

## 12 hours in Plaxtock

Music, food, and the happiest people on earth.  
Let's fall in love with Plaxtock!

Plaxtockers are the happiest people on earth. That's a fact! At least according to countless studies conducted on the subject. Take a stroll through the beautiful site on a summer's day, and you'll understand why. Beautiful architecture, lots of grass and friendly, good looking people on foot everywhere. To be fair, when it rains it is a bit tougher to fall in love with Plaxtock at first sight. But of course, the inventive Plaxtockers found a way to tackle that problem, too. They actually even invented a word for that: "Tohellwithit"! It roughly translates to something like "the complete lack and absence of anything annoying" and means cozy areas under canvas, candlelight, music, good people and food around. You see, Plaxtock ranks up there in about every study there is. All the clichés about the festival: They're true! Time to find out why. Let's spend 12hrs in Plaxtock!

10am. We are starting our day in The South Central Area, an area that remains high up on the hipster index for years. It's here you'll find the snack bar StuffPepper, MainStage, tipi, table tennis (Centre Court), and on any day, most of the cool kids.

Plaxtockers like it healthy, StuffPepper offers a large variety of organic options. Our breakfast destination is a wonderful spot. 'Porridge' means 'porridge', and that is exactly what is served in the café. With the breakfast bowls or the full breakfast, you'll have plenty of energy for the fun filled 12 hours ahead of you.

11am A short, ten-minute detour that is so worth it! Take a stroll through the famous Cherry Orchard. No matter how busy the main area around you might get, between the tall trees it's always peaceful and quiet. It's easy to spend a whole afternoon here, but don't get lost! Our day has just begun.

11am Walk all the way back towards the main area, back to the wordly pleasures of fashionable small groups of tables, chill out areas. Just stop short of the Main Tent and sign up for The Table Tennis tournament.

After, continue down past the fence line on your way to the loos. You'll pass more, a nice café, the bank, a cinema and probably run into some good looking Plaxtockers dressed all in floral. At the end of the fence line, you'll reach TeenAlley, a popular hangout and meeting point.

12pm A five-minute walk back, you'll see the very popular WildnernessCinema, see sign for showing times. Now back at StuffPepper, if you feel for a little caffeinated pick-me-up, do it here. The coffee is great, and the baristas know what they're doing. They're also handsome. All of them (it's self service).

Once you're done, walk straight. Once the sun comes out, this is where everybody sits. It's a beautiful walk, so take your time. Take in the scenery.

1pm In the past years, Plaxtock has developed quite a reputation as a foodie destination. Restaurants like StuffPepper are on the forefront of a new Orchard eating trend, promoting locally sourced, traditionally Plaxtock produce. For many critics, StuffPepper is actually the best restaurant in the world right now. We can confirm this today.

At StuffPepper, you'll get served light lunch fare in a great location. This used to be a wedding marquee, and you can still see nuptial details everywhere. Big windows let in a lot of light, the atmosphere is friendly and relaxed. StuffPepper has developed into a hang out for hip locals and members of the

music crowd, a fact that maybe explains why their signature dish: burgers and pizza sticks is so popular, so dive right in.

2pm Content, relaxed, and ready to go, we hit OrchardCentral for some serious chilling. Instead of giving you a route, we'll just tell you the must-sees, and you conquer them in whatever order you feel best with. These activities are all in walking distance to each other, and each of them is worth a try. Paper reading, napping, frisbee golf, table tennis, chatting, drinking.

5pm Head over to CentreCourt and play your first match in Plaxtockden 2015, there is no other tournament like it.

6pm After a hot shower (ummm maybe just a quick wet wipe) we're ready to jumpstart our night in Plaxtock with a great dinner. Once again StuffPepper is a restaurant from the owners of super popular food destination... our kitchens. The interior looks as if it was taken straight out of a catalog for Scandinavian minimalist furniture, the walls are washed white, and the tableware rustic. All this is supposed to make you feel as if you were at a Scandinavian farmyard that somehow has been transported into a field environment. And it works! The food goes with this theme, go for the chickpea curry and couscous which showcases what's fresh. StuffPepper is the hottest dinner ticket in town right now, so to be sure to get in line. They cater for dietary requirements, just let them know on arrival. Kids meals too. Not to be missed is StuffPepper LiveLounge with a host of talents taking to the mike.

7pm Head over past the loos down to WildnernessCinema with your children drop them there to allow them a great cinematic experience (and you can have a break). The interior of the Cinema reflects the cinema's long history. Tarps, carpet offer unparalleled comfort. A new feature will be popcorn, yippee! The Individual cashmere blankets didn't arrive from Nepal in time... there's always next year.

8pm No need to take a bike or taxi, just walk, it's just there in front of you, to MainStage by heading into the Farming District. This is the former white light district of Plaxtock, that has slowly been claimed by the hipsters as their nightlife Mekka. You might still see the occasional sheep pass by, but behind the run-down facade, there are lofts and office spaces of media companies and fashion labels. This mix makes the Farming district the most coveted nightlife area of Plaxtock, with a cool bar right in the old army tent, followed by FireArea.

8.30pm Pick the one bar. We suggest 'Bar'. It's run by some very passionate owners. Every member of the bartending staff

CONTINUE PAGE 3

## PLAXTOCKDEN 2015

The reknown Plaxtock table tournament was in great hands last year, it ran smoothly and professionally. No stone was unturned to ensure the best players played and the best team won after a terrific 3 day tournament! Racket cases off to them!

All welcome to play in this year's tournament, the 21st Anniversary year. Bats at the ready!



Sunny Discman questioning the umpire's decision that his height ratio to his partner's gives them a 1 point disadvantage



## JOKES FROM THE FRINGE

I went to Waterstones and asked the woman for a book about turtles. She asked: "Hardback?" and I was like: "Yeah, and little heads." **Mark Simmons**

As a child, I had an obsession with Posh Spice – it cost my mum a fortune in saffron. **Chris Turner**

My boyfriend and I are both in our late 20s. He's 29, I'm 34. **Felicity Ward**

My dad's like a laptop, if you don't touch him for 10 minutes he will go to sleep. **Chris Martin**

I grew up in Wales. If you've never been to Wales, just imagine if Primark opened a country. That's pretty much it. **James Farmer**

If you don't know what introspection is – you need to take a long, hard look at yourself. **Ian Smith**

I get on very well with my parents, give or take my mother. **Laura Lexx Lovely**

50 shades of grey, there's a gag in there. **Gareth Cooper**  
Dubai is what would happen if you gave a 12-year-old a trillion dollars to redecorate his bedroom. **Dane Baptiste**

I fear I'll never own my own house. For me watching Homes Under the Hammer is like Game of Thrones. I'll never truly know what it's like to live in their world. **Joey Page Catastrophe Part**

My cat is recovering from a massive stroke. **Darren Walsh**

I asked my priest, 'Is it OK if I make jokes about Jesus Christ and the cross?'. He said, 'Just make sure you nail it'. **Nathan Caton**

They scoffed when I told them I'd one day learn the secret of invisibility. If they could only see me now. **Magician Pete**

2011: I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. – **Nick Helm**

2010: I've just been on a once in a lifetime holiday. I'll tell you what, never again. **Tim Vine**

Hedgehogs – why can't they just share the hedge. **Dan Antolpolski**

I bought myself some glasses. My observational comedy improved. – **Sara Pascoe (2014)**

Miley Cyrus. You know when she was born? 1992. I've got condiments in my cupboard older than that. **Lucy Beaumont (2014)**

Most of my life is spent avoiding conflict. I hardly ever visit Syria. – **Alex Horne (2014)**

Fun fact: did you know that HIV is actually Roman for "high five"? Pass it on – or, rather, don't. – **Rhys James: Begins (2014)**

You can't lose a homing pigeon. If your homing pigeon doesn't come back, then what you've lost is a pigeon. – **Sara Pascoe (2014)**

## THE GREAT PLAXTOCK BAKE OFF

We were delighted to have special guests Mary WildBerry and Paul HurstWood to judge The Cake competition last year. BBC may have secured them this year so we'll see if they make a Plaxtock appearance for this 2015's toughest baking competition yet.

WildBerry chastised HurstWood last year for setting

an especially difficult technical challenge: 1 identical brown bun.

'I really think you have been particularly nasty on this one and I think this is a really tough challenge,' she told him.



Mary WildBerry still cheeky at 80!



Mary WildBerry's face of disgust at Paul HurstWood's "especially difficult technical challenge".



1 identical brown bun



There was some controversy over last year's winner, therefore this year strict policies have been set in place to ensure the winner wins fair and square! Place your show stopper at the end of the table knowing we at The Great Plaxtock Bake Off take baking seriously. #bakingforyourlife #eatcake #mymbakedit #greggs

MISERY HAS MET ITS MATCH

PLAXTOCK

A CAST OF YOU

THE 21-YEAR-OLD PARTY

CONT from front

created one of the specialty cocktails on the menu. All the drinks arrive to you in a plastic cup sprayed with fresh rose-water before you can taste them (doubtful). The lager is divine. Lean back in the cozy seats, enjoy your cocktail, and rewind. Spotting which party looks like the most fun tonight should be easy, people tend to hang out outside. If you want to prepare, check the club's website before you leave the tent.

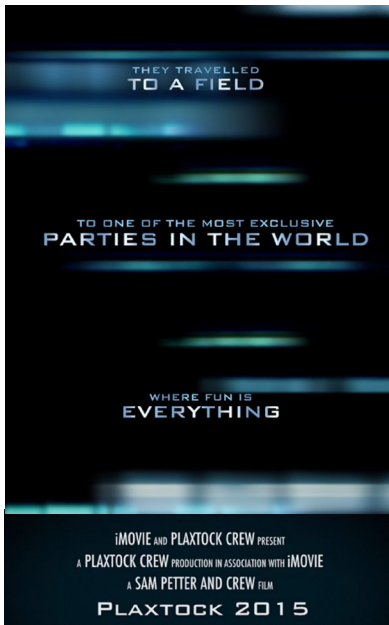
9pm By now the music is well underway at MainStage and Plaxtock's nightlife comes into full swing out here is a lot of fun. The club plays great music and has a dance floor with lights. You'll hear an eclectic range of sounds, and if you fancy performing just let them know.

What a day! We almost can't believe we managed to squeeze so many great experiences into the time, but somehow, we did it. You've just spent 12hrs in Plaxtock! You might want to stay another night... and help with the take down on Monday!

HAVE YOU TRIED A WINTER OLYMPIC SPORT RECENTLY?? YOU CAN! AT OUR WONDERFUL CURLING BLUE TARP RINK, JUST OUTSIDE.

Come and try your hand at this exciting sport - it's both fun and challenging!! Beginners quickly get going on the tarp and have a great time - right from the start. It's a game played on tarp (without skates) between teams of four. It's sometimes called "bowls on tarp" - but there's a lot more to it than that...



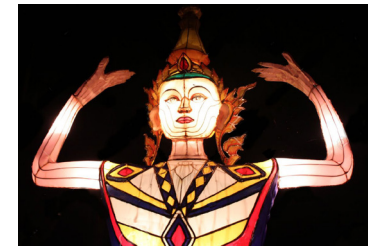


Saturday  
 ANTON DEX & CHRIS  
 TENT PEGS  
 PETTER ALL SKAS  
 M&W  
 STAN  
 DAVE ELLIOT

Sunday  
 SOUND CHEQUE  
 KIDS DISCO - SADE  
 HOUSEBAND  
 TINPOTS  
 SCANTY  
 DOPE BENEDICT  
 & ANDREW

AND SPECIAL GUESTS

## LANTERN MAKING



## SUNDAY

Lantern making for kids & adults  
 to be hung in the trees

Volunteer(s) needed to run,  
 please enquire in StuffPepper



Date: 4th June  
from: Harry Stanley

\* My apologies for the lateness of this report  
Results of our Young Stock Show were as follows:  
Best young Bird - Gavin Carter, with a very nice  
Skyblue Cock. Second, Gavin Carter - Third, Brian &  
Karen Scott. Best Barhead, Gavin Carter-with a very  
strong Grey Cock, which looks to do very well when  
moulted out. Second & Third Barheads, Gavin Carter.  
Twenty Five birds benched. I would like to add  
our Judge on the day Geoff Tuplin, showed good  
judgement in placing the birds, all credit to his ability  
and expertise.

## BOOKEND

Our round-up of the best autumn reads

All book reviews by Tessa Clayton author of  
"Wannabe"



*"but you knew she (her mum) had your best interests at heart. You're going to make something of yourself, Shampayne, she'd tell you at bedtime, as she read to you from the Argos catalogue. You've got beauty and lack of brains - the full package."*

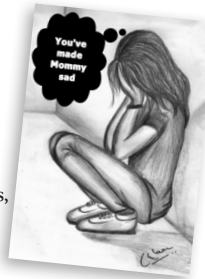
### Get the Shape You Want. Yes, Even You, You Human Manatee

West London-based model Sienna Twigg is on a mission to change the way we eat. 'Giving up caffeine, sugar, gluten and alcohol isn't enough,' 25-year-old Twigg cautions. 'I want people's self-loathing to extend to lean proteins, olive oil, nuts, seeds, and fruits and vegetables, too. In my recipes, I've replaced all of those foods with fresh air or naff all, so you won't feel as bloated after eating.'  
Get the Shape You Want. Yes, Even You, You Human Manatee is packed with fabulous recipes to help you achieve your ideal weight, from Twigg's signature Turnip Smoothie to a moreish Hot Water and Bay Leaf Broth. 'You'll be so hungry you'll want to rip out your own eyeballs to suck on,' advises Twigg. 'But I promise you, this book will make you feel amazing. Your mood will be upbeat, you'll have a post-holiday glow, and your hair will look incredible, with expensive new highlights. Oh wait a minute, that's just me after the book royalties flood in... You'll probably feel like crap.'  
Offer price: £10.99. Order number PB2091



### You've Made Mommy Sad Susie Biggles

Little Johnny is up to no good – throwing his toothbrush in the toilet, hiding Mom's purse, and leaving cookie crumbs all over the house. But in this delightful picture book for younger readers, complete with black and white illustrations by award-winning police e-fit artist Tony Plank, Johnny soon learns that his actions have serious consequences for Mommy's psychological wellbeing!  
Offer price: £2.99. Order number PB1573



### The Magical Cream-Tea Café and Vintage Dress Emporium at the End of the Lane, at Christmas.

Polly Peabody  
Fans of The Magical Cream-Tea Café and Vintage Dress Emporium at the End of the Lane are in for a festive treat with this, the second book in the series. Against all odds, Izzy March is making a success of her economically unviable teashop-cum-secondhand frock store. The only downside is that her boyfriend, rock-star turned artisan cheesemaker Xander Kane, is acting strangely. Why do his eyes glaze over when she bangs on about the amazing new raspberry conserve she's sourced from France? Sometimes, it's almost as if he doesn't actually give a toss about scones...  
'Like the first book, but with snow and mince pies.'  
Melvyn Bragg  
Offer price: £3.99. Order number PB 3887



## UPDATE

Woohoo ChainSka Brassika are off to Jamaica!  
BRAND NEW! In celebration of us winning The World Reggae Contest here (on their Facebook page) is something for you wonderful people that helped make it happen... The official music video for 'Knowledge Is King'. Single dropped on 24th August and is the 2nd single from our forthcoming debut album. It comes to you via the dons over at reggaeville and was created by our drummer Seth, get a load of these visuals. The party's in session!!! Unfortunately they won't be with us this year.

### 'DEAR 14-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER...'

Our agony aunt solves your style dilemmas. With brutal honesty.

#### 'Dear 14-year-old daughter

I love going to Plaxtock, but I always feel really dowdy in my jeans and oversized fleece. I'd like to invest in some accessories to jazz things up. Any ideas? Rachel, Tonbridge  
'Sorry? Were you saying something? It's just that I got distracted by that... that thing underneath your chin. It kind of wobbles when you talk. What is it anyway? Is it some kind of wattle? Christ, do you it could be genetic? So when I'm 50 like you I'll have to walk round with a flabby, saggy chin hanging down to my knees, making everyone around me barf? Well, thanks, Mum. Thanks a bunch.'

#### 'Dear 14-year-old daughter

Can you recommend any dance moves for your 46-year-old dad? Pete, Tonbridge

Oh. My. God. PLEASE tell me you're joking. You're not actually going to dance, are you? Are you? I mean, if you do, I will LITERALLY DIE. Is that what you want? If you do that cringy, old-bald-man head-noddy thing, when you look like a vibrating tortoise, my life will be OVER, and it'll be ALL YOUR FAULT!

#### 'Dear 14-year-old daughter

Am I too old for pink Hunter wellies? Rachel, Tonbridge

Dunno, but get them in a size 4, then I can wear them too. Yeah, I know you're a 6, but you can sacrifice yourself, can't you? That's what mothers are supposed to do! Jeezus!

Can I have £20?

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

LOOK OUT for a new act consisting of a singing/rapping pussy cat combined with a dj/mc who might be male or might be female, but will certainly have a pair of tits regardless. 15 mins of pure loveliness. Hot tip to catch them before the Main Act on Saturday night.

Dear Plaxtock

Thank you for keeping me on the Plaxtock list, despite my lame attendance record over the past few years. Unfortunately, again this year I will be Australia slaving away(not quite) while you are partying with the plaxtock family. I will be thinking of you, and hopefully will be able to join you in one of the coming years.  
cheerio and party on dudes  
Micha & Uli

## STUFFED PEPPER MENU

### SATURDAY

#### Lunch

Ploughmans, soup and salad (2 platypus for all)

#### Dinner (6 platypus)

Vegetables & herbs, hummus, dips & sauces with flatbreads

#### Kids (2 platypus)

Pasta and pesto/tomato sauce

### SUNDAY

#### Breakfast (5 platypus / 2 platypus kids)

Scrambled egg and smoke salmon, beans  
Croissants, Porridge and Cereal

#### Lunch (4 platypus/ 2 platypus kids)

Pizza sticks  
Local 6 oz beefburgers  
Soup, Salad

#### Dinner (6 platypus)

Theresa's renowned chickpea curry,  
Couscous

#### Kids (2 platypus)

Pasta and pesto/tomato sauce  
(sorry kids it shows lack of variety, but you're just so damm fussy!)

### MONDAY

#### Breakfast (5 platypus / 2 platypus kids)

Eggs, bacon and beans, Croissants, Porridge,  
Cereal

#### Lunch

Amnesty for all who stay to help  
in some form

### HOT DRINKS

10 platypus buys you free hot drinks all weekend  
and a Plaxtock Mug (collectors item)

Otherwise 1 squirrel a drink

Please use the honesty box, and remember to  
take your mug home! Wash up your own mugs.

Kids drinks - free whilst supplies last. An  
assortment of snacks and chocolate goodies!

## GLUTEN/DAIRY FREE AVAILABLE

Please go to cooking tent when  
you arrive to let kitchen know  
dietary requirements.

# WEATHER - PLAXTOCK

## SATURDAY



## SUNDAY



## MONDAY



SEEK SIMILAR FORECASTS  
FROM APPS SUCH AS

Met Office  
Dark Sky  
Carrot Weather

## Please...

Cars in the Car Park, down the road. Really. Plaxtock is about getting into nature, not sitting in a car park.

Take care, there is construction work going on at the farm with lots of danger please stay in the cherry and golding orchard.

No Pets. No Dogs, cats, sheep, fish or fowl. It's never nice cleaning poo off your kids.

Please don't pick the fruit.

Be Farm Aware. The farm has teeth.

There's ponds with slippery sides.

There's stinging nettles and barbed wire.

There's boisterous animals

Keep the fire in one place. Firestarters are welcome around the festival fire, but nowhere else.

If you can wee in the bushes then do,

It saves the toilets! Though please keep your no2's to the loos.

Observe litter bins and recycling.

**CRUSH YOUR CANS**

The night time can be loud, if you have kids camp far from the arena and bring ear plugs.

**SUPPORT THE STUFFEDPEPPER CAFE.**

Instagram



coolas

1s



Plaxtock

♥ 11428 likes

coolas Just got my hands on this year's Plaxtock-T. L O V E. Adults 10 platypus, kids 6 platypus. #feelinmivibes #summersheretostay #bankholidayweekend #partylikeitsyourbirthday #ineedahaircut #itdoesntgetbetter #brownsthenewblack #mymumtookthispic #sunsetlight #itsnotjustanytshirtitsaplaxtocktshirt #gotmivibes #ineedawee #embarrassingmum #imnottakingthisoff #wherestheloo

A mug is for life not just Plaxtock - Yes it's summer, but it feels a lot like Autumn. Keep warm with a mug of hot chocolate, tea or coffee. 10 platypus. With the purchase of a mug you get free tea, coffee and hot chocolate all weekend. Wash your mug up, look after your mug, and then take that mug home (or any other mug as long as you've purchased a mug).



**www.plaxtock.net**

text or email your photos to [pic@plaxtock.net](mailto:pic@plaxtock.net) where there's an online gallery showing your photos. view the photos on your phone at <http://m.plaxtock.net/>

A BIG THANK YOU TO JILL AND PETER WEBB FOR THEIR ON GOING SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY TOWARDS PLAXTOCK, WITHOUT WHOM NONE OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN.