC

This isn't your average gig, it's a full-throttle night of full band live music, packed with blazing brass and screaming guitar solos. Two powerhouse bands are taking to The Ballroom stage to bring groove, grit, and soul.
DOORS 8PM | TICKETS £12, £14, £16

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY - MABONMAN + AMITY SOUNDSYSTEM CREW

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DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY 5TH JULY

QUILT BAG SUNDAY SOCIAL

Queer social/grassroots/scratch space.
DOORS 4PM-7PM | FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY 5TH JULY

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

MONDAY 6TH JULY

TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE

Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM
FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS

TUESDAY 7TH JULY

JAM IN THE BARREL

DOORS 8PM-11PM | FREE ENTRY

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

SUNDAY 9TH-12TH JULY

TOTNES FRINGE FESTIVAL

ALL TICKETS £6, £8, £10 - TICKETTAILOR.COM

THURSDAY 9TH JULY

LET'S RAW CULTURE - COMEDY

By George Williams / Suitable for 14+
Food Influencer Connor Mann, aka The Good-Gut Groovy-Guru Guy™, brings his infectious passion for yeast onstage. With live music, drama and science learn to Ferment Your Bitterness Into Betterness™ and discover your Self-Raising Power™.
DOORS 7:30PM-8:30PM

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

THE DREAM - THEATRE

By Vox Theatre Company / Suitable for all ages
Two actors. Endless characters. Shakespeare's wildest dream bursts alive as VOX Theatre transforms A Midsummer Night's Dream into playful, intimate chaos. Fresh from Pride and Prejudice, Bristol Old Vic-trained performers deliver storytelling, comic invention and magic.
DOORS 1PM-2PM

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

SEARCH FOR THE GOLDEN NUGGETS - COMEDY

By Fingers in Pies / Suitable for ages 16+
Part game show, part comic adventure, Search for the Golden Nuggets invites audiences into a playful world of risk, greed and unexpected generosity. Filled with improvisation, audience participation and absurd twists, this lively performance balances chaos with warmth and delight beautifully.
DOORS 3PM-4PM

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

HUMANS IN THE LOOP - MUSICAL THEATRE

By Lucy Bell & James Joshua Otto/Suitable for ages 12+
A fast, funny musical exploring the people driving the AI revolution. From earworms to touching solos Humans in the Loop blends satire, original music and chaos into a human story about technology, ambition and survival.
DOORS 7PM-8PM

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

HOW I WENT TO EVERY SUPERMARKET IN THE WORLD - COMEDY

By Dan Kelly / Suitable for ages 12+
For ten years, Dan has travelled the world recording prices from every supermarket in the world into a Dictaphone. From apples to cheese, this strange, funny and unexpectedly human story explores obsession, routine and global economics.
DOORS 9:30PM-10:30PM

WHAT'S ON - JULY/AUGUST

ALL ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM universe UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE



Chris Brain

Still waters run deep...

Yorkshire singer-songwriter *Chris Brain* has quietly become one of the most compelling voices in contemporary British folk. Blending intricate guitar work with thoughtful, landscape-inspired songwriting, his music draws on the rich traditions of English folk while speaking to modern audiences with honesty and grace. Ahead of his gig here in Totnes, we caught up with Chris to talk about songwriting, the places that inspire him, and the stories behind his music.

Who were the artists or albums that first made you want to become a songwriter, and do they still influence your work today?

The first artist who made me pick up a guitar was James Taylor when I heard *Sweet Baby James*. Although, thinking about it, my dad used to play Cat Stevens and Simon & Garfunkel in the kitchen when I was growing up, so maybe that's where it really started.

When you're not making music, what helps you reconnect with creativity and find fresh inspiration?

My favourite pastime is climbing rocks, whether that's outdoors or indoors. It makes me feel like a kid again and helps me forget about the world for a while. I also enjoy spending time at the allotment, although these days I seem to spend most of my time there lying in the sun.

Your first single, *Golden Days*, found a new audience through the film *We Live In Time*. What was it like hearing your music become part of such an emotional film, and did it change how you see the song?

It was a lovely feeling hearing my song in that context. To be honest, it still doesn't quite feel real, as if someone is playing a prank on me.

You've shared stages with artists like Robert Plant, Jacqui McShee and Martin Simpson. Have any of those encounters left a lasting impression on the way you approach performing or songwriting?

I always enjoy meeting those people, but I'm not sure I draw inspiration from those moments directly. Most of my inspiration tends to come when I'm on my own and things are quiet. That said, listening to Jacqui McShee sing certainly inspires me whenever I hear her.

Your songwriting sits comfortably within the British pastoral tradition while feeling distinctly contemporary. How do you balance honouring that heritage with finding your own voice?

I don't really think about it, to be honest. I just write the songs and play them, and for some reason people seem to enjoy listening, which is a lovely feeling. I still don't quite understand why my music connects with people as much as it does, but I'm certainly grateful for it.

If you could take one walk with any songwriter, past or present, through the Yorkshire landscape that inspires you, who would it be and what do you think you'd talk about?

It's probably a boring answer, but I'd choose Bob Dylan. He's such an enigma, and so many people have tried to figure him out. I know he probably wouldn't give me the answers I'd

be looking for, but it would still be fascinating to spend time with him.

Independent venues like The Barrel House Ballroom offer a very different atmosphere from festivals and larger stages. What do you enjoy most about performing in an intimate room where every lyric can be heard?

I really enjoy smaller venues because they're reminiscent of the folk clubs I used to play. They feel authentic and grounding in a way that's quite different from larger stages.

What can audiences at The Barrel House Ballroom expect from your show on 21st July, and what do you hope they carry away with them – a melody, a feeling, a memory, or perhaps a new way of looking at the world?

I just hope people enjoy themselves and feel like they've had their money's worth. It's always nice to have a bit of a laugh as well.

Finally, what's next? After *Red Sun Rising* and your appearance at The Barrel House Ballroom, what can fans look forward to from Chris Brain over the coming months and years?

I'm planning to write a new album and record it outdoors in different locations around the Dales. I'd like to sing a bit more about my roots. My grandad was a coal miner, and I come from a forgotten town in the North. I think it's important to sing about those stories sometimes.

GETTING TO KNOW... CHRIS BRAIN

FAVOURITE BISCUIT WITH A CUPPA?
SORRY, IT'S A BORING ANSWER, BUT A DIGESTIVE WITH OR WITHOUT CHOCOLATE. I CAN'T STAND RICH TEA BISCUITS; THEY ALWAYS FALL INTO YOUR BREW.

ONE INSTRUMENT YOU WISH YOU COULD MASTER?
THE GUITAR. IT'S BLOODY HARD.

FAVOURITE FILM?
I LOVE STUDIO GHIBLI FILMS. I LIKE GETTING LOST IN THEM.

IF YOUR MUSIC WERE A WEATHER FORECAST, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
A NICE SPRING DAY — NOT TOO HOT, A BIT OF SUNSHINE, AND A FEW CLOUDS DRIFTING THROUGH

EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?
EARLY BIRD

ONE ALBUM YOU WISH YOU'D MADE?
PROBABLY A JOHN RENBOURN ALBUM. HE WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE PLAYER.

FAVOURITE BOOK?
PROBABLY CIDER WITH ROSIE BY LAURIE LEE

MOUNTAINS OR THE COAST?
I LOVE THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE TWO, BUT IF I HAVE TO CHOOSE, I'LL PICK THE MOUNTAINS.

THE FIRST THING YOU PACK BEFORE HEADING OUT ON TOUR?
A GOOD BOOK

Catch Chris at The Barrel House Ballroom on Tuesday 21st July
Tickets available now from universe.com

SATURDAY 11TH JULY

LOOK BUSY - COMEDY

By Rebecca Tully / Suitable for ages 14+

When robots take our jobs, what happens next? Judie Boom blends stand-up and surreal props with Black Mirror-esque storytelling. A funny, hopeful solo show exploring AI, automation and the future of work.

DOORS 1PM-2PM



SATURDAY 11TH JULY

RUNNING COMMENTARY - COMEDY

By P Burton-Morgan / Suitable for 14+

41-year-old poet P Burton-Morgan finds themselves newly single and keen to join the local running club. This solo show is a silly, sweaty, sexy romp - don't forget to stretch first!

DOORS 4PM-5PM



SATURDAY 11TH JULY

THE GREAT DIVINATOR: TOUCHED BY SPIRITS - MAGIC/COMEDY

By Katie Trantor. Suitable for ages 12+

Fake moustache. Real mindreading. This combines outrageous comedy, impossible predictions and audience participation inside a chaotic evening of theatrical deception. Expect quick wit, unexpected revelations and playful absurdity from a performer delighting in mystery and mischief.

DOORS 7PM-8PM



SATURDAY 11TH JULY

FULL FRONTAL MIKEY MODE - COMEDY

By Mikey Bligh-Smith / Suitable for age 12+

Comedian Mikey delivers a glorious hour of clowning, awkwardness and freakish charm. The show embraces vulnerability, absurdity and playful audience connection, creating comedy that feels simultaneously ridiculous, heartfelt and joyfully unpredictable from beginning to end.

DOORS 9PM-10PM



SUNDAY 12TH JULY

PLAIN BOB - FAMILY SHOW

By Noisy Oyster Suitable for All Ages

Plain Bob is a joyful puppet show for younger audiences, filled with humour, original music and visual storytelling. Using puppetry, mime and playfulness, this performance celebrates imagination, curiosity and the extraordinary possibilities hidden within ordinary moments.

DOORS 11:30AM-12:30PM



SUNDAY 12TH JULY

THE SKIN SHOW - THEATRE

By Jocelyn Affleck. Suitable for age 16+

THE SKIN SHOW Fringe Future Winner: Part folk-horror séance, part surreal cabaret, this blends dark comedy, drag energy and unsettling storytelling into a strange theatrical ritual. Tender, eerie and funny, this performance explores identity, transformation and the things we hide beneath the surface.

DOORS 2PM-3PM



SUNDAY 12TH JULY

SUPERSTAR IN THERAPY - THEATRE

By Mumtaztic. Suitable for 16++

A former pop icon confronts fame, identity and reinvention inside this intimate solo performance. Blending music, storytelling and dark humour, Superstar in Therapy explores celebrity culture, personal collapse and survival with warmth, vulnerability and emotional honesty.

DOORS 6PM-7PM



SUNDAY 12TH JULY

AN EVENING WITH ROBERTA CALAMARI

Ink-redible news! Roberta Calamari is back at Totnes Fringe with her cabaret extravaganza - An Evening with Roberta Calamari! With her dazzling vocals, scandalous comedy, and sequins for days. She'll serving enough camp to qualify as a national park! See you there, squids!

DOORS 9:30PM-10:30PM



MONDAY 13TH JULY

TOTNES UKULELE COLLECTIVE

Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM

FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS

MONDAY 13TH JULY

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 Hosts/MC's ione 'n' Geoff poetsnpints@gmail.com Or turn up and take potluck. This month's featured poet is Collette Hurley.

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



DIRECT FROM THE INTERNET!



'HIS PASSION FOR YEAST IS INFECTIOUS'
- SCOOBY DOG, FOOD INFLUENCER

'LITERALLY FINDS THE FUN IN FUNGUS'
- SCOOBY DOO, BEVERAGE INFLUENCER



AN EVENING WITH INFLUENCER
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BARREL HOUSE BALLROOM



THURSDAY. 9TH JULY. 7.30PM

CRABS OUT BACK

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FREE ENTRY 19:00 - 23:30

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

Crab & Claw

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FRIDAY 17TH JULY

**SUMMER GARDEN PARTY- MABONMAN
+ GUYEST DJ ANANDI RAMA**

Step into the sounds of summer as MABONMAN is joined by special guest DJ ANANDI RAMA. Enjoy an eclectic mix of rhythms, sunshine-filled atmosphere, and cold pints in the beer garden – bringing the perfect summer soundtrack to the heart of Totnes. **DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY**



SATURDAY 18TH JULY

**SUMMER GARDEN PARTY- MABONMAN
+ GUEST DJ VYTL**

Summer evenings are made for music, and MABONMAN with special guest DJ VYTL delivers just that. From soulful selections to infectious rhythms, the soundtrack pairs perfectly with golden-hour drinks and good conversation in the beer garden. **DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY**



SUNDAY 19TH JULY

SING-ALONG-SUNDAY

"Guess who's back? Back again!" The ever-talented Musical Maestro Andy Hill 'Andy Hill', that's who – So tell your friends! Swing by The Library Bar for a rip-roaring, toe-tapping sing-along around the ol' 'Joanna'. From ABBA bangers to Zappa zingers, we've got you covered. Seats disappear faster than the high notes, so get in early and park that booty. **DOORS 5PM-8PM | FREE ENTRY**



MONDAY 20TH JULY

TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE

Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM
FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS

TUESDAY 21ST JULY

CHRIS BRAIN + SUPPORT CHLOE FOY

Yorkshire folk singer-songwriter Chris Brain returns with Red Sun Rising (2026), a beautifully understated new album exploring longing, movement and change through rich acoustic textures and intimate storytelling. Rooted in the British pastoral tradition, Brain has earned acclaim from BBC Radio 6 Music and the BBC Radio 2 Folk Show, alongside sold-out international tours including Japan. **DOORS 7:30PM | TICKETS £14**

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

JAM IN THE BARREL

Totnes' open jam night. Come play, sing, dance, or just soak up the vibes. Fully improvised music with drums, bass, guitar, keys, sax, vocals, and more. All musicians welcome; everyone gets a chance to join in. Friendly, inclusive, and free! Find out more at jaminthebarrel.org **DOORS 8PM-11PM | FREE ENTRY**

THURSDAY 23RD JULY

**TAMER NAFAR - IN THE NAME OF THE
FATHER, THE IMAM & JOHN LENNON
(REVISITED)**

An evening with Tamer Nafar – "The Godfather of Palestinian Hip-Hop". When Tamer Nafar first brought this show to The Barrel House Ballroom last June, it was still finding its shape. That night became something of a turning point in its development. Now Tamer returns to Totnes with a newly evolved version of the show. If you saw it last year, this is your chance to experience how the work has grown. If you didn't, this is a rare opportunity to encounter one of the most important voices in contemporary Palestinian culture up close. This evening offers a unique and intimate journey through Tamer's world. Weaving music, stories, film, and conversation, as he reflects on life as a Palestinian living in Israel and the role of art in times of conflict and transformation. A powerful, thought-provoking and deeply human evening with one of the Middle East's most compelling cultural voices. **DOORS 7:30PM | TICKETS £14, £16, £18, £20**

FRIDAY 24TH JULY

**SUMMER GARDEN PARTY- MABONMAN
+ GUEST DJ MUNA**

Get ready for a sunset soundtrack as MABONMAN welcomes DJ MUNA to the decks. Expect an adventurous blend of sounds, a buzzing beer garden, and plenty of opportunities to kick back with friends over a cold pint. **DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY**



SATURDAY 25TH JULY

**SUMMER GARDEN PARTY- MABONMAN
+ GUEST DJ FUZIJA**

Step into the sounds of summer for an open-air evening of global grooves, deep cuts, and dancefloor magic. **DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY**



SUNDAY 26TH JULY

JAZZ AT THE BAZZA WITH MAMA TOKUS & FRIENDS

Join Mama Tokus for a relaxed Sunday session of soulful vocals, spoken word and jazz grooves. Expect great music, storytelling, humour and warm community vibes in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Come solo or with friends, bring food from nearby takeaways, and help make this a regular celebration of music, wordplay and good company. **DOORS 3PM-6PM | TICKETS £6 EB £10 OTD MAMA TOKUS JOYSEEKER MEMBERS FREE**

WHAT'S ON - JULY / AUGUST

UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

ALL ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM Universe

VOX

Theatre
where stories find their voice

We're so proud to call The Barrel House our home. As their Resident Theatre Company, we've found something truly special in this vibrant venue at the heart of Totnes. But the Barrel House is more than just a venue. It's a place where creativity, community and connection come together, and we're delighted to be part of its story.

Throughout the year, VOX Theatre Company runs weekly theatre classes for young people aged 9-11, 12-17, and adults of all experience levels. Whether you're stepping onto a stage for the very first time or returning after years away, our sessions are welcoming, playful and designed to build confidence, creativity and a sense of belonging.

Our youth company offers a supportive space for kids and teenagers to develop performance skills, make lasting friendships and discover their own artistic voices, while our adult classes combine professional training with plenty of laughter, collaboration and creative exploration.

This summer we're also bringing our latest production, *The Dream*, to the Barrel House stage - Friday 10th July as part of Totnes Fringe Festival and then again on Saturday 8th August. The show is inspired by Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, this bold, new, two hander adaptation, celebrates love, imagination, beauty and the human longing to be truly seen. Expect music, mischief, magic and a fresh take on one of theatre's most beloved stories.

We feel incredibly lucky to create, rehearse and perform in such a unique venue, right in the centre of Totnes, and we look forward to welcoming both familiar faces and new audiences throughout the season. Find out more at voxtheatre.co.uk and join us at The Barrel House.

VOX Adult Theatre Company - Saturdays | 1:30pm-3:30pm

VOX Young Company (Ages 12-17) - Saturdays | 10:00am-12:00pm

VOX Young Company (Ages 9-11) - Saturdays | 12:00pm-1:30pm

Membership from £10.20 per week by Direct Debit.

Contact Zannah to arrange your trial session.
Limited places available

Contact: Zannah Mob: 07547 635590 email: voxtheatrecompany@gmail.com

What happens when Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* collides with a dysfunctional rock band at the peak of its fame?



VOX THEATRE PRESENTS
THE DREAM

FRIDAY 10TH JULY @ 1PM
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST @ 6:30PM


TICKETS

BARREL HOUSE BALLROOM

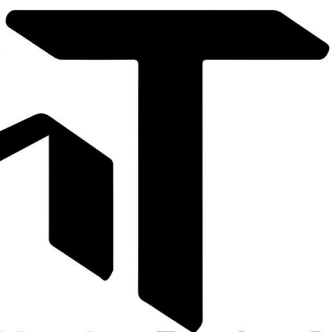
Join professional theatre company VOX for a joyful, music-filled, family-friendly performance packed with magic, mischief, passion, and plenty of laughs.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE IMAM AND JOHN LENNON (REVISITED)



**THE BARREL
HOUSE** BALLROOM

**THURS JULY 23RD
DOORS 7:30PM
£14/£16/£18/£20**



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“The Godfather of Palestinian Hip-Hop”

A rare opportunity to encounter one of the most important voices in contemporary Palestinian culture up close.

Through MUSIC, STORIES, FILM & CONVERSATION -

Tamer reflects on his life and the role of art in times of conflict, offering a powerful and deeply human evening.

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MONDAY 27TH JULY

TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE

Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM

FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS

TUESDAY 28TH JULY

THE BLACK BIRD COLLECTIVE OPEN MIC #145

A friendly, intimate, and much-loved event that brings people together for good times.

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

THURSDAY 30TH JULY

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.

DOORS 7PM | FREE ENTRY



FRIDAY 31ST JULY

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY- MABONMAN

+ GUEST DJ'S ZUMA B2B GOAN SAUSAGE

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DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY



SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

CRABS OUT BACK

FREE GARDEN PARTY

The Crab and Claw return for a party out back bringing their usual funky goods. Going from 7 till late so expect anything and everything that gets the dancefloor movin. Free entry so there's no excuse to miss this crustacean sensation!

DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY



SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

SUNDAY SOUL SESSION

WITH LUKE MARZEC

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MONDAY 3RD AUGUST

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DOORS 8PM-11PM | FREE ENTRY

WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST

ANNA LING – FULL BAND GIG + SUPPORT TBA

Alt-folk artist Anna Ling + Full Band return to the Barrel House following their sell-out show last year. Described by BBC Radio 3 as “marrying the mundane with the mythic” and praised by Songlines for her “warm-hearted” performances, expect an evening of vivid storytelling and intricate musicianship.

DOORS 7:30PM | TICKETS £10, £12, £14

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY- MABONMAN

+ WHO NICKED JUPITER

Join MABONMAN and guest DJ Who Nicked Jupiter for an easy-going gathering filled with adventurous selections, warm weather, and great company. The beer garden will be pouring cold pints while the soundtrack keeps the good times rolling.

DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY



SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY- MABONMAN

+ NOHO

MABONMAN is joined by special guest DJ NOHO for an evening of eclectic sounds and laid-back energy. Expect a mix of genre-bending rhythms, feel-good grooves and sunshine-filled vibes as the soundtrack rolls through the night. Grab a fresh pint, settle into the beer garden and soak up the atmosphere with great music, good company.

DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY



SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

VOX THEATRE PRESENTS... THE DREAM

THE DREAM - A music festival. A legendary band on the brink. A rock album that could change everything. Inspired by Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream and sprinkled with the backstage chaos of rock 'n' roll history, The Dream reimagines the classic tale as a modern music festival where love, ambition, jealousy and magic collide.

DOORS 5:30PM/START 6:30PM-7:15PM

TICKETS £12.50 - TICKETTAILOR.COM

**MONDAY 10TH AUGUST
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 Hosts/MC's 'ione 'n' Geoff poetsnpints@gmail.com Or turn up and take potluck. This month's featured poet is Harry Duns.
DOORS 7PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**MONDAY 10TH AUGUST
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE**

Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM
FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS

**TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST
THE BLACK BIRD COLLECTIVE OPEN MIC #146**

A friendly, intimate, and much-loved event that brings people together for good times.
DOORS 7:00PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST
MABONMAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Celebrate MABONMAN's birthday with a special Summer Garden Party featuring guest DJ Lamassu. Expect laid-back selections, soulful grooves and dancefloor favourites, all soundtracking a summer evening of good company and birthday cheer.
DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST
PAPRIKA PRESENTS... SERETONIN
FREE GARDEN PARTY**

Paprika is back with another garden party! Seretonin will be taking you all on a journey through sound, so to speak. With immersive decorations and a varied range of music there will be something for everyone. Expect disco, world, 2000s classics, garage and jungle + more!
DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**MONDAY 17TH AUGUST
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE**

Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM
FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS

**TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST
JAM IN THE BARREL**

DOORS 8PM-11PM | FREE ENTRY

**FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST
GLOW IN THE GARDEN - FREE PARTY**

MABONMAN takes the weekend off as Kim Anandi and Mx Mikki step into the garden, bringing uplifting sounds, playful energy and feel-good summer vibes.
DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST
SUMMER GARDEN PARTY**

Join us in the beer garden for an evening of DJ-led music and summer vibes. DJ line-up to be announced. Good times and great vibes guaranteed.
DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**MONDAY 24TH AUGUST
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE**

Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM
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**TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST
THE BLACK BIRD COLLECTIVE OPEN MIC #147**

A friendly, intimate, and much-loved event that brings people together for good times.
DOORS 7:00PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST
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.
DOORS 7PM | FREE ENTRY

**FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST
FINAL SUMMER GARDEN PARTY
OF 2026**

We close the summer with one final Garden Party as MABONMAN goes solo on the decks, delivering soulful grooves, genre-spanning rhythms and dancefloor favourites. From golden hour to after dark, it's the soundtrack for cold pints, good company and one last dance under the stars.
DOORS 7PM-11:30PM | FREE ENTRY

**SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST
OLDSCHOOL DAY RAVE**

Totnes day rave: House, Trance and DnB classics from 1989-1999. Warm-up in The Beer Garden of The Totnes Brewing Co from 2pm, then ticketed daytime session at The Barrel House Ballroom from 5-11pm with DJ B-Sides, B-Rey, WaveFormJunky, CJ and Scott Whyte.
DOORS 2PM-11PM | TICKETS £10, £12, £14

**MONDAY 31ST AUGUST
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE
SING-A-LONG IN THE GARDEN**

Come join us in The Beer Garden for some guaranteed good Bank Holiday vibes at our Ukulele Singalong!...bring your Uke if you have one and your voice.
DOORS 7:30PM-9:30PM | FREE ENTRY

SUNLIT SESSIONS

OldSchool Day Rave Anthems from 89-99



HOUSE

TRANCE

DNB



**DJ's: B-Sides, B-Rey, WaveFormJunky
CJ and Scott Whyte (Good Living Records)**

Saturday 29th August, 2026 2PM to 11PM



**See Barrel House
Website for Tickets**
Totnes, TQ9 5PB



Summer is in full swing, and we have a fantastic programme of events lined up over the next two months.

I'm especially excited for the return of the Totnes Fringe Festival (9–12 July). Following the success of last year's inaugural event, The Barrel House Ballroom, together with 17+ venues across Totnes will once again be filled with theatre, comedy, music, cabaret, storytelling and plenty of glorious eccentricity. With artists from across the country joining outstanding local talent, it's set to be four unforgettable days of creativity, laughter and imagination. If you only make it to one event this summer, make it the Fringe.

Alongside the festival, we've got an eclectic mix of live music, folk, soul and jazz sessions, poetry, community gatherings and plenty of opportunities to dance. Our beer garden will also come alive each weekend with free Summer Garden Parties curated by MABONMAN and guest DJs.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Every ticket, every pint, every performer encouraged and every dance floor filled helps keep live arts, music and community thriving in Totnes.

I hope to see many of you over the coming weeks. Have a wonderful summer.

Tracie Gillies

TRACIE GILLIES - EVENTS & PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

COMING SOON

4TH SEPTEMBER

WILLIAM TYLER

11TH SEPTEMBER

BERT MILLER & THE ANIMAL FOLK

24TH SEPTEMBER

ROMEO STADDART & REN HARVIEU



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