



## Bigger and Better at Babbacombe

**Above left**  
The Bay from Babbacombe Downs

**Above right**  
Hanbury's Fish and Chips Day on Babbacombe Downs

**Below**  
The Twister Duo air display team are performing at the Armed Forces Day

**Bottom**  
Yummy cream tea

Strolling ukelele players, a health and wellbeing day, and a German beer fest are just some of the diversions on offer at this month's Babbacombe Festival

The Babbacombe Festival, now in its fourth year, runs from 10-20 June and looks set to be bigger and better than ever. With events covering such diverse interests as arts and crafts, food and drink, floral displays, sailing, cricket, bowls, live music, fetes, exhibitions and guided walks, there should be something for everyone.

The Festival is centred on the villages of Babbacombe and St Marychurch at the northern point of Torbay. With its range of independent shops and café culture, this delightful district provides a more relaxed alternative to the hustle and bustle of Torquay. Holidaymakers have long enjoyed the stunning bay views from Babbacombe Downs, and it is here that many Festival events will unfold, such as the ever-popular Babbacombe Fayre which takes place on 16 June. This Rotary-organised event has been entertaining crowds for over 45 years, and is a big supporter of local charities.

Another big charity fundraiser is Hanbury's Fish & Chips on the Downs,

which forms the finale of the Festival on 20 June. Enjoy your Hanbury's famous fish and chips in the marquee to the sounds of live music and entertainment, and why not stay for the hog roast party in the evening?

There will be fun on the water on 12 and 13 June when the Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing club holds its annual regatta, and new to the Festival this year will be Armed Forces Day on 19 June. In honour of the brave men and women of our Armed Forces past and present, this exciting event will see the area buzzing with a Veterans' Parade, air show and a sea spectacular in Babbacombe Bay. Commanding views of the proceedings can be had from Babbacombe Downs, or take a trip down the historic Babbacombe Cliff Railway to the beach for a different angle. □

**The Babbacombe Festival website, [babbacombe.org](http://babbacombe.org), is kept up to date with comprehensive information on what's going on, or look out for the Babbacombe Festival 2010 programme.**



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