Toads Revisited
A celebration of Larkin with Toads

Toads old and new, on the streets, in the sky and on the water!

For one weekend only, visit the Larkin Toads in Hull and beyond and look out for stories, music and poems inspired by Philip Larkin and the Larkin Toads

Wednesday 5 August to Sunday 9 August 2015
Toads Revisited celebrates 5 years since the Larkin25 commemoration of the life and work of the poet, novelist, librarian and jazz critic, Philip Larkin, and marks the 30th Anniversary of his death.

Larkin with Toads was a notable popular success, a large scale, mass participation public art event which surprised and delighted the people of Hull and the East Riding – and won the Silver Award for the VisitEngland Tourism Event of the Year (ahead of the Grand National).. His poem ‘Toads’ was the inspiration for the colourful amphibian sculptures that enlivened the streets, and now its sister poem, ‘Toads Revisited’, provides the title for this lighthearted reprise.

Larkin25 has worked with other Hull artists and organisations to create a varied few days of Larkin and Toad related activity. The University of Hull has commissioned a new Toad design by Rebecca Dennison which will grace the foyer of the recently extended and refurbished Brynmor Jones Library and can be visited from Saturday 8th August. Wrecking Ball Press and Artlink have worked with Larkin25 on the selection and design of Toad Tales, an illustrated book of stories and poems. Ensemble 52 has created an audio-visual installation inspired by the poem Toads Revisited and Artlink Exchange and Park Bench Theatre will be bringing Larkin’s poetry to life with mobile performances and readings from The Bike Library. Musician and composer, Dave Gawthorpe will present a series of site specific music works linking places on The Larkin Trail. And finally, Larkin25 and Roots & Wings have commissioned a giant flying Toad which, subject to good weather, will take to the skies in locations all around the city!

Full details of all these events can be found in this brochure and on the website at www.toadsrevisited.co.uk.

If Toads Could Fly!

Well, they can – or rather one very big toad can, just so long as the weather conditions are okay! Working with Roots & Wings we have commissioned Imagination Inflatables to build us an 8ms long Larkin Toad with an entirely new decorative design created by Janette Dimitrova. Our Flying Toad will float around the city from Wednesday 5th August ending up in Queens Gardens for the weekend.

You can catch the Flying Toad from 10am (Launch time) until 6pm each day at:

**Wednesday 5 August**
- Holwell Road, opposite North Point Shopping Centre, Bransholme HU7 4EE
- Stonebridge Park, Greatfield, HU9 5BD

**Thursday 6 August**
- Massey Playing Field, St George’s Road, Hull HU3 3PX

**Friday 7 August**
- Queens Gardens, Hull HU1 1HJ

There will be young people’s activities and an outdoor gallery at the Launch Sites on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

*Please note that Flying Toad may be unable to fly if there is strong or gusty wind*

Toads Revisited The Exhibition

See pictures of all the Larkin Toads, the runners up and winning entries for the Flying Toad design competition, designs for the new Library Toad, and a selection of Alice Beasley's delightful book illustrations for ‘Toad Tales’. The new Library Toad will also be on display.

In the Exhibition Hall, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull HU6 7RX

Free admission: 10am – 5pm from Saturday 8 to Sunday 30 August
You've seen the Larkin Toads – now enjoy their stories!

Toad Tales

Over 300 writers submitted short stories and poems about the Larkin Toads. We have selected the very best for a new children's story book - Toad Tales - beautifully illustrated by Hull artist, Alice Beasley. Toad Tales is published on Wednesday 5 August and will then be available priced £8.95 from Hull Central Library, Albion Street, Hull, Waterstones Bookshop, Jameson Street, Hull and on-line from www.wreckingballpress.co.uk

An evening of performances of newly written site-specific musical compositions by David Gawthorpe that are inspired by, and situated at, key locations along the Larkin Trail (www.thelarkintrail.co.uk)

A journey of musical events will begin with an instrumental chamber group concert at the General Cemetery, Spring Bank West.

An hour later at the Paragon Interchange a concert will take place consisting of songs that are musical settings, reinterpretations and responses to the poetry of Larkin.

The event will conclude at Ye Olde Black Boy with an audio-visual installation that revisits the site of Larkin's favourite jazz club.

Part of the experience is to walk to each one of the performances - instilling a sense of 'walking in Larkin's footsteps'.

Sunday 9 August

7:30pm
General Cemetery Spring Bank West (opposite Hymers Avenue) HU5 3TG

8:30pm
Paragon Interchange Train Station, Ferensway, HU1 3UF

9:30pm
Ye Olde Black Boy, High Street, HU1 1PS

All concerts are free to attend.

For further information or general enquires please contact: David Gawthorpe 07531 108603
**Toads Redux by e52**

Following last year’s acclaimed ‘Whitsun Weddings’ performed on a Hull to London train, Hull-based company Ensemble 52 has created an audio-visual installation inspired by the poem Toads Revisited. This film triptych explores the characters we meet in the poem and the themes of time passing and time wasted. The film lasts 18 minutes and will be on a loop throughout the day.

Artlink Centre for Community Arts
87 Princes Avenue, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU5 3QP
Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August
Continuous viewing - 10am to 4pm

Free admission

For more information go to e52.co.uk

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**The Bike Library**

Larkin was an ardent cyclist – as well as a poet! So Artlink are working in partnership with Park Bench Theatre and East Coast Bicycles to create a bike library. Park Bench Theatre Company will take to the streets of Hull and the East Riding on a beautiful vintage bike with a library trailer full of poetry books! You are invited to experience interactive performances and workshops based around the poetry of Philip Larkin and other writers. These family-friendly events are ideal for all ages!

The locations have been carefully chosen to reflect places with special connections to Philip Larkin and are all included in The Larkin Trail (www.thelarkintrail.co.uk)

**Saturday 18 July**
5pm – 6.30pm
Paragon Interchange
Hull City Centre, HU1 3UF

**Saturday 22 August**
1pm – 2.30 pm
Humber Bridge Country Park
Hessle HU13 0HB

**Friday 24 July**
5pm – 6.30pm
by Andrew Marvell Statue, Trinity Square,
Hull HU1 1RR

**Saturday 22 August**
4pm - 5.30pm
The Pavilion, King George V Playing Fields,
Northgate, Cottingham, HU16 5QW

**Saturday 25 July**
4pm – 5.30pm
Pearson Park
(by the Victorian Conservatory)
Princes Ave, Hull HU5 2TQ

**Saturday 5 September**
1pm – 2.30pm
by Andrew Marvell Statue, Trinity Square,
Hull HU1 1RR

For enquiries or further information please contact Rachel Elm,
Phone 01482 345104 or email artsdevelopment@artlink.uk.net
Where are they now?

City Centre Toads

1. Reflective Colours
   **Artist:** Sue Kershaw and Victoria Merrett
   **Location:** Streetlife Museum Gardens, High Street, Hull HU1 1PS
   **Viewing:** Permanently on display, Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 1.30pm - 4.30pm

2. Toad in the Hull
   **Artists:** Janis Goodman and Sarah Fisher
   **Location:** Hull History Centre, Worship Street, Hull HU2 8BG
   **Viewing:** on permanent public display outside the Centre

3. Fish & Chips Toad
   **Artist:** Emily Fisher
   **Location:** Queens Gardens, Hull HU1 1HJ
   **Viewing:** floating on a pond throughout the Toads Revisited weekend

4. Maritime Toad
   **Artist:** Pinkyvision
   **Location:** The Maritime Museum, Queen Victoria Square, Hull HU1 3DX
   **Viewing:** Saturday 8 August 10am – 5pm, Sunday 9 August 1.30pm – 4.30pm only
   *Maritime Toad kindly loaned by Allenby Commercial Ltd.*

5. Eastwest
   **Artists:** Sarah Daniels and Sarah Fallowfield
   **Location:** Princes Quay Shopping Centre, Hull HU1 2PQ
   **Viewing:** Saturday 8 August, 9am – 6pm, Sunday 9 August, 10.30am – 4.30pm only

Toads around Hull

6. Hull Folk
   **Artists:** Jean Hartley, Ragna Blades and Domanic Li
   **Location:** Street Life Museum, High Street, Hull HU1 1PS
   **Viewing:** Saturday 8 August 10am – 5pm
   Sunday 9 August 1.30pm – 4.30pm only

7. Punkphibian
   **Artist:** Liz Dees
   **Location:** Waterstones Bookshop, Jameson Street, Hull HU1 3JQ
   **Viewing:** 9am – 5.30pm, Weds 5 – Sunday 9 August only

8. The Chiltern Toad
   **Artists:** Chiltern Primary School Parent and Children's Craft Group
   **Location:** Prospect Shopping Centre, Prospect Street, Hull HU2 8PP
   **Viewing:** Saturday 8 August, 8am – 6pm,
   Sunday 9 August, 10.30am – 4.30pm only

9. Archi-toad
   **Artist:** Hannah Cooper
   **Location:** St Stephen's Shopping Centre, Ferensway, Hull HU2 8LN
   **Viewing:** in main shopping mall, open 24/7
   *Archi-toad kindly loaned by Allenby Commercial Ltd.*

10. Teletoad
    **Artist:** Michelle Roper
    **Location:** Mr & Mrs Dean, 63 Harbour Way, Victoria Dock, Hull HU9 1PL
    **Viewing:** view into the front garden from the public pavement

11. 10-5 Toad
    **Artists:** Steve Elliott and Steve Hubbard
    **Location:** KC Lightstream Stadium, Preston Road, Hull HU9 5HE
    **Viewing:** on permanent display in front of Colin Hunt Stand from 9am – 9pm daily
12. **Space Hopper**  
**Artists:** Liz Dees with Newington and St Andrew’s Young People’s Project  
**Location:** Network Young People’s Centre, 1 Massey Street, Hull HU3 3LA  
**Viewing:** view through security fencing into courtyard at any time

13. **Albert**  
**Artist:** Oban Hogarth  
**Location:** Pearson’s Bar, 6a Princes Avenue, Hull HU5 3QA  
**Viewing:** permanently on display, view from public pavement

14. **Typographical Toad**  
**Artists:** Saul Logan and Alec Tear  
**Location:** CPD Ltd., iPark Industrial Estate, Innovation Drive, Hull HU5 1SG  
**Viewing:** on permanent display and viewable from driveway

15. **Global Pop Toad**  
**Artist:** Mark Wigan  
**Location:** Hull University Business School, Cottingham Road, Hull HU6 7RX  
**Viewing:** open access to front forecourt of the Business School from Cottingham Road during Toads Revisited weekend only

16. **The Library Toad**  
**Artist:** Rebecca Dennison - a new design to be unveiled on Saturday 8 August at 11am  
**Location:** Exhibition Hall, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull HU6 7RX  
**Viewing:** 10am – 5pm from Saturday 8 to Sunday 30 August

17. **The Larkin Toad**  
**Artist:** Frances Kelly  
**Location:** 105 Newland Park, Hull HU5 2DT  
**Viewing:** The Larkin Toad sits on the first floor balcony at the front of the house where Larkin lived for the last eleven years of his life. He can be seen from the road at any time

18. **Tigger the Toad**  
**Artist:** Jayne Tunnicliffe  
**Location:** 105 Newland Park, Hull HU5 2DT (in the back garden)  
**Viewing:** 11am – 5pm, Saturday 8 August and 1pm – 5pm, Sunday 9 August only

19. **Hull Poem Toad**  
**Artist:** Lonny Pop  
**Location:** Bricknell Avenue School, Bricknell Avenue, Hull HU5 4ET  
**Viewing:** Saturday 8 August from 8.30am – 12.30pm or during normal school opening hours.

20. **Kasey Toad**  
**Artists:** Ian Nicholl and Emily Fisher  
**Location:** North Point Shopping Centre, Goodhart Road, Bransholme, Hull HU7 4EE  
**Viewing:** Saturday 8 August, 9am – 5.30pm, Sunday 9 August 10am – 4pm only

21. **Labyrinth on my Back**  
**Artist:** Gemma Chaikin  
**Location:** St Ambrose Court, Minehead Road, Bransholme, Hull HU7 4JN  
**Viewing:** on permanent display by the public footpath

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**East Riding and beyond!**

22. **Hull Fair Toad**  
**Artist:** Pinkyvisor  
**Location:** Southlands Hall, 75 Thwaite Street, Cottingham, East Yorks HU16 4RB  
**Viewing:** permanently located in front garden and can be glimpsed through the boundary hedge!
23. Neat Toad
Artists: Nick and Mez of The Neat and Sarah Pennington
Location: Beverley Racecourse, York Road, Beverley, East Yorks HU17 8QZ
Viewing: just inside main gates, 10am – 5pm, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August and on all race days

24. Tannery Toad
Artists: St Nicholas’ Primary School with Sarah Johnson
Location: St Nicholas’ Primary School, Holme Church Lane, Beverley, East Yorks HU17 0QP
Viewing: permanently on view from public footpath at any time

25. Harlequin, Mischievous Man of Mystery
Artists: Jayne Tunnicliffe with Peter Levy
Location: Mr P. Madden, Tudor Croft, Woodfield Lane, Hessle, Hull HU13 0ES
Viewing: in rear garden, 10am – 5pm Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August only

26. Twinkle Toad
Artist: Rick Welton
Location: Bonus Electrical Superstore, Grange Park Lane, Willerby, East Yorks HU10 6EB
Viewing: permanently displayed, open daily 9am - 5.30pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm

27. Magenta Toad
Artist: Ragna Blades
Location: Melton West Business Park, Gibson Lane, Melton, East Yorks HU14 3BQ
Viewing: on permanent public display by the roadside

28. Topographical Toad
Artist: Ken Shaw
Location: Alex Alec-Smith, Milestone Farm, Low Road, Everthorpe, Brough HU15 2AD
Viewing: 10am – 5pm, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August only

29. Squatwit
Artist: Ruth Pickard
Location: Mr & Mrs Smith, 12 Woodland Rise, Sproatley, East Yorks HU11 4GA
Viewing: 10am – 5pm, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August only

30. The Newington Toad
Artists: Newington Primary School After School Club
Location: Billericay, Essex CM11 1AS
Viewing: by appointment only – contact Alan and Cathy Thorley on 07866 180908 or email cathyandalan@btinternet.com

31. Kiss Me Quick
Artist: Stephen MacKay
Location: Bannockburn, Stirling, Scotland FK7 8EW
Viewing: by appointment only – telephone 01964 671575 to arrange
Larkin25 would like to thank our creative partners who have contributed to the Toads Revisited programme of events – Artlink Community Arts Centre, Ensemble 52, Dave Gawthorpe, Park Bench Theatre, Wrecking Ball Press, Roots & Wings, University of Hull

We would like to thank all the owners of Larkin Toads who have kindly allowed their toad to be included in Toads Revisited and all the new venues which are providing them with a weekend holiday location.

If you are interested in Philip Larkin, why not join the Larkin Society? You can find out all about the Society and membership at www.philiplarkin.com

Finally thank you to all the sponsors who have made these events possible

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