

THE ST AGNES MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP ARE
PROUD TO PRESENT



PORTHTOWAN LOCAL OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL

| Nov 11th, 2023 | 1pm - 10pm |
| Porthtowan Village Hall |

PROGRAMME

Inspire- Educate - Motivate
To protect our coasts and seas





ABOUT US

PORTHTOWAN LOCAL OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL



The St Agnes Marine Conservation Group is a local community conservation group aiming to protect and conserve our fantastic marine and coastal environment.

We share our passion for safeguarding the ocean as well as the local marine life by raising awareness of issues, sharing our knowledge through a wide-ranging programme of engaging events, and undertaking research and campaigns to better understand and protect our precious marine ecosystem.

This year we are pleased to host St Agnes Parish's first local ocean film festival - the brainchild of committee member, local resident, and marine biologist, Angie Gall. Thanks to a huge amount of hard work, we know the event will be epic and are delighted to welcome nearly 200 members of the community to share our love of the sea.

The festival will take place between 12.30pm and 10.45pm on Saturday 11th November. Food and drink will be available to purchase on site on the day. The event is fully booked, therefore only ticket holders will be admitted on the day. Please see our programme on the following pages for timings. We look forward to seeing you there.



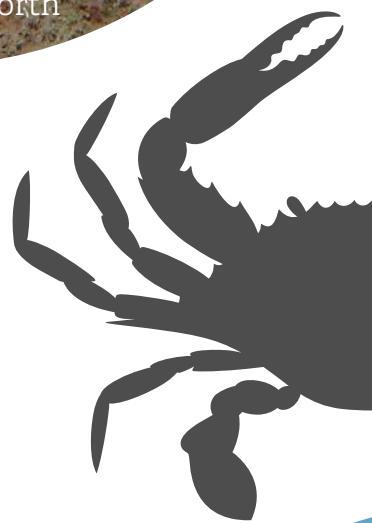
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Porthtowan Film Festival Programme

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Please note - people will be unable to enter the hall during the film showings.

This summary provides you with the key timings on the day so you can choose which sections, if not all, you wish to attend.

The full programme is on the following pages detailing the films showing and their time duration.

During the breaks we will be showing additional films including Storm Ellen by Director Gavin Parsons, Underwater Minds by film maker Tom Daguerre, and Simon Reeve Seals by Producer Sue Sayer.

Throughout the event there will be opportunities to meet many of the film makers and directors and ask questions.

Snacks and drinks available all day and a delicious vegan meal will be served during between 5.45pm and 7pm for £5 (not included in ticket price).



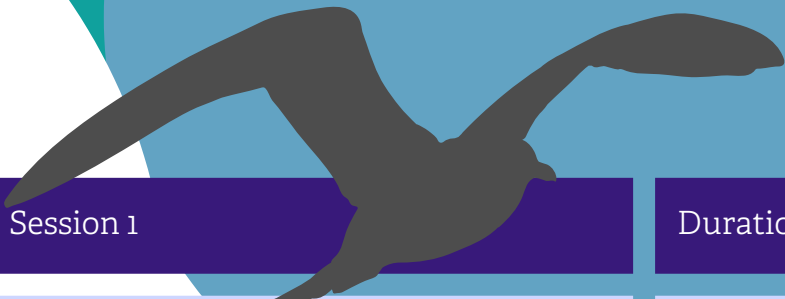
Time	Action
12.30pm	Doors open
1.00pm	Session 1
2.50pm	Q&A
3.10pm	Break
3.45pm	Session 2
5.45pm	Break
7.00pm	Session 3
8.10pm	Q&A
8.40pm	Break
9.00pm	Session 4
10.15pm	Q&A
10.25pm	Final Film
10.45pm	Close



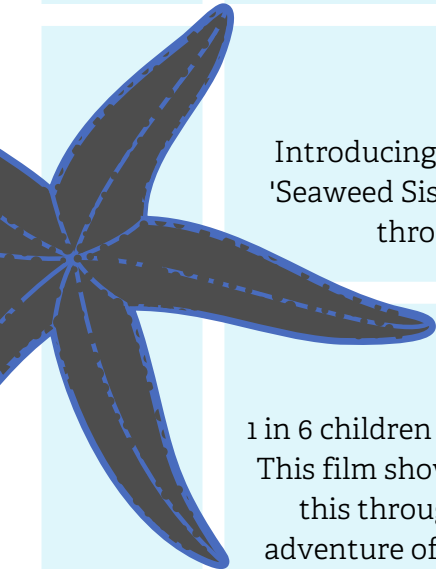
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FULL PROGRAMME





Time	Session 1	Duration
12.30pm	Doors open. Tea, coffee and cake available to purchase.	
1.00pm	Event start	
	Under the Surface Production company: Cornwall Climate Care Director: Bryony Stokes Has the huge rise in public awareness about plastic pollution diverted attention from an even more urgent environmental problem affecting the sea? In Under the Surface, marine experts talk about how a changing climate is affecting Cornwall's basking sharks, plankton, seals and seabirds - but also looks at positive stories about local projects to restore the marine environment, which could help to protect us from the worst effects of climate change.	31
	Dive the Rock Director: Chris Whitworth Local divers explore the marine life of our most iconic sea stack in the Parish, Bawden Rock. What they see there is sure to surprise you, even if you have always lived in St Agnes..	17
	The Puffins Watch Production company: Five Islands Academy Director: Amanda Lorens An animation created by Amanda Lorens and the primary school students from Five Islands Academy. This animation film tells the story of Bishop Rock Lighthouse off the Isles of Scilly. It looks at the building of the three lighthouses by Trinity house in the mid 19th-Century from a puffin's perspective. The lighthouse was rebuilt three times due to heavy storms and giant waves.	6
	The Hidden Rock Pool World Director: Ciaran Barry A guide to the 'hidden world' of the rockpool, the creatures that inhabit it and how they cope with the challenges of the daily tides. Filmed at Trevaunance Cove within the St Agnes Marine Conservation Area.	10
2.50pm	Q&A with the film makers	20
3.10pm	Break - Additional films showing throughout	40

Time	Session 2	Duration
3.45pm	Spin Cycles and Life Cycles Director: Monty Halls Microplastics and microfibres, and how your weekly wash introduces the equivalent of a carrier bag worth of microfibres into the marine environment. We take a look at the efforts of a surfer, turned inventor, who may have just solved the problem...	16
	Seaweed Stories Director: Richard Draisey Introducing two members of our St Agnes Marine Conservation Group, the 'Seaweed Sisters' Jo Polack and Angie Gall, this film tells of how the pair got through lockdown and grew a science and art collaboration.	5
	The Wave Project Director: Luke Pilbeam 1 in 6 children in the UK struggles with their social, emotional or mental health. This film shows how the fantastic local charity, The Wave Project, is changing this through combining the therapeutic elements of the ocean with the adventure of surfing and a supportive culture of acceptance to help children do things they never thought possible.	4
	Morvoren Seythen (The Seaton Mermaid-Kernewek) Production company: Bosena Director: Holly Summerson The story of the Seaton Mermaid. One of a series of animations commissioned for the MAZED project that collects culturally distinct stories of place, to see them told again in ways old and new.	2
	A Ruined Past, A Future Rebuilt Director: Lauren Holford A short film about how nature has reclaimed sites formerly degraded by mining along the North Cornish coastline. Filmed around St Agnes, this is a story of recovery, redemption and renewal. In a marginal land that was once gutted and scarred, ecosystems have re-established and previously lost species are thriving, providing hope for the regeneration of wild spaces elsewhere.	6
	From the Culch Production company: Seamonster Media Director: Paul Mulraney Assembled from the offcuts of a lost 1978 BBC documentary about the Truro oyster fishery, this production presents work, love, and loss of time and memory, of dog biscuits and sideburns – and the discarded bin cuts grew into the film you see today.	17
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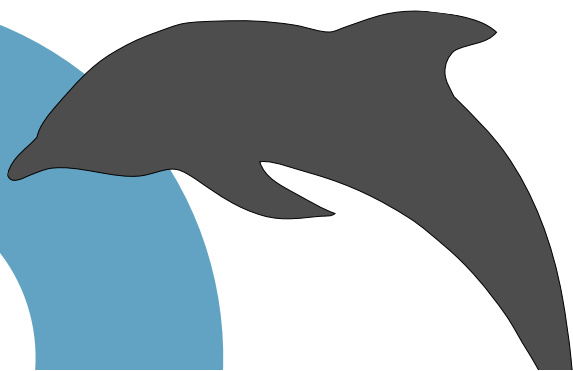


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Time	Session 2 Continued	Duration
	Septimus (Some Seal) Production company: Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust Director: Billy Heaney The story of the legacy of the grey seal, Septimus, and how the Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust has turned his death into positive action.	6
	Faldur Director : Rokan After the unlikely encounter between a young boy and a whale, magically floating in the air, the two friends go and discover the beauty of the World. But not everything is as wonderful as it seems. A long journey through the ravages caused by Mankind, seen through the innocent gaze of childhood.	6
	Tompot Tales and other intriguing interactions from our local seas Director: Paul Naylor Friend of St Agnes Marine Conservation Group, marine biologist, acclaimed underwater photographer and author of Great British Marine Animals, Dr Paul Naylor shares a selection of his marine life videos showcasing some fascinating behaviour by local sea creatures. From charismatic tompot blennies to intelligent, colour-changing cuttlefish we are treated to new insights about these secretive local residents.	15
5.45pm	Break - Additional films showing throughout	75

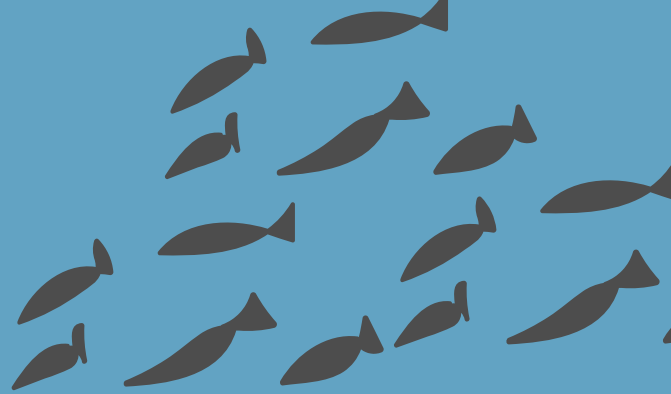
Time	Session 3	Duration
7.00pm	From the River Production company: Seamonster Media Director: Paul Mulraney For millennia Sailor's Creek has been a haven for wildlife, boats and people. After a tragic accident the creek has passed into new guardianship. From the River tells the story of this unique and fascinating place, exploring what happens when the romantic ideal of living outside of societal norms meets the harsh realities of modern life - and the harsher realities of nature.	28
	Tonic of the Sea Director: Jonathan J Scott A mini-documentary showing the link between mental health and sea swimming. Katie swims off the rocks of Penzance, UK nearly every day of the year. Swimming has helped her overcome some of the struggles that life all too often throws our way. The hope is that her story may help others who are faced with similar challenges.	8
	Marine Meadows of Cornwall Director: Lewis Jefferies A short environmental documentary about Seagrass meadows in Cornwall, created from a collaboration between Project Seagrass & LIFE Recreation ReMEDIES, about one of the most important ecosystems on this planet - seagrass.	6
	Call me Peg Leg Production company: Matr.Media Director: Josh Hine Winner of Shortie of the Year London Surf Festival 2016 Official selection 2016: Waimea Ocean Film Festival, exploring how people are using their bespoke prosthetic limbs to express themselves creatively.	4
8.10pm	Q&A with film makers	30
8.40pm	Break - Additional films showing throughout	20



Time	Session 4	Duration
9.00pm	The Essential Cornishman Production company: Bosena Director: Mark Jenkin Possibly the final trip for a cove fisherman, steaming out from a village in the teeth of aggressive re-branding. Hand-processed Super 8 reversal film & compact audio cassette. An audio-visual stream of consciousness. Entirely unedited in terms of writing, performance and visuals. A homage to the spontaneous prose of The Beats, from the mythical Cornish west.	6
	Plenty More Fish? Production company: Cornwall Climate Care Director: Bryony Stokes Plenty More Fish? looks at the surprising ways in which climate change is affecting Cornwall's fishing industry – and what we can all do to help.	28
	A Lens on the Ground: Meeting David Miller Production company: The Marine Diaries Director: Rebecca Daniel Join The Marine Diaries as we meet David Miller - an artist and photographer based in Pembrokeshire, Wales. David has a strong connection to wildlife - it's his inspiration for his art, and acts as a balm to sooth his eco-anxiety. David also crafts some peculiar inventions to bring him closer to one of his subjects, the Atlantic Puffin. Come behind the scenes, as Nikon Creator Rachel Bigsby joins The Marine Diaries on location on Skomer Island.	3
	Kelp! Production company: Anna Roberts & Caylon La Mantia Under the looming shadow of ecological breakdown, a young aspiring filmmaker goes in search of a surprising super-solution that can help build a better future for humans and the planet... Join her and the crew on an epic visual journey aboard the good ship Gleaner through Britain's rugged wild coastline, from beneath the waves to under the microscope, as they discover the power of kelp to regenerate our coasts, empower communities and capture a whole load of carbon.	18
10.15pm	Q&A with film makers	10
10.25pm	Gadger Director: Chris Whitworth Gadger is a treasure of a local dive site. In this short film, diver and chair of St Agnes Marine Conservation Group guides our dive, revealing a side of St Agnes that is unseen by most.	8
10.45pm	Close	



FAQs



Where is the festival?

Porthtowan Village Hall is in the centre of the village of Porthtowan, opposite the Unicorn pub.

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What time can I come in?

Doors open at 12:30pm and films start at 13:00pm. Entry to the festival will only be permitted during the scheduled breaks to avoid disruption.

These are:

- 15:10-15:45
- 17:45-19:00
- 20:40-21:00

I have special access requirements, is the venue suitable?

Porthtowan Village Hall is accessible and the event is all on the ground floor. There are disabled toilets and parking spaces. Please get in touch if you have any specific questions or need reasonable adjustments.

Can I reserve a seat?

Seats are allocated on arrival and cannot be reserved. The event is sold out so seats will need to be used efficiently. Please do not use your coats and bags to save more seats than you need. Our ushers will do their best to ensure you have a good view.

Will there be food and drinks available to buy?

Yes! We have a fully stocked bar with beer from our local Pipeline brewery and a selection of other drinks including non alcoholic beer and soft drinks. Tea and coffee will be available at the start and in the afternoon break along with delicious locally made cakes.

There is a scheduled break at 5:45pm to 7pm when there will be two fabulous vegan dinner options to choose from at £5 a head. Please support our event by eating with us and enjoying time to meet each other and the filmmakers.

How can I find out more about the films?

There's more information on our website <https://stagnesmarineconservation.co.uk/porthtowan-ocean-film-festival-meet-the-filmmakers/> and you can ask the filmmakers your questions on the day!

Will the filmmakers be there?

Many of our filmmakers are local and the majority of them will be at the festival in person, which is what makes it such a special event!



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If I have any questions or need help on the day, will anyone be available to talk to?

Yes there will be lots of volunteers who can help you on the day. Look out for our logo or high vis jackets.

Are tickets available on the door?

Sorry, no, we have sold out. You may still find tickets being exchanged privately on Facebook though.

Where does the money go?

This event is completely not for profit. All proceeds go to support seagrass roots marine conservation through St Agnes Marine Conservation Group and to the excellent Porthtowan Village Hall.

Where can I park my car?

There's a Cornwall Council public car park by the beach a very short, level walk from the hall, it's free in November. There is a small village car park beside the hall, also free. There are 2 disabled parking spaces at the hall.

Can I bring children?

Yes, definitely! (if they have a ticket). The afternoon is particularly geared to families but all the films are suitable for children.

There's no phone reception in Porthtowan can I use the WiFi?

There's free WiFi at the hall that you can use.

Can I bring a dog?

Sorry, only assistance dogs at this event.

How can I get involved with St Agnes Marine Conservation Group?

Glad you asked! We would love to see you at our future events and you can sign up for our newsletter here. Please come and talk to some of us at the festival if you are interested in volunteering.

Are you still looking for films?

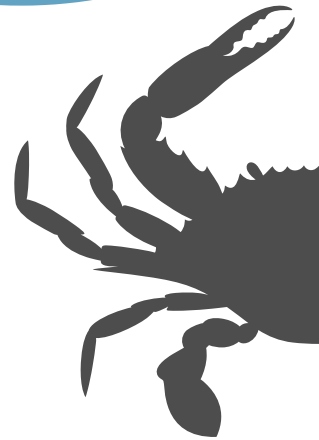
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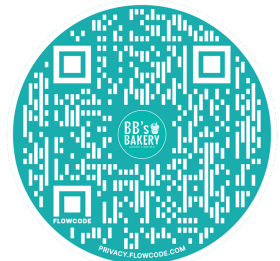


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