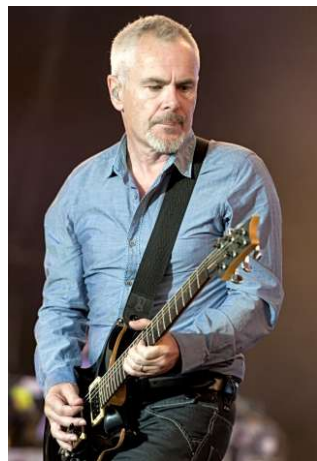


## What's on



Nik Kershaw

### Wouldn't it be good to see 80s stars

The Eighties are back as three legendary acts join forces for a truly incredible concert experience this week.

Go West found fame some 30 years ago with their first single *We Close Our Eyes*.

Other hits followed, including *Call Me*, *Goodbye Girl*, *Don't Look Down* and *King of Wishful Thinking*.

Nik Kershaw first achieved chart success in 1984 with *Wouldn't It Be Good?*, followed by other classics such as *Won't Let the Sun Go Down On Me* and *The Riddle*.

T'Pau's first single *Heart and Soul* was released in 1987 and initially found success in the US before charting in the UK.

Their biggest hit, *China In Your Hand*, hit the top spot in the UK later that year, and stayed at Number One for five weeks.

With millions of album sales and a boatload of iconic hits, this authentic Eighties triple header is not to be missed.

■ **Icons Of The Eighties** arrive at Plymouth Pavilions on January 14.



## WHAT'S ON

### BUGLE

**Village Hall:** Monday night bingo in aid of Bugle Silver Band supporters committee. Eyes down 7.30pm sharp.

### CAMELFORD

**Sir James Smith Community School:** Camelford Folk Dance Club meet Thursday 7.30-9.30pm.

### DARTMOUTH

**The Old Market Square:** Farmers' Market. Saturday, 9am-1pm.

### EXETER

**St Sidwells Community Centre:** Young at Heart Club, for people who are 50 years young or more. Music, games, quizzes, talks etc. Every Friday 1.30pm-3.30pm. £1

# Why this small village is making a very big noise on the classical scene

There really is something for everyone over the next few weeks at the popular Calstock Arts, writes **Philip R Buttall**

The village of Calstock is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, where, recorded among its main attributes, were some thirty villagers and smallholders, and 100 acres of woodland.

Over the centuries its population as a Parish is now around 6,000, but culturally it manages to punch well beyond its weight and size, and this is largely all down to Calstock Arts, established back in 2010 and its not-for-profit venue – former Methodist chapel built in 1910 now *The Old Chapel*.

With a main auditorium that can seat 120, superb natural acoustics, and views across the Tamar to Devon, it's a winner both with performers and audiences alike.

Its regular, eclectic series of events gets going again next Friday, January 13, with the *Lavolta Ensemble* – a newly-formed group of Devon-based professional musicians featuring vocalists Sarah Owen and Kate Westbrook, and performing leading 20th-century compositions.

Next Friday's programme includes *Folk Songs* by Luciano Berio, and *Walton's Facade 2*, which sets Edith Sitwell's jaunty poetry within a suitably colourful musical environment.

There's also *Master of the Queen's Music* Judith Weir's *Really?* – which sets three entertaining stories by Hebel, and *The Brothers Grimm* – music by Donatoni, the evocative cabaret style of Kurt Weill, and *Vaughan Williams's*

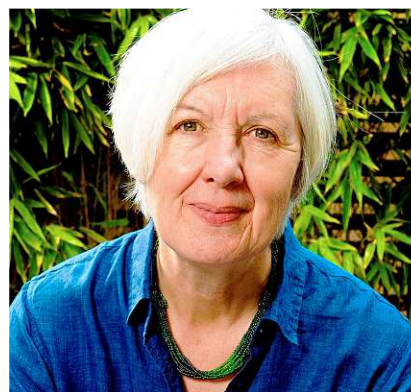


song-cycle for violin and voice, *Along the Field*, to poems by AE Housman.

The concert series has slightly amended its timings for the New Year, with doors and bar now open at 7pm, and a start-time of 8pm.

Attesting to the variety of genres on offer, Looe-based folk band *The Changing Room* follows on Friday, January 20, with Helen Porter's *Jazz Divas* belting out some jazz classics on the Saturday, with members of Calstock Jazz Club in attendance.

Meanwhile, classical music fans have only to wait until Sunday, February 5, when five internationally-acclaimed musicians from ISM Prussia Cove play a programme of chamber music by Mozart, Finzi and Bliss, where the em-



phasis is as much on seasoned listeners, as those with little or no previous experience of classical music, since the intimate musical setting will include introductions to the music, as well as the instruments used.



On this occasion doors and bar open at 6.45pm, and the concert begins at 7.30pm.

There's plenty more to savour as 2017 unfolds, and, just as this new series of Sunday Specials which started only in 2016 has proved popular, Cal-

The *Lavolta Ensemble*, above, Judith Weir, far left, and Kate Westbrook are all appearing the *Old Chapel* as part of Calstock Arts' new season

stock Film – hopefully next in the pipeline, offering a mix of mainstream and other less well-known films – may well have become equally as successful by this time next year. ■ For further details, see [www.calstockarts.org](http://www.calstockarts.org)

including refreshments.  
**FLUSHING**  
**St Peters Church Hall:** Nankersey Male Choir are having open nights to encourage new members to join this well-known male choir. The choir practice every Monday, 7.30-9.30pm in Flushing. Call choir secretary Fred Bidgood on 01326 373984 for further information. Monday (January 9th and 16th).  
**GWEEK**  
**Village Hall:** Ballroom and Sequence Dancing. Saturday, 8pm.  
**HONITON**  
**Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Dowell**

**Street:** South West Academy Exhibition of work by members. Until February 13.

### KINGSBRIDGE

**Town Hall Foyer:** Kingsbridge Country Market, Wednesday, 8am-noon.

### LAUNCESTON

**Yeolmbridge Methodist chapel Hall, Ladycross:** Launceston Stamp Club meeting, Trading 6.30pm Rea Eccott, members display 7.30pm. Thursday.

### LISKEARD

**Long Room:** Liskeard Country Markets Friday 8.30am-noon.

### OKEHAMPTON

**Meldon Village Hall:** Okehampton Sequence Dance Club. £1.50 per

person. Every Wednesday, 8pm-10.30pm.

### PENZANCE

#### YMCA, The Orchard, Alverton:

Curse Bereavement Care meeting of Penzance Friendship Group. Thursday, 10.30am.

### PORTHSCATHO

**Gerrans Parish Memorial Hall:** St Gerrans and Porthscatho Old Cornwall Society. Cornish Wine Making by Adrian Derx. Wednesday, 7.30pm.

### RILLA MILL

**Village Hall:** Whist Drive. Every Tuesday, 7.30pm.

### ST IVES

**Leach Pottery Entrance Gallery:**

Potter's Choice Exhibition with various potters. Until March 13. All works are for sale.

### ST STITHIANS

#### Schoolroom of Stithians

**Methodist Church:** St Stythians MVC, choir practice Tuesday nights, 7.45pm-9.30pm. You don't have to read music, just enjoy it. Contact secretary David Warren on 01326 341147.

### SIDMOUTH

**Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, EX10 8UJ:** Piano, Poetry and Prose with Joyce and Brian Hall, Tony Sparkes and John McGregor. Free, retiring collection for restoration fund. Sunday, 3.30-4.30pm.

### TAUNTON

**Silver Street, Taunton:** Taunton Antique Market. Every Monday, including bank holidays, 9am-4pm.

### TAVISTOCK

**Tavistock Museum, Court Gate, Guildhall Square:** RAF Harrowbeer during WW2 and History of Wedding Dresses exhibition, Daily 11am-3pm.

**Town Hall:** Tavistock Folk Dance Club meets weekly, come and enjoy mental and physical exercise and also have a laugh. Your first visit is free, beginners and former members welcome. Thursdays, 8pm-10pm.