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WHAT'S ON // AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2025



WHAT'S ON CALENDAR

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Open Tues-Sat 10:00-16:00
with additional opening
Weds-Thurs 17:00-20:00
Fri-Sat 17:00-22:00*
*hours may vary depending on events



Events are subject to change. For up-to-date information, pricing and booking, visit www.thepoly.org, call 01326 319461, or pop in to **Box Office**. Find us at **The Poly, 24 Church Street, Falmouth TR11 3EG**.



FILM // HOT MILK (15)
Fri 01 August | 17:15
Sat 02 August | 17:45

Dir. Rebecca Lenkiewicz | 2025 | 93 mins | English

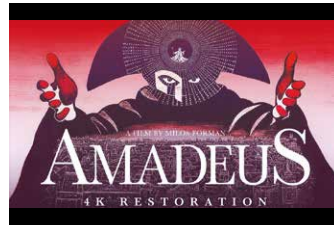
An intimate exploration of self-discovery, desire, and the complex bonds that shape us, based on the acclaimed novel by Deborah Levy. In the scorching heat of a Spanish summer, a mother and daughter wrestle with co-dependency and desire. Yearning for freedom, the daughter falls into a passionate affair. But is this liberation, or an even more destructive trap?



FILM // THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND (12A)
Sat 02 August | 20:00

Dir. James Griffiths | 2025 | 100 mins | English

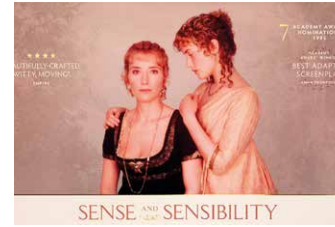
Eccentric lottery winner Charles dreams of getting his favourite musicians, McGwyer Mortimer, back together. The fantasy becomes real when the bandmates and former lovers agree to play a private show at his home on Wallis Island. But old tensions resurface as Charles tries desperately to salvage his dream gig.



FILM // AMADEUS (1984) (PG)
Thurs 07 August | 19:15

Dir. Miloš Forman | 1984 | 153 mins | English

Mozart (Tom Hulce) unwittingly finds a fierce rival in the determined and highly religious Salieri (F. Murray Abraham). Resenting Mozart for both his hedonistic lifestyle and his undeniable talent, Salieri is gradually consumed by his jealousy and becomes obsessed with Mozart's downfall, leading to a devious scheme that has dire consequences for both men. A 4K restoration of the original.



FILM // SENSE & SENSIBILITY (1995) (U)
Weds 13 August | 14:30

Dir. Ang Lee | 1995 | 136 mins | English

When Elinor Dashwood's father dies, her family's finances are crippled. After the Dashwoods move to a cottage in Devonshire, Elinor's sister Marianne is torn between two suitors; meanwhile, Elinor's romantic hopes with Edward Ferrars are hindered due to his prior engagement. Both Elinor and Marianne strive for love while the circumstances in their lives constantly change.



FILM // MY NEIGHBOUR TOTORO (U) (DUBBED)
Thurs 14 August | 10:30
Weds 27 August | 11:00
Sat 30 August | 14:30 (SUBBED)

Dir. Hayao Miyazaki | 1988 | 86 mins | English

Two sisters move to the country with their father in order to be closer to their hospitalised mother, and discover the surrounding trees are inhabited by Totoros, magical spirits of the forest. When the youngest runs away from home, the older sister seeks help from the spirits to find her.



FILM // YOUNG HEARTS (12A)
Thurs 14 August | 20:00

Dir. Anthony Schattelman | 2025 | 99 mins | Dutch & French with English subtitles

Fourteen-year-old Elias increasingly feels like an outsider in his village. When he meets his new neighbour of the same age, Alexander, Elias is confronted with his burgeoning sexuality. The interactions with his friends and family bring more questions than answers. Confused by his feelings, Elias tries to sort out his inner chaos to prove that he is worth Alexander's heart.



FILM // SINNERS (15)
Fri 08 August | 19:45

Dir. Ryan Coogler | 2025 | 132 mins | English

From the director of *Black Panther* and *Creed*, and starring Michael B. Jordan, comes a new vision of fear: 'Sinners'.

Trying to leave their troubled lives behind, twin brothers return to their hometown to start again, only to discover that an even greater evil is waiting to welcome them back. 'You keep dancing with the devil, one day he's gonna follow you home.'



FILM // COSY CRAFTY CINEMA: SENSE & SENSIBILITY (1995) (U)
Sat 09 August | 16:30

Dir. Ang Lee | 1995 | 136 mins | English

Craft while watching films! When Elinor Dashwood's father dies, her family's finances are crippled. After the Dashwoods move to a cottage in Devonshire, Elinor's sister Marianne is torn between two suitors; meanwhile, Elinor's romantic hopes with Edward Ferrars are hindered due to his prior engagement. Both Elinor and Marianne strive for love while the circumstances in their lives constantly change.



FILM // DYING
Sat 09 August | 19:15

Dir. Matthias Glasner | 2025 | 182 mins | German with English subtitles

An epic and darkly funny symphony of family dysfunction which follows the estranged members of the Lunies family as they wrestle with chaotic private lives. Winner of Best Screenplay at the Berlin Film Festival and Best Film at the German Film Awards, *Dying* is a brilliant and sharply comic portrayal of a family unravelling - with outrageous consequences.



FILM // FRIENDSHIP (15)
Fri 15 August | 19:30

Dir. Andrew DeYoung | 2025 | 101 mins | English

Men shouldn't have friends...

Suburban dad Craig's (Tom Robinson) existence is jolted to life when he falls hard for his charismatic new neighbour (Paul Rudd).

But as their easy rapport gradually buckles under Craig's enthusiasm, his attempts to make a new adult companion threaten to ruin both of their lives.



FILM // LATE SHIFT (12A)
Weds 20 August | 19:30

Dir. Petra Biondina Volpe | 2025 | 92 mins | German with English subtitles

Nurse Floria works with passion and professionalism in the surgical ward of a Swiss hospital. But in the harsh reality of her daily routine, things are often unpredictable. When she starts her late shift one day, a colleague is absent from the fully occupied, understaffed ward. As the night progresses, her work becomes more and more of a race against time...

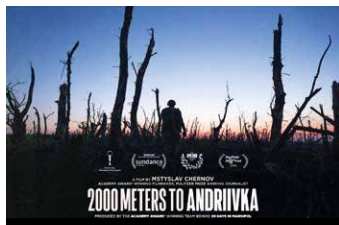


FILM // MAMMA MIA! (PG)
Thurs 21 August | 19:30
Weds 03 Sept | 14:30

Dir. Phyllida Lloyd | 2007 | 109 mins | English

A mother. A daughter. Three possible fathers. A trip down the aisle you'll never forget.

A spirited young bride-to-be living with her single mother on a small Greek island secretly invites three of her mother's ex-boyfriends in hope of finding her biological father to walk her down the aisle.



FILM // 2000 METERS TO ANDRIIVKA
Fri 22 August | 20:00

Dir. Mstyslav Chernov | 2025 | 106 mins | Ukrainian & English with English subs

From the Oscar®-winning team behind *20 Days in Mariupol*, *2000 Meters to Andriivka* documents the toll of the Russia-Ukraine war from a personal and devastating vantage point. Chernov turns his lens towards Ukrainian soldiers and the impossible decisions they face in the trenches as they fight for every inch of their land.

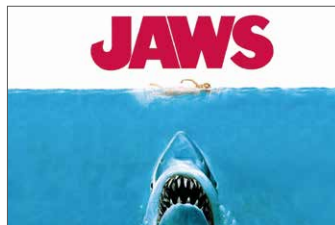


FILM // THE LINE WE CROSSED (15)
Weds 27 August | 19:30

Dir. Liz Smith | 2025 | 112 mins | English

A British story of dissent, drawn from the frontlines of climate resistance. Through the experiences of those who stood in defiance, it traces the quiet unravelling of our protest rights.

The film challenges audiences to question what makes dissent effective and where the line of acceptability is.



FILM // JAWS (1975) (12A)
Sat 30 August | 19:30

Dir. Steven Spielberg | 1975 | 124 mins | English

When the seaside community of Amity finds itself under attack by a dangerous great white shark, the town's chief of police, a young marine biologist, and a grizzled hunter embark on a desperate quest to destroy the beast before it strikes again.

You'll never go in the water again.



FILM // COSY CRAFTY CINEMA: MAMMA MIA
Sat 06 Sept | 16:00

Dir. Phyllida Lloyd | 2007 | 109 mins | English

Enjoy films in a relaxed, creative space where you can craft as you watch.

A mother. A daughter. Three possible fathers. A spirited young bride-to-be living with her single mother on a small Greek island secretly invites three of her mother's ex-boyfriends in hope of finding her biological father to walk her down the aisle.



FILM // HOLLOWAY (12A)
Sat 06 Sept | 19:30

Dir. Daisy-May Hudson & Sophie Compton | 2025 | 89 mins plus Q&A | English

In this profound exploration of trauma and the human capacity for recovery, six women return to Holloway Prison to take part in a women's circle. They each unravel what led them to prison, building an eye-opening portrait of failing systems, trauma, and the extraordinary capacity to heal through sisterhood. Co-hosted by The Women's Centre Cornwall, Q&A with producer Polly Creed.



FILM // LITTLE TROUBLE GIRLS (15)
Weds 10 Sept | 18:00

Dir. Urška Djukić | 2025 | 89 mins | Slovenian with English subtitles

During a weekend of rehearsals with the school choir at a convent, an introverted teenager begins to view the world from a new perspective. New desires, beliefs and values emerge, and this awakening threatens to disrupt her friendships and the choir. A tender portrayal, sensuously shot and beautifully scored, of sexual awakening.



FILM // THE CEREMONY
Weds 03 Sept | 20:00

Dir. Jack King | 2024 | 92 mins | Kurdish, English, Romanian & Arabic with English subtitles

Two troubled migrant workers in a Bradford car wash are dragged into an escalating moral crisis as night falls.

Winner of the Edinburgh International Film Festival's Sean Connery Award in 2024, *The Ceremony* is part-crime story, part-road movie, and part-surrealist drama, giving an acute insight into the modern migrant experience.



FILM // HARVEST (18)
Thurs 04 Sept | 19:30

Dir. Athina Rachel Tsangari | 2025 | 134 mins | English

Set over seven hallucinatory days in an idyllic rural Scottish village, the traditional way of life for its agrarian community is suddenly disrupted when a series of unexpected invaders from the outside world bring about irrevocable change. With beautifully textured storytelling, this is an eerie, atmospheric and deeply immersive cinematic experience that asks what happens when people decide what a society should be.



FILM // S/HE IS STILL HER/E: GENESIS P-ORRIDGE (18)
Fri 05 Sept | 19:30

Dir. David Charles Rodriguez | 2024 | 101 mins | English

Genesis P-Orridge lived their art to the extreme. A pioneering musician, avant-garde artist and gender revolutionary. Award-winning director Rodriguez documents P-Orridge's final year as they grapple with mortality, revealing the many sacrifices of a life that transcended boundaries. In collaboration with Rubicund bookshop.

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FILM // MATERIALISTS (15)
Weds 10 Sept | 20:00

Dir. Celine Song | 2025 | 117 mins | English

Some people just want more.

A young, ambitious New York City matchmaker finds herself torn between the perfect match and her imperfect ex.



FILM // ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST (15)
Fri 12 Sept | 19:30

Dir. Milos Forman | 1975 | 134 mins | English

If he's crazy, what does that make you? A petty criminal fakes insanity to serve his sentence in a mental ward rather than prison. He soon finds himself as a leader to the other patients – and an enemy to the cruel, domineering nurse who runs the ward. Shown in collaboration with Falmouth Meat Counter.



FILM // SORRY BABY
Weds 17 Sept | 19:30

Dir. Eva Victor | 2025 | 104 mins | English

Something bad happened to Agnes. But life goes on... for everyone around her, at least. As sharp as it is tender, this is a quietly powerful tale of seizing back your footing after pain, and of the friendships that sustain you along the way. Blending heartfelt, humour and healing, *Sorry, Baby* is the stunning and star-making debut from director, writer and actor Eva Victor.



FILM // NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: INTER ALIA (15)
Thurs 18 Sept | 19:00

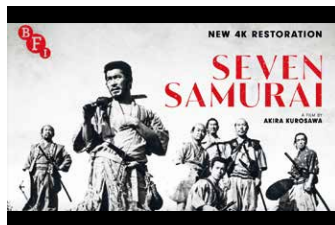
Writer Suzie Miller and director Justin Martin reunite following their global phenomenon *Prima Facie*, with this searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity. Oscar®-nominated Rosamund Pike is Jessica Parks, a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright?



FILM // EDDINGTON (15)
Fri 19 Sept | 19:30
Dir. Ari Aster | 2025 | 149 mins | English

Hindsight is 2020.

In May of 2020, a standoff between a small-town sheriff (Joaquin Phoenix) and mayor (Pedro Pascal) sparks a powder keg as neighbour is pitted against neighbour in Eddington, New Mexico.



FILM // SEVEN SAMURAI (1954) (PG)
Weds 24 Sept | 18:30

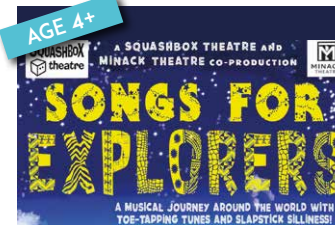
Dir. Akira Kurosawa | 1954 | 206 mins + intermission | Japanese with English subs

A veteran samurai gathers six of his men to protect a village from cruel bandits. As the samurais teach the natives how to defend themselves, the village is attacked by a group of 40 bandits. Strongly influenced by the poetic westerns of John Ford, Kurosawa's story in turn had a huge impact on subsequent westerns and action films.



TALK // A HISTORY OF WITCHCRAFT IN CORNWALL
Fri 08 August | 18:00

Keith Wallis, host of 'The Piskie Trap' podcast series exploring Cornish folklore and legends, will take a look at the history, customs and superstitions surrounding witchcraft in Cornwall over the centuries. From so-called 'white witches' and 'black witches' to pellers, conjurers and charmers, this talk explores a range of beliefs in magic and folk remedies, considers how many have since been lost, and whether any of them remain with us to this day.



THEATRE // SQUASHBOX THEATRE & THE MINACK THEATRE CO-PRODUCTION: SONGS FOR EXPLORERS
Tues 12 August | 15:00

For over 15 years, Squashbox Theatre has been creating marvellous, quirky and ingenious shows for children and families. Each is full of puppetry, storytelling and comedy – but also clever, catchy, toe-tapping songs about animals, nature, science and the amazing world around us. MUSIC! PUPPETS! COMEDY! FACTS! This show has everything... and MORE!



TALK // JANE AUSTEN 250: A WORLD IN MOTION
Thurs 14 August | 18:00

On 16th December 1775, Jane Austen was born into a rapidly evolving world. This is a time of enormous social changes, industrial innovation and scientific advances – and revolution is in the air...

Explore the era with Emma Hughes, 'The Lady Time Traveller', a costumed interpreter based in Cornwall, delivering education sessions, presentations and tours in historic clothing.



FILM // A NIGHT WITH ROMA SURF SHOP AND FRIENDS
Thurs 25 Sept | 20:00

Join us for an evening with Bella Bunce, editor of Wavelength. Bella has carefully curated a night of talent from contributors over the years, to celebrate the wonderful surfers that bless our shores and beyond.

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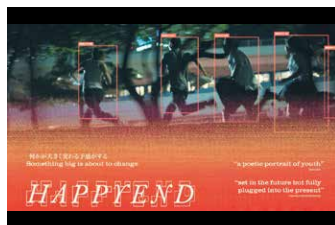
WAVELENGTH



FILM // CHRISTY
Fri 03 Oct | 17:45

Dir. Brendan Canty | 2025 | 99 mins | English

Seventeen-year-old Christy is at a crossroads. Kicked out of his suburban foster home, he moves in with his estranged older brother Shane and his young family. As far as Shane is concerned this is a temporary arrangement, but Christy begins to feel at home on Cork's working-class Northside. Shane wants something better for Christy at any cost – even if it means he has to push him away.



FILM // HAPPYEND (12A)
Fri 03 Oct | 20:00

Dir. Neo Sora | 2025 | 113 mins | Japanese with English subtitles

Set in a dystopian near-future Tokyo, Neo Sora's striking debut offers a hopeful, youthful vision of resistance and joy in the face of control. Pulsing with a techno soundtrack, this is a vivid coming-of age portrait, following best friends Yuta and Kou as they confront a world where AI surveillance is tightening under the yoke of oppressive authoritarianism.



MUSIC // LAUNCESTON FOLK CLUB PRESENTS: RIC SANDERS & VO FLETCHER
Sat 16 August | 19:30

Fairport Convention's Ric Sanders is one of England's most versatile fiddle players, while guitarist and vocalist Vo Fletcher has composed, performed and recorded a variety of musical styles. Ric joined Fairport in 1985, but his association with Vo Fletcher goes back to their teenage years. Over the last few years Ric & Vo have been reconnecting with the music closest to their hearts, which is firmly rooted in the blues.



THEATRE // SQUASHBOX THEATRE PRESENTS: STONES & BONES
Thurs 21 August | 11:00-11:50
Thurs 21 August | 14:00-14:50

Come on a journey to ancient Cornwall... a land of fiery volcanoes, strange prehistoric creatures, and ancient stone circles. In this marvellous mix of history and mystery, find out all about archaeology and fossils, say hello to one of your Stone Age ancestors, hear stories of giants and wizards, see a volcano erupting before your very eyes, and maybe even glimpse a dinosaur or two!



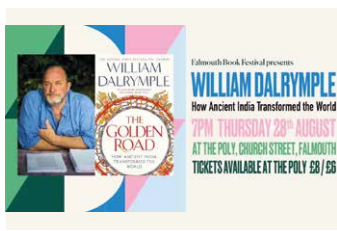
TALK // KASSITEROS: THE ANCIENT TIN TRADE
Fri 22 August | 18:00-19:00

We all know how the story of Cornish mining ends, but how did it start? Almost all ancient Greek authors who mention the British Isles place emphasis on its tin mining; a phenomenon unique to Cornwall and Devon. Historian Ben Sumpter has spent the last five years gathering together fragments of ancient literature to piece together the world of tin trading that connected Cornwall with the literate cultures of the Mediterranean.



THEATRE // MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING & MACBETH
Sat 23 August | 19:30

Four Forty Theatre return for a raucous retelling of *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Macbeth* – *The Comedy!* Both performed in one night by only four actors in forty(ish!) minutes each! They distill the essence of Shakespeare's masterpieces into uproarious performances. Experience the hilarity of not only one of the Bard's best comedies but also a side-splitting (literally!) *Macbeth!*



TALK // WILLIAM DALRYMPLE ON THE GOLDEN ROAD
Thurs 28 August | 19:00

For more than 1500 years, India exported a vast empire of ideas to the rest of the world – art, religions, technology, astronomy, music, dance, literature, mathematics and mythology blazed a trail along a Golden Road that stretched from the Red Sea to the Pacific. William Dalrymple is one of Britain's great historians and his latest book, *The Golden Road*, explains India's often forgotten role in shaping the ancient world.



MUSIC // THE SPOOKY MEN'S CHORALE
Fri 29 August | 19:30

The Spooky Men's Choral is a magnificent, many-headed beast that has revolutionised the world of men's singing. Bypassing well-trodden avenues, they carve out new territories of mighty sounds, exquisite tenderness, and charming stupidity to both celebrate masculinity and mock it. Formed in Australia in 2001, the Spooks have become rock-solid festival and theatre favourites, with seven albums and 900 gigs under their belts.



TALK // AN EVENING WITH BEN AARONOVITCH
Tues 16 Sept | 18:30

Join us and Falmouth Bookseller for an evening with Sunday Times best-selling science fiction and fantasy novelist Ben Aaronovitch. London-born Ben was working in the Covent Garden branch of Waterstones when he conceived the notion of writing novels instead. Thus the 'Rivers of London' series was born. Ben will be joining us for a Q&A and book signing to celebrate *Stone and Sky*, which is the latest in the 'Rivers of London' series.



MUSIC // MARTIN SIMPSON
Sat 20 Sept | 20:00

Whether playing traditional folk songs from England, American blues or his own original work, Martin Simpson is widely regarded as one of the world's finest fingerstyle guitar players.

Having released his debut album *Golden Vanity* in 1976, the virtuosic instrumentalist has continued to carve a legacy as one of the foremost acoustic guitar players worldwide, with 32 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards to his name.



TALK // A ROMANTIC IDYLL: JMW TURNER'S VIEWS OF DEVON & CORNWALL
Thurs 25 Sept | 18:00

Armed with just a sketch book and a photographic memory, Turner left London in July 1811 on his tour of the south coast, commissioned to make a series of paintings by his publisher W.B.Cooke. Art historian Catherine Wallace looks at how Turner's paintings conveyed this unspoilt part of England – with its castles, cliffs, rivers and working harbours – to amplify the message of romance in the viewer's imagination.



TALK // WOMEN, MONEY AND MINING IN GEORGIAN CORNWALL
Weds 03 Sept | 18:00

Women in Cornwall were participants in trade, mining, and shipping – landowners, traders, and managers of money both in the home and in the community. In this illustrated talk, Cornish and women's history author Charlotte MacKenzie focuses on the women who traded or managed their family's money, drawing on letters, diaries, and accounts written by the women themselves.



TALK // A HISTORY OF POLAR EXPLORATION IN 50 OBJECTS
Thurs 11 Sept | 19:00

Drawing on her latest book, *A History of Polar Exploration in 50 Objects*, Anne Strathie shares stories of objects from a period of exploration which is the bedrock of our present-day knowledge and fascination with polar regions. Collectively, they evidence a continuum of polar endeavour which reflect levels of international collaboration to which we should aspire when attempting to explore or safeguard the increasingly fragile polar regions.



COMEDY // MATT PRICE: MADE IN CORNWALL
Sat 13 Sept | 19:30

Matt Price is coming back home to perform his very funny Edinburgh Festival comedy show, fresh off a UK Tour. There are stories and jokes aplenty ranging from Matt's upbringing in Cornwall, his time interviewing retired criminals, working in a fish factory in Truro, why he loves karaoke but doesn't like Humpty Dumpty, and the time he tried to win a trophy in a sport he wasn't suited to in order to honour the memory of his grandad...



THEATRE // JUST MACBETH
Fri 26 Sept | 19:30

Our story follows school-aged Andy, Danny and Lisa as they prepare their homework presentation: an extract featuring the three witches. On reciting their lines and concocting their potion, they are transported back to medieval Scotland!

Exploring the themes and story of *Macbeth* through the eyes of our three hapless heroes, this irreverent take on Shakespeare's classic tragedy which will have audiences young and old in stitches!



MUSIC // THE FORCEFIELDS PRESENT AN EPIC LIVE MUSICAL & VISUAL EXPERIENCE
Sat 27 Sept | 19:30

Picture an emotional and esoteric full-moon disco, a bonfire gathering with the soul of Annie Lennox, the haunting beauty of Portishead, and the harmonies of The Beach Boys. The Forcefields create a theatrical experience that transcends the ordinary, where music and synchronised visuals collide to create an unforgettable celebration of art, emotion, and creativity.



THEATRE // THRIVE: CORNWALL'S FRESH VOICES
Tues 30 Sept | 19:00
Tues 07 Oct | 19:00

An electrifying night of new theatre at The Poly presented by Thrive: platforming unheard stories and breaking down barriers to creative opportunity.

Experience three bold and original solo performances created by emerging Cornish-based writers, directors, and performers. Each piece explores contemporary themes with fresh perspectives and offers a powerful glimpse into the future of Cornish theatre.

POTTERY/WORKSHOPS



WORKSHOPS // 'ARTEFACT: HANDS-ON HISTORY FOR KIDS

ANCIENT WORLD | Fri 01 & Fri 22 August
PIRATES | Fri 08 & Thurs 28 August
MEDIEVAL | Weds 13 August

Sessions run 10:15-11:15 (ages 5-7) & 11:45-12:45 (ages 8-12)

A range of hands-on history adventures, brought to you by Swashbuckling Cornwall in association with Museum on Wheels!

Step into the past and ignite your child's imagination in this unique, interactive workshop. Young adventurers will explore real and replica artefacts from around the world and across human history. In each session we will talk about, examine and touch a range of ancient artefacts before drawing, colouring or finding other ways to capture them.

Whether your child is a budding artist, a young historian, or simply curious about the world, this workshop is a brilliant way to fuel that curiosity and encourage creative thinking.



WORKSHOP // 'FREE MACHINE' EMBROIDERY Sat 02 August | 10:30-16:30

Also known as 'free motion embroidery' or 'free machining', this delightful stitching method usually has people converted instantly.

Learn how to transform your sewing machine into a drawing tool that will give you the freedom to make lines, marks and textures in an expressive way by experimenting with alternative types of thread, needles, stitch tension, fabric types and appliqué.



POTTERY // SUMMER HANDBUILDING TASTERS FOR ADULTS

Ever wanted to try your hand at pottery? Join our two-hour ceramics taster workshop and create your very own handmade mug, plate or bowl under the expert guidance of our master potter, Karl Owen.

Perfect for complete beginners, hobbyists, or those with a little more experience, these hands-on taster sessions will introduce you to the wonderful world of clay! At the end of the session you will be given a day and time to collect your bisque- and glaze-fired work, ready to use at home or gift.

HANDBUILDING TASTERS: MUGS

Mon 04 August	14:00-16:00	18:00-20:00
Weds 06 August	14:00-16:00	
Tues 12 August	14:00-16:00	18:00-20:00
Mon 18 August	14:00-16:00	18:00-20:00
Weds 20 August	14:00-16:00	
Tues 26 August	14:00-16:00	18:00-20:00

HANDBUILDING TASTERS: PLATE OR BOWL

Tues 05 August	14:00-16:00	18:00-20:00
Mon 11 August	14:00-16:00	18:00-20:00
Weds 13 August	14:00-16:00	
Tues 19 August	14:00-16:00	18:00-20:00
Mon 25 August	14:00-16:00	18:00-20:00
Weds 27 August	14:00-16:00	

POTTERY // CHILDREN'S SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Mon 04, 11, 18 & 25 August | 11:00-12:00 | MYTHICAL CREATURES
 Tues 05, 12, 19 & 26 August | 11:00-12:00 | SEA CREATURES
 Weds 06, 13, 20 & 27 August | 11:00-12:00 | WILD ANIMALS

In these workshops, children aged 3-14 will play with form, colour and texture using air-dry clay while exploring the wondrous worlds of mythical creatures, sea creatures or wild animals. Creations not on theme are also more than welcome!

At the end of the session, take your creations away to decorate at home. Parental/guardian supervision required. All materials included in cost: £7/£5. Max. ten per class - booking recommended!



WORKSHOP // STACKING RINGS SILVERSMITHING Sat 16 August | 11:00-15:30

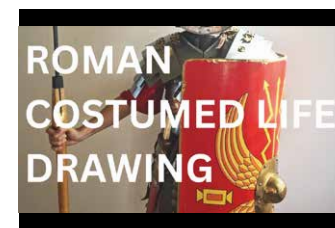
Learn the basics of silversmithing and make four stacking rings in this easy beginner course with tutor Joelle Poulos.

Together we will cut, measure, file and solder silver together to create some beautiful pieces. You can add texture and ornamentation to your rings if you would like. You will be able to leave wearing your creation! All silver and tools required are included in the ticket price.



WORKSHOP // AN INTRO TO OIL PAINTING: PAINTING THE LANDSCAPE Tues 19 & Weds 20 August | 10:30-16:00

Tutor Lisa Waldron's aim with this two-day course is to make the medium of oil accessible and help build your confidence in your own independent oil painting practice. Learn to paint a landscape from preparing a ground, under-painting, through colour theory and mixing, to adding the finishing touches. Lisa will share recommended reading, and methods and techniques from her own practice.



WORKSHOP // COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING: ROMAN Sat 23 August | 11:00-13:00

Step back into a time of Republic and Empire as we unleash Roman Costumed Life Drawing once more upon Cornwall.

This untutored session from Swashbuckling Cornwall features a range of costumed poses ranging from one to 15 minutes. Make sure to bring your choice of drawing materials. Event supported by the Archaeology Committee of the Roman Society.

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WORKSHOP // LIFE DRAWING AT THE POLY
Tues 26 August | 18:30-20:30
Tues 23 Sept | 18:30-20:30

Practice drawing from a model in a range of media in a relaxed, supported environment.

Held in The Poly's Library, tutor Lisa Waldron provides guided exercises and extra support if required as well as opportunities to draw freely. Experienced artists, improvers and beginners are all welcome.



WORKSHOP // COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING: ENGLISH CIVIL WAR
Sat 06 Sept | 11:00-13:00

The English Civil War shaped the country we know today. Now you can capture some of those 17th century looks as we work with members of a Sealed Knot Regiment. This untutored session from Swashbuckling Cornwall features a range of costumed poses ranging from one to 15 minutes. Make sure to bring your choice of drawing materials. Event supported by the Archaeology Committee of the Roman Society.



POTTERY // FOUR-WEEK THROWING COURSE
Tues 09 Sept
14:00-16:00 | 18:30-20:30

This course is open to all abilities, whether you're a novice or an experienced potter looking to expand your skills on the wheel. The course will teach you the basics of pottery throwing, starting with throwing basic cylinders and then developing your skills to help you make more complicated forms, including bowls and mugs, as learning about turning, firing, and glazing techniques.



POTTERY // SIX-WEEK GLAZE TECHNOLOGY COURSE
Thurs 11 Sept | 18:30-20:30

Suitable for beginners and professionals, this course provides an insight into the materials that make up glaze and how they affect it. Through experimentation and tests you'll learn to make a range of basic glaze recipes from scratch, and see the results each week. By analysing and reflecting on results, you'll build your own folder of glaze recipes, as well as gaining a basic awareness of studio health & safety practices.



POTTERY // FOUR-WEEK BEGINNERS' HANDBUILDING COURSE
Mon 15 Sept
14:00-16:00 | 18:30-20:30

For the perfect introduction to ceramics, join in our four-week beginners' course.

Handbuilding is one of the oldest forms of pottery, allowing you to make pots, bowls and more. You'll learn the techniques of pinch pots, coil pots and slab making while being encouraged to experiment with traditional decorative methods such as slip and glazing.



WORKSHOP // COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING: WIZARDS, WITCHES & WARLOCKS
Sat 04 Oct | 11:00-13:00

Wizards, witches and warlocks are here for our October Costumed Life Drawing! Will there be pointy hats? Majestic beards? Warts on noses? You will just have to come and see! This untutored session from Swashbuckling Cornwall features a range of costumed poses ranging from one to 15 minutes. Bring your choice of drawing materials. Event supported by the Archaeology Committee of the Roman Society.



POTTERY // FOUR-WEEK INTERMEDIATE COURSE
Weds 10 Sept | 14:00-16:00

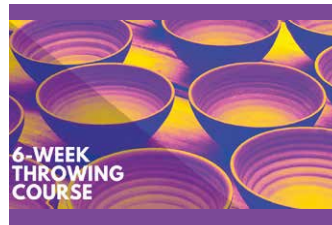
This course has been designed for people with some experience who would like to develop their existing skills and start to gain knowledge in a broader range of building, firing and glazing techniques.

Every week we'll explore a different firing technique, clay and construction method, playing with the materials to help you develop a more personalised approach to your making.



POTTERY // FOUR-WEEK ADVANCED COURSE
Weds 10 Sept | 18:30-20:30

A practical course for those with an extensive knowledge of working with clay who are looking to further expand existing skills and broaden knowledge of different kinds of firing techniques. We recommend coming along with a project in mind, for example tiles, tableware, larger vessels or other bespoke projects. Building on your experience and ideas, support will be tailored to help you realise your vision.



POTTERY // SIX-WEEK THROWING COURSE
Thurs 11 Sept | 14:00-16:00

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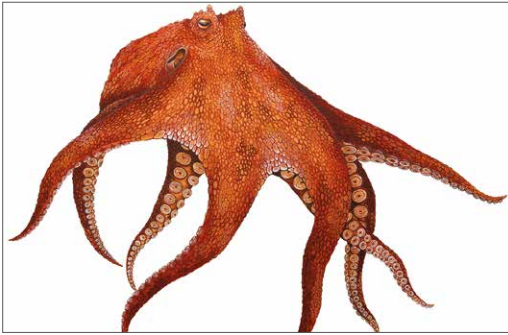
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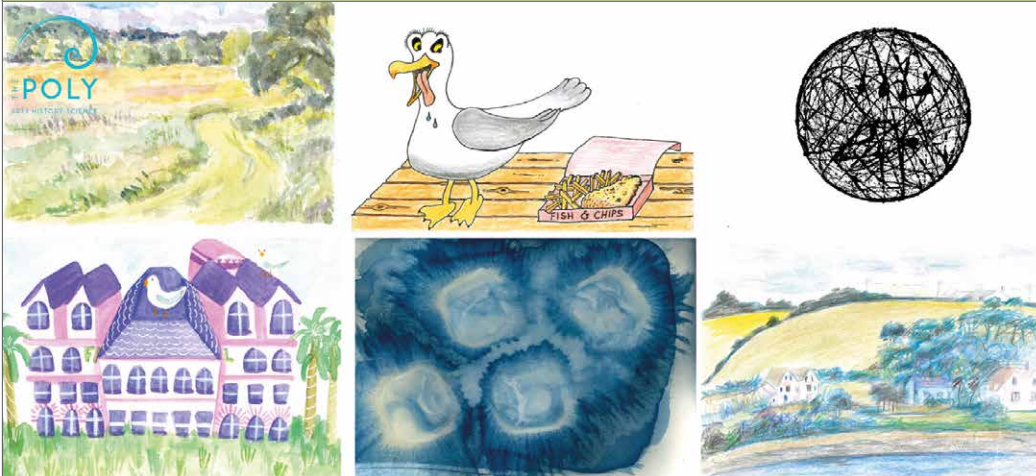
BELOW AND BEYOND ART: WONDERS OF THE OCEAN

Tues 05 - Sat 09 August, Spring Gallery

Internationally acclaimed artist and scientific illustrator Janavi Kramer showcases a collection of intricate watercolour illustrations and artworks. Her paintings celebrate the ocean's vast biodiversity in a tribute to the beauty and complexity of life below the surface. Inspired by her diving adventures, Janavi blends science and storytelling to spark empathy, curiosity, and action, connecting viewers with the underwater world.

THE POLY'S SECRET POSTCARD EXHIBITION

HUNDREDS OF POSTCARD ARTWORKS DONATED BY OUR WONDERFUL LOCAL ARTISTS WILL BE EXHIBITED ANONYMOUSLY IN OUR MAIN GALLERY AND SOLD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR #POLY200 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

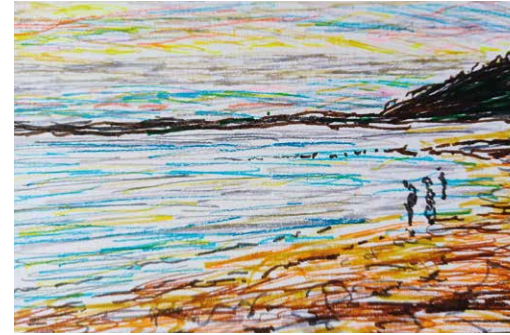


EXHIBITION: TUES 5TH - SAT 9TH AUGUST

PRIVATE VIEW: TUES 5TH AUGUST 5-7^{PM} | SALES BEGIN AT 5^{PM}

ALL WELCOME!

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PAUL RYAN: WHERE'S FALMOUTH 2

Tues 12 - Sat 16 August, Spring Gallery

'Drawing is helping me to locate myself in Falmouth. I am understanding the town and how the geography works. Roads lead to the water, be it the river or the sea, the town sits between. The beach offers leisure opportunities for holiday-makers, the locals choose the town football club for their downtime! The docks, boat-building, the university, a history as a cultural centre, make for a prominent position within the south west landscape, and embracing this variety is key to Falmouth life.'



THREADS, CLAY AND CANVAS: WEAVING STORIES THROUGH ART

Tues 19 - Sat 23 August, Spring Gallery
Private View: Tues 19 August, 17:00-19:00

A unique exhibition featuring the work of four artists: Jess Berriman (porcelain jewellery), Annie B (artist/illustrator), Jane Gray (weaver), and Gail Cooper Ceramics.

This exhibition brings together a beautiful mix of materials, techniques, and creative expressions, all tied together by the theme of 'weaving stories through art'. Each artist offers their own perspective on storytelling.



JOHANNA LAY & FLEUR PARKINSON: WORKINGS

Tues 26 - Sat 30 August, Spring Gallery
Private View: Tues 26 August, 17:00-19:00

Friends since childhood, this is the first time Jo and Fleur have collaborated creatively. Working from observation and en plein air they explore and celebrate what is abundant in our sea and the traditional boats that fished our waters. Fleur paints the old working boats at Mylor Harbour and the glossy water around them. Recording directly from observation, Jo paints and draws the fish and shellfish caught locally by her husband.



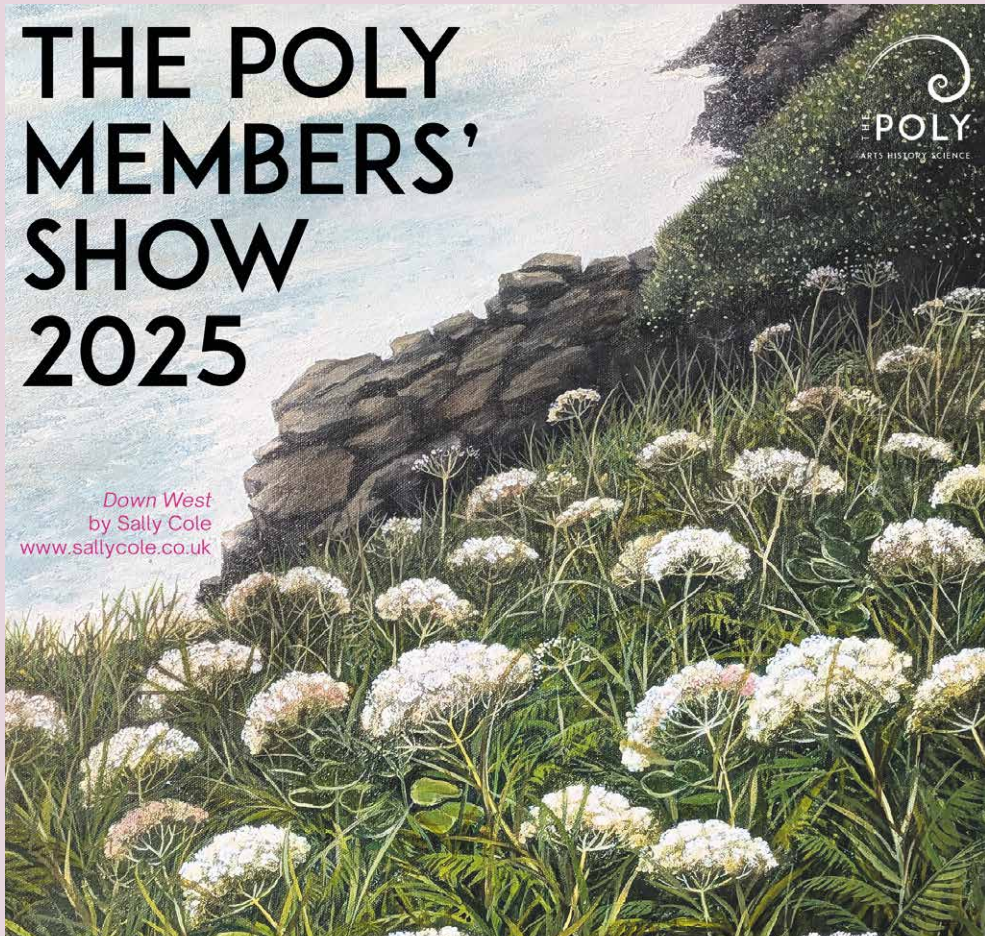
CATHY EASTMENT, CLARE HUGHES & MARY KAUN ENGLISH: LIVING EARTH

Tues 02 - Sat 06 September, Spring Gallery
Private View: Tues 02 Sept, 17:00-19:00

Traces of the Earth that pass through three hands – a collective act of seeing, transformation and memory.

THE POLY MEMBERS' SHOW 2025

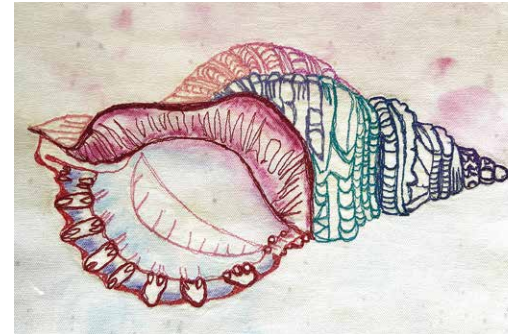
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**NICOLA LONSDALE, SANDRA HATCHER,
JULIE WATSON, NICOLA MOSS & JUDE
DUCKWORTH: HANDS OF NATURE**

Tues 09 - Sat 13 September, Spring Gallery
Private View: Tues 09 Sept, 17:00-19:00

'Hands of Nature' brings together the elemental forces of land, sea, and flora, exploring the delicate exchange between human creativity and the natural world. This multi-disciplinary exhibition showcases a diverse collective of artists working across textiles, enamel, acrylic, watercolour, and mixed media.



BEN BAKER: WIRE DRAWING

Tues 16 - Sat 20 September, Spring Gallery

Drawing brought to life, off the page and interactive. A collection of Ben's wire drawings and automata.



ALICIA TREWHELLA: THE SEA, THE SEA

Tues 23 - Sat 27 September, Spring Gallery
Private View: Tues 23 Sept, 17:00-19:00

My 2025 exhibition shows an eclectic mix of fishing boats, harbours and seascapes. Summer's vivid colours and deep shadows are an inspiration for my work, all of which is new this year. Mooring her own boat on the beautiful Helford River, many of Alicia's paintings are views from a seaward aspect, which she hopes makes her work unusual and distinctive.



MARGIE RICARDO: UP A CREEK

Tues 30 Sept - Sat 04 Oct, Spring Gallery
Private View: Tues 16 Sept, 17:00-19:00

A collection of paintings created from Margie's walks along the paths beside the River Fal and through the gardens of Trelissick, Durgan and Trebah, leading to the views above the Helford river. Her paintings aim to convey the calm, the colours, the wildlife and the beauty of these places. Margie uses her art as a way of helping people by donating 50% of all takings to St Petrocs' work with people facing homelessness in Cornwall.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER...



FILM & TALK // STORIES FROM THE WILD EDGES, WITH FILMMAKER Q&A Weds 01 Oct | 19:00

Documentary filmmaker Ted Simpson's work explores our relationship with nature in the British Isles. Ted's latest short film – *The Pine Hunters*, which follows two ecologists in search of the last of our ancient wild pine forests – will be screened and followed with insights from Ted on the lessons he has learnt through making these films: about ourselves, nature, and the future of our wild places.



MUSIC // NERINA PALLOT Fri 10 Oct | 20:00

An artist who has always forged her own way, Nerina Pallot is a Brit and Ivor Novello-nominated singer-songwriter with a career spanning over two decades. Known for her sharp wit, heartfelt storytelling, and a voice that can break hearts and mend them in the same breath, she has built a devoted following that spans generations. A rare opportunity to experience one of the UK's most captivating live performers up close.



THEATRE // AN AUDIENCE WITH YORICK Tues 28 Oct | 19:30

When Queen Elizabeth I delivers an ultimatum – produce a new play or face the end of theatre as we know it – Shakespeare's retreat to the quiet of Cornwall is shattered. Enter Yorick, a loud-mouth skeleton whose irreverence and relentless humour force Shakespeare to confront the very things he's been avoiding. A bold, darkly comedic tale about art, power, and struggle, where the fate of theatre, and Shakespeare's soul, hang in the balance. With live music, puppetry, song, and storytelling.

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