

Dehwelans film screenings - search for film maker

Dehwelans Kernow is pleased to announce that Barclay House of Looe has kindly agreed to sponsor the film screenings as part of the Dehwelans festival this September. The festival runs from 1-7 September and is focussed in and around the fishing port of Looe in South East Cornwall, with a full programme of events celebrating Cornish arts, culture and traditions.

Dehwelans, which means the homecoming in Cornish, is an opportunity for the worldwide Cornish diaspora, as well as the considerable UK Cornish community to come to Cornwall and retrace their family roots as well as experience a slice of Cornish culture and hospitality.

Gill Brooks, of the family run Barclay House, rooms, restaurant and cottages said. "We are delighted to support the film aspect of Dehwelans." "We not only have a personal interest in films, but wanted to take this opportunity to support some truly outstanding Cornish film makers, by bringing them to a new audience in South East Cornwall."

Festival co-ordinator Edwina Arkell said. "We are also looking for a young local film maker or media student who would like to document Dehwelans. With the support of Barclay House, we hope to produce a DVD to be screened at a later date."

Films featured include;

Dressing Granite - Bill Scott director Monday 1st September 7.30pm - 9pm

Ben and his son Matthew work as stonemasons in a remote Cornish quarry. When Ben's forgetfulness is diagnosed as dementia, and Matthew has to put his father into care, their traditional way of life is threatened.

Cornish Shorts - Best of Cornwall Film Festival 2007 O-region Tuesday 2nd September 7.30pm - 9.30pm

The best of Cornish filmmaking, drama documentary and animation made for the 2007 Cornwall Film Festival; the evening will include archive footage of Cornwall, comedy, romance and thrills, all from Cornish filmmakers.

Midnight Drives - Mark Jenkins Director One Family. Worlds Apart. O-region Thursday 4th September 7.30pm - 9.30pm

The Midnight Drives follows the story of a broken family on their annual holiday to a bleak, out-of-season Cornwall. Andy (Colin Holt), a lonely divorcee who has custody of

his two young children over a winter half-term, travels with them to Cornwall in a last-ditch attempt to recapture the magic of his own childhood holidays.

Wrecking Season - Jane & Nick Darke Friday 5th September 7.00pm - 9.00pm

The north coast of Cornwall is one of the best collection points in the world for long-haul drift. When a southwest gale blows for three days, artifacts and natural objects from across the world - from Labrador down to the Amazon Basin - wash up on these shores. Playwright Nick Darke (who sadly died in 2005) came from generations of beachcombers, or wreckers. He traced everything he found along the coastline back to its source, via the telephone and the Internet.

Over many years, he built up a unique picture of coastal communities around the Atlantic, making friends with fishermen, scientists, oceanographers and fellow beachcombers along the way.

This widely acclaimed film follows Nick onto the beach during one stormy winter and records all his discoveries.

This film in particular, is a metaphor for Dehwelans, reflecting a different sort of diaspora.

All screenings are in the Masonic Hall, Tower Hill, East Looe, Cornwall and are assisted by Looe Film Society

For more information on Dehwelans go to www.dehwelanskernow.com or if you are interested in filming Dehwelans, contact the Festival co-ordinator Edwina Arkell on 01503 264160 dehwelanslooe@btconnect.com

Note for Editors

Photo opportunity: Barclay House, St Martins Road, East Looe, Cornwall Tel 01503 262929. The hotel has fantastic views over the East Looe River estuary.