

# Northam May Fair

## SATURDAY

### 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

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COME AND MEET  
THE DINOSAURS!



## What's on at our May Fair this year.....?



Hildsvin with their Viking Saxon encampment and re-enactment.

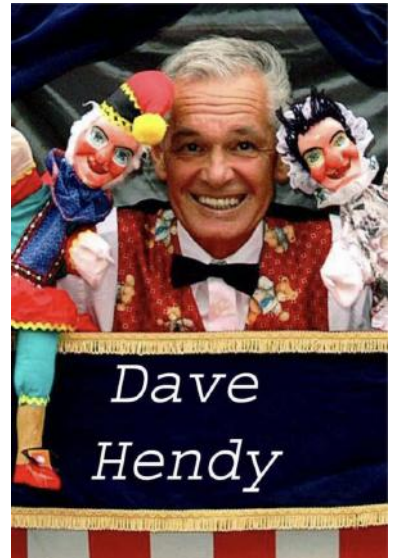


Meet the dinosaurs! Dexter and friends are ready to entertain you.



**North Devon  
stuntman and  
entertainer,  
Merlin Cadogan.**

**Punch & Judy  
show with  
Magician, Dave  
Hendy.**



# Message and Welcome from the Mayor

Come and celebrate the spectacular return of the Northam May Fair on the 30th April 2022. This year, the Fair promises to be bigger and better than ever, with new attractions, including Walking Dinosaurs. The entire village centre will be lined with stalls from Northam Hall to the Square and along Cross Street to the Methodist Church. There will be indoor stalls at the Community Centre, Methodist Church and Northam Hall. Once again, the Rectory Gardens will be hosting the Arenas for your favourites, Viking re-enactments, Dinosaur Shows, Miniature Steam Train rides, Merlin's circus school & show, Exmoor Zoo, and Magic Punch & Judy.

**The day starts at 10 in the morning outside Northam Library with a parade including a Children's Fancy Dress competition, with the theme "The Queen's Platinum Jubilee".**

There is something for everyone ... come and join the fun. See you there!

We would also like to thank all who are involved in the May Fair, everyone from the visitors, stall holders, volunteer marshals and organisers to all of the Northam Town Council staff who work so hard throughout the year. The fair would not be the great success it is without any of you!

## The History of our May Fair

The Northam May Fair has been held for around 40 years. In the 1980s there were regular tug of war contests in Fore Street as part of the fair usually between the two public houses that are in Northam, (The Golden Lion and The Kingsley Inn), with all the events taking place in the Square. In later years the May Fair didn't take place but was revived in 2012 by the new Vicar, supported by volunteers. In 2017 it was decided by the organisers that with insufficient volunteers to continue running the event, so Northam Town Council stepped in to make sure it could go ahead. The Council have been responsible for the running of the May Fair ever since.



May pole dancing 1990



In the Square 1994



Well attended in 2013



**The last May Fair before lockdown, 2019** (images courtesy of Graham Hobbs)



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There will be stalls to the front of the Church including a HOG ROAST, a small licensed Bar with bespoke beer, and other stalls offering both competitions and memorabilia.

CREAM TEAS will be available in the Church from 2.30 pm,

On **Sunday 1st May at 10 am** a Special Morning Service will be attended by the Bishop of Crediton. Afterwards, a visiting team of Bell Ringers will seek to ring a FULL PEAL on the Church Bells – something last achieved in 1920.

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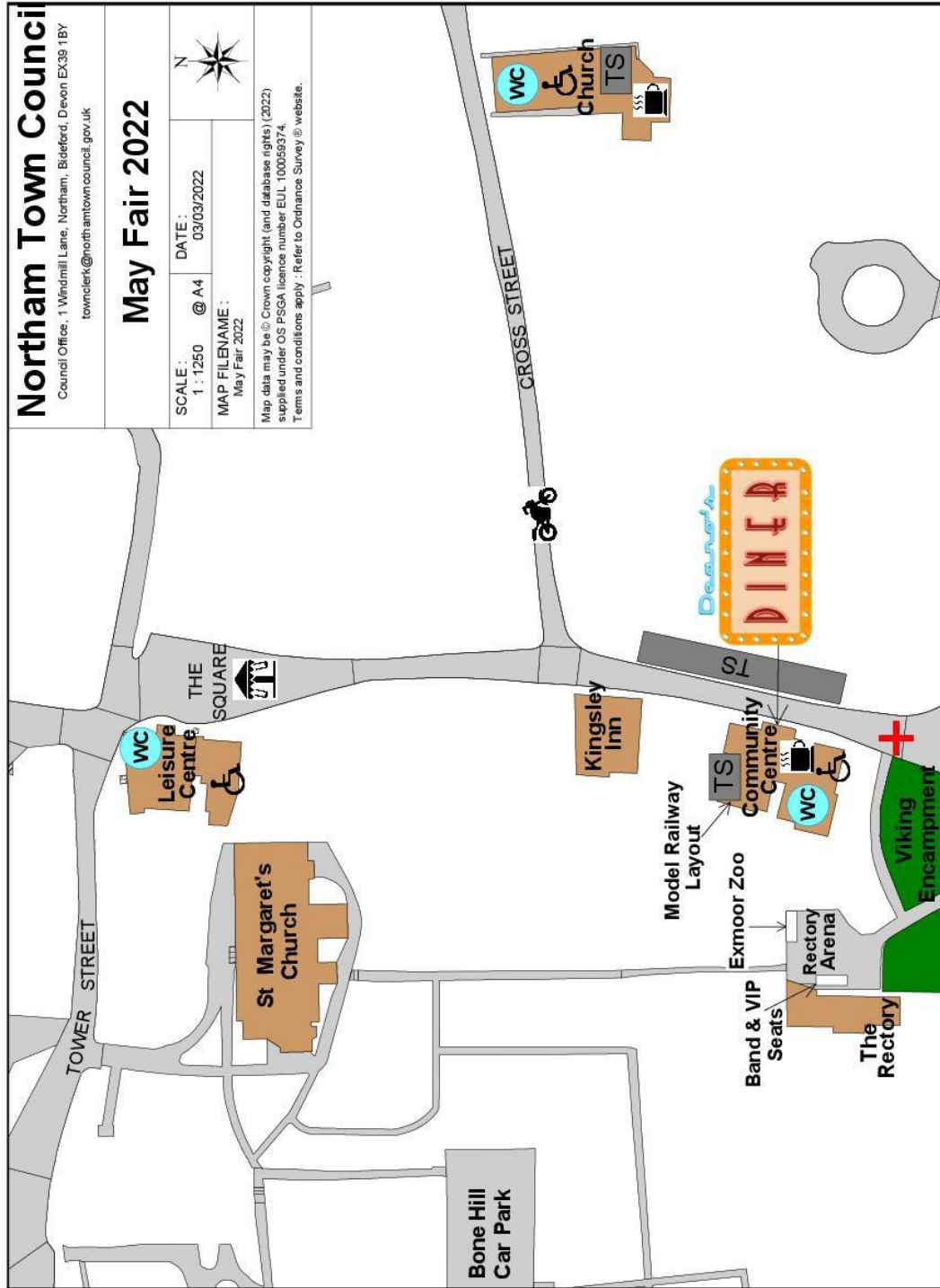
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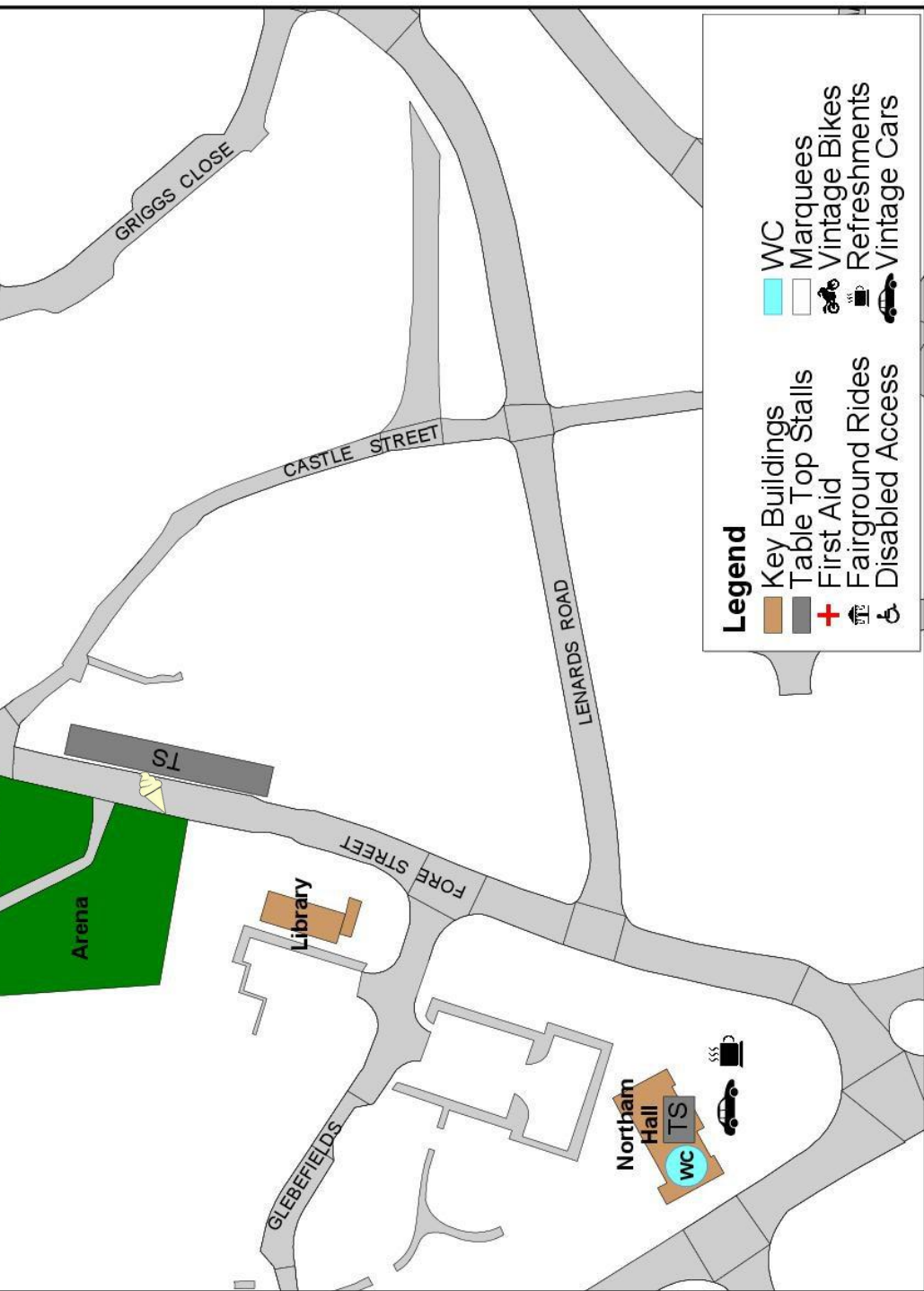
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## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

### Rectory Area

- 10.00 Parade \*
- 10.15 Opening Ceremony
- 10.20 Crowning of May King and Queen
- 10.30 Maypole Dance
- 11.00 Circus Workshop Merlin
- 13.00 Magic and Punch & Judy
- 13.30 Merlin Show
- 14.15 Appledore Band
- 15.00 Magic and Punch & Judy

**Throughout the day, an Exmoor Zoo display.**

### Combat Area

- 11.00 Dinosaur Show
- 11.45 Combat Session follow by the interactive 'Kiddie Vike'
- 13.00 Dinosaur Walkabout
- 13.30 Combat Session follow by the interactive 'Kiddie Vike'
- Viking Saxon Displays and living history in the encampment - All Day

**14.00 Bingo at the Leisure Centre, on Fore Street.**

**\* The Parade will include Bideford Pipes and Drums, Cadets, Fancy Dress competitors and the Dinosaur Walkabout.**

## Other All Day Events

Traction Engine Rides | Rides in the Square | Deano's Diner | Table top Stalls in Northam Hall, the Community Centre, the Methodist Church and along Fore Street | Ice Cream Stall | Face Painting | Local Food and Drink Vendors | Classic Car Show at Northam Hall | Motorcycle Show in Cross Street.

Please note the programme is subject to change and some items are weather permitting. All timings are approximate. Free Parking is available at Bone Hill Car Park via Tower Street. If parking elsewhere, you must observe local parking charges. If parking on the road, please park responsibly and do not block driveways.

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