

# **The Castle and Library Cultural Programme: Spring Edition**

**1st April until 30th June 2025**

Welcome to the launch of a new and exciting annual programme of events that showcase diversity and culture at its best!

Divided into seasonal programmes, The Castle and Library Cultural Programme will be offering opportunities to immerse yourself into unknown worlds, rich culture, entertaining performances, and lyrical melodies while picking up some skills along the way. We kick off our Spring programme in April 2025 with author talks, performing arts, entertainment events, live music, creative and literary workshops, along with fascinating talks by some well-known visiting authors, artists, musicians and actors.

Most of these events are ticketed, so be sure to book your tickets early to secure your space. Each event will be aimed at a variety of audiences and based at The Castle and Library sites, along with a plethora of supporting events provided by our external partners. We look forward to seeing you, and if you've already attended one of our events, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you from the Cultural Programme team.

## April Event Listings

- 11 April, 11am - 12pm, The Castle, £5

### **Annalisa Crawford:** Author Talk

*Annalisa joins us to talk about her writing journey, inspiration, and future projects. She writes dark contemporary fiction with a hint of paranormal, based in Cornwall and Devon.*

- 14 April, 11am - 12pm, The Castle, £6

### **Jenny Carden:** The Dartmoor Herbalist

*A fascinating exploration into how traditional remedies and healing practices were lost, imported back from overseas, shaped alongside, and occasionally in conflict with 'Modern medicine.'*

## May Event Listings

- 6 May, 2pm - 3pm, The Castle, £6

### **Mike Bosworth:** Folk Tales and Music

*Join Mike, a local folk singer, who shares fiddle tunes and tales shared from the people of Devon and Cornwall in Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould's collection.*

- 9 May, 7pm – 8.30pm, Bude Library, £5

### **David Myers:** 40 days and 40 nights in the Holy Land: A 1000-mile solo walk through Jordan, Israel and Palestine

Join long-distance adventurer David Myers as he recounts his experience walking through this heavily contested area. His journey took him through the Golan Heights, across two deserts and three nations, and opened his eyes to the human impacts of conflict in the region.

- 10 May, 10am & 11.30am, Bude library, £5

**Julie Ann Keenor:** Author visit

*Embrace your 'inner fairy' as Julie Ann reads her self-illustrated book and guides two workshops alongside her craft sessions. Dressing up is very much encouraged!*

- 12 May, 2pm - 3pm, The Castle, £4

**Elizabeth Dale:** The Cornish Bird

*Join Elizabeth Dale, 'The Cornish Bird,' as she explores 'The Forgotten Women of the Cornish Coast,' telling tales of feisty female characters that illustrate Cornish history.*

- 29 May, 11am - 12pm, The Castle, £FREE

**Mazed Tales:** The Piskey Path Show

*The Piskey Path puppet show sees Hunt and Bottrell as they unpack their suitcase of stories. Hear tales of generous giants, mischievous piskeys, hissing spriggans, and flying sheep. 'a special kind of magic.'*

## June Event Listings

- 2 June, 2pm - 3pm, Bude Library, £4

### **Paula Rooney:** Author Talk

*Paula joins us to share stories about her adventures interrailing on her own for a month and travelling solo across Spain.*

- 8 June, 2pm - 3pm, The Castle, £FREE

### **Magical Tots:** Dance Performance

*Enjoy an afternoon of dancing and songs from the musicals, with performances from Magical Days Theatre School and Magical Cheerleading Club.*

- 27 June, 11am - 12pm, The Castle, £5

### **Live History:** Mystery Building Workshop

*Work with the team from Live History to uncover the secrets of how mysteries and clues work and begin your own mystery creation.*

- 27 June, 2pm - 3pm, Bude Library, £5

### **Live History:** Historic Magic Workshop

*Join the team from Live History to learn impressive tricks and find out historic facts while you practice your magic skills.*

- 27 June, 6pm - 7.30pm, The Castle, £42 (18+)

### **Live History:** A Timeless Gathering

*Help solve the mystery of a visitor from the past as they join you for dinner and share stories and clues...before you get locked in forever!*

## **Seasonal Highlights**

Did you know that we have more events at both The Castle and Bude Library with our partner organisations? Look out for the Bude Spring Food Festival and Bude Literary Festival happening this Spring at The Castle and more events at Bude Library. You can find out all the details by heading over to their online calendars for more details.

- Look out for more events at Bude Library at:  
<https://www.budelibrary.co.uk/>
- Look out for more events at the castle at:  
<https://www.thecastlebude.co.uk/>

## **Tickets and Booking**

Tickets can be purchased online and by person. Booking tickets online is easily done through the links on our website page at: [thecastlebude/events-at-the-castle/the-castle-and-library-cultural-programme](https://www.thecastlebude.co.uk/events-at-the-castle/the-castle-and-library-cultural-programme).

### **No online access, no problem.**

Tickets can be purchased in person from our Events Officer, Katie Taylor. If you wish to purchase your tickets in person, please call and leave your name and number with a quick message to 01288 357302 or email [KTaylor@bude-stratton.gov.uk](mailto:KTaylor@bude-stratton.gov.uk) with your requests. Katie will get back to you to arrange payment.

### **Look out for our feedback forms.**

We'd love to hear your feedback. At each event we will have an opportunity for you to complete a feedback form. Your comments matter to us to ensure that we are providing quality events.

The Castle and Library Cultural Programme is brought to you by Bude-Stratton Town Council. We are committed to making it possible for all to enjoy as many of our events as possible. To make this a reality, we have tried to keep the costs down, with some events being free to attend. If you need a chaperone, please let our Events Officer know in advance so we can organise a pass for them. Access and more information about each venue can be found on our website; please see the details for this above. If you prefer to have a large print version of this brochure, you can pop into either one of our Council venues: The Castle Heritage Centre, Bude Library, or The Parkhouse Centre, Council Offices.