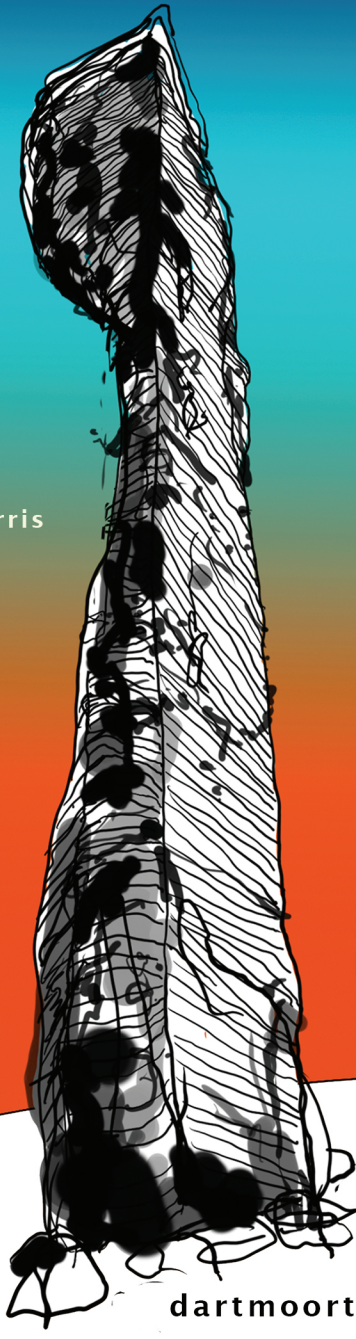


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 Sara Hurley  
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 Jam Gallery  
 Mark Jessett  
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 Chantal Lyons  
 Grimspound Border Morris  
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 Tracy May  
 Mike McInerney  
 MED Theatre  
 Alex Murdin  
 Newton Bushel Morris  
 Sophie Pavelle  
 Kay Pearson  
 Sophie Pierce  
 Princetown Press  
 Peter Randall-Page  
 Sarah Ransome  
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 Fiona Robertson  
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# DART MOOR TORS FESTIVAL

30 April - 4 May 2026

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**Field System**  
**MAY DAY REVELS**

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## THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2026

**19:30 PERFORMANCE: COLE STACEY** – visceral and lyrical folk music from the heart of Dartmoor, Ashburton Arts Centre

## FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2026

**09:00 WALK: CELEBRATING BELTANE** –celebrating “Bellever Day” with Dartmoor’s Daughter, Emma Cunis, Dunnabridge

**09:30 WALK: LINES OF GRANITE** – a drawing walk at Bench Tor with artist Kay Pearson, Venford

**11:00 WALK: THE DEWERSTONE** – being mindful whilst walking with Hannah Durdin and Helen Bruce, Cadover Bridge – FREE

**15:30 TALK: A DARTMOOR CONVERSATION** - 6000 years of people & places, photographer Chris Chapman & archaeologist Alan Endacott, Ashburton Arts Centre

**17:00 EXHIBITION: I DREAMED ANOTHER'S DREAM...** FREE Private View, portals & labyrinths by Lally MacBeth, Matthew Shaw & Penny MacBeth, Field System

**19:30 WALK: MOON & STONES** - walking at night listening to stories of ghosts and legends at Drizzlecombe with Paul Rendell, Gutter Tor

**19:30 PERFORMANCE: MAY DAY REVELS** - Field System presents a megalithic film + live soundtrack by **STONE CLUB** & dark folk music band **Craven**, Ashburton Arts Centre

## SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2026

**05:00 WALK: THE DAWN CHORUS ON DARTMOOR** – listen to the music of the trees with sound artist and ornithologist Tony Whitehead, Newbridge

**09:30 TALK: BEWITCHED BY DARTMOOR** - Natural Magic and Modern Paganism, Rebecca Beattie in conversation with Sarah Ransome, Ashburton Arts Centre

**10:00 WALK: DARTMOOR ELEMENTS** - Walking with Words, poetry and performance with MED Theatre along the banks of the Dart, Dartmeet

**11:00 WALK: BLACK DOGS AND WISHT HOUNDS** - Field System presents a walk around Hound Tor with storyteller Helen Bruce, Hound Tor

**11:00 TALK: PETER RANDALL-PAGE** – in conversation about his sculpture and a life in stone, Ashburton Arts Centre

**12:15 WORKSHOP: WHEEL OF THE YEAR** - The Fires of Beltane, learn about the Pagan calendar with Rebecca Beattie, Quaker Meeting House, Ashburton

**12:30 TALK: TRACES OF OUR ANCESTORS** - 12,000 years of Dartmoor archaeology with Dr Lee Bray, Ashburton Arts Centre

**14:00 WALK: EDWARD BRAY'S DRUIDICAL STONES** - Bardic runes and poetic dedications with Dartmoor guide Simon Dell, Two Bridges

**14:00 TALK: LOVE, LOSS AND LANDSCAPE** -the wild and the ancient with writers Fiona Robertson, Sophie Pierce & Kirsteen McNish, Ashburton Arts Centre

**15:30 PERFORMANCE: MAY DAY REVELS** – Field System presents a celebration of Beltane with Morris, Mumming & Myth, Field System - FREE

**17:30 TALK: TOR LORE & MORE MOOR TALES** - Field System presents Crowmancrow’s illustrated talk of weird tor folklore. Field System

**19:30 PERFORMANCE: GWENNO** – singer songwriter Gwenno celebrates the Celtic connections between Wales, Cornwall and Devon, Ashburton Arts Centre

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## SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2026

**09:00 WORKSHOP: WILD INKS FROM DARTMOOR** – make inks from nature with The Princetown Press, Tor Royal Workshop

**09:30 TALK: BEAVERS, BOAR AND MORE** – Getting real about rewilding with conservationist Derek Gow and writer Chantal Lyons, Ashburton Arts Centre

**10:00 WALK: INTO THE CRUCIBLE** – Landscape and creativity with artist Garry Fabian Miller and writer Fiona Williams, Dunstone Down

**11:00 TALK: WORDS FROM THE WILD** – poetry and place – conversations and readings with poets Jane Lovell and Mark Haworth Booth, Ashburton Arts Centre

**11:00 PERFORMANCE: TOR TALES** – storytelling for all ages with Sara Hurley, Ashburton Arts Centre Upper Studio.

**12:30 TALK: NATURE RECOVERY ON DARTMOOR** – panel with Richard Drysdale, Tracy May, Lisa Schneidau, Sophie Pavelle, Ashburton Arts Centre

**13:00 WALK: THE ANCIENT SITES OF MERRIVALE** & their landscape settings - with shamans Peter Knight and Sue Wallace-Knight, Merrivale

**14:00 TALK: LITURGIES OF THE WILD** – Reshaping our stories, mythologist Martin Shaw with writer Lucy Cooper, Ashburton Arts Centre

**16:00 PERFORMANCE: GUDULA'S GATHERING** – join the procession & dressing of the holy well of St Gudula in Ashburton, Ashburton Arts Centre - FREE

**19:15 WALK: SUNSET AT SHOVELDOWN** – Astronomy & ancient stones with archaeoastronomer Carolyn Kennett & guide Paul Rendell, Batworthy Corner

## MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026

**04:15 WALK: DAWN & STONES** – a processional walk to Drizzlecombe with archaeoastronomer Carolyn Kennett, Gutter Tor

**09:30 WALK: BELTANE AT RINGMOOR DOWN** – stroll through prehistory with archaeoastronomer Carolyn Kennett & guide Paul Rendell, Brisworthy Plantation

**14:00 WALK: ENCHANTED LANDSCAPES** - Wistmans Wood And Crockern Tor –storytelling with Lisa Schneidau, Sara Hurley and Gillian Healey, Two Bridges

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## THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2026

**09:30 WALK: TALES OF THE TORS** - stories of the Tors around Haytor, with guide Paul Rendell, Haytor

## EXHIBITIONS on over the festival

**FIELD SYSTEM: I DREAMED ANOTHER'S DREAM** – new work from Lally MacBeth, Matthew Shaw & Penny MacBeth exploring portals, labyrinths and mazes.

**ASHBURTON ARTS CENTRE: STONE AGES** – Artists Alex Murdin & Andrew Stacey share their conversations with the tors & ancient stones through drawing and paint.

**FIELD SYSTEM STUDIO: INTO THE DART** – Mark Jessett opens his studio door to reveal new paintings and sketches made for and about the River Dart.

**SHERWOOD GALLERY** - New prints, paintings and photographs of the landscapes of Dartmoor by Mark Burley at the Sherwood Gallery.

**SALTY'S STUDIO** - Jim Salter shows off his quirky graphic take on Dartmoor and Devon in his inspiring screen-printing studio and gallery.

**JAM GALLERY** - Michael Jones and Glen Middleham respond to Dartmoor as a wild, ancient and continually changing landscape, expressed through original collage works.

**ASHBURTON ARTISTS & ARTISANS** - Ashburton Artists & Artisans is a thriving collective of local artists and makers with a new shop in Ashburton.

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## MAIN VENUES

Ashburton Arts Centre, 15 West Street, Ashburton, Devon, TQ13 7DT

Field System, 13 West Street, Ashburton, Devon, TQ13 7DT

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