

EVENTS & LEISURE

BLAKEHAY THEATRE

Demon barber of Fleet Street is live on stage

The thrilling story of Sweeney Todd is being retold by Worle Operatic Society.

The musical show is set in 19th century London and tells the story of deadly Sweeney Todd.

The Fleet Street barber slits his victims' throats, steals their worldly belongings and disposes of the bodies by baking them into pies and selling them to unsuspecting customers at Mrs Lovett's pie shop.

Sweeney Todd will be at The Blakehay Theatre, in Wadham Street, on November 3-5. There will be a 7.30pm performance each night and a matinee performance on November 5 at 2.30pm.

Tickets, priced £13-14, are available from 01934 645493 or online via www.worleoperatic.co.uk/tickets

The Mercury has teamed up with Worle Operatic Society to offer two lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to watch the show on a night of their choice.

■ **To be in with a chance of winning,**



■ The Sweeney Todd cast.

Picture: WORLE OPERATIC SOCIETY

simply answer the following question: In whose shop are the pies sold?

Send your answer, along with your name, address and phone number to Sweeney Todd

competition, Weston and Somerset Mercury, 32 Waterloo Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1LW or enter online at www.westonmercury.co.uk by 10am on October 14. Usual rules apply.

Relive the 1960s during night of sensational performances

Seven legendary names from the 1960s will be performing together for a night full of feel-good hits at Weston's Playhouse.

The theatre will host The Sensational 60s Experience this month, starring Herman's Hermits, Chris Farlowe, The Swinging Blue Jeans, The Fortunes, The Ivy League, The New Amen Corner and Alan Mosca from Freddie And The Dreamers.

This exclusive line up from the 1960s is crammed with nostalgia and hits from Herman's Hermits', who chalked up 23 top 20 singles during the 1960s.

The Ivy League are guaranteed to have the audience rolling in the aisles with laughter and The Swinging Blue Jeans will have crowds singing along.

The Sensational 60s Experience will be at The Playhouse in High Street on October 16, at 7.30pm.

The Mercury has teamed up with The Playhouse to offer two lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the show.



■ The Ivy League.

■ **To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the following question: How many top 20 singles did Herman's Hermits have?**

Send your answer, along with your name, address and phone number to Sensational 60s competition, Weston and Somerset Mercury, 32 Waterloo Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1LW or enter online at www.westonmercury.co.uk by 10am on October 12.

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HydroGarden Weston Beach Race 2016

One of the most hotly-anticipated family events in the seafront show calendar revs into Weston next month.

HydroGarden Weston Beach Race will take place on the weekend of October 7-9, with around 2,000 riders expected to take part and 70,000 spectators due to flock to the town to watch.

The beach race, organised by RHL Activities, has been one of the town's staple events for more than three decades, with mind-blowing stunts and races taking place, attracting both amateur and professional riders.

Diggers will begin work on Weston's beach weeks beforehand to create mountains of sand around a 7km track.

The 34th Weston Beach Race will see adult motorbike and quad racing, children's races and more.

Sunday's three-hour solo race is the highlight with hundreds of riders gunning down the huge dune course.

RHL Activities spokesman Jen Dick said: "For

some riders it's just about trying to get around the course, some really want to win and some want to better their score of last year." Robbie Maddison, the world-famous stunt rider who recently rode the waves of Tahiti on a motorbike and has back-flipped over Tower Bridge, will be racing, as well as spending time with fans and signing autographs.

Other family attractions and activities will take place on the seafront to tie in with the event, along with trade stands and trial displays from world-renowned rider Dougie Lampkin. Jen Dick added: "There will be a fantastic atmosphere as there is an amazing spirit to the event.



"Some race for charity, some dress up but most are a bit bonkers as it's such tough terrain for man and machine."

With organisers promising you don't have to be a bike fan to enjoy the event - it's a great family attraction with plenty to see and do.

And while you are here why not make a weekend

of it by perusing the variety of shops and retail outlets in the resort and kick back and relax with a cold beer or glass of wine and enjoy a mouth-watering meal in one of the many bars, hotels and eateries.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate or in advance from www.westonbeachrace.com