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IT is of course New Year's Eve tomorrow night (Thursday) and hence most peoples' thoughts are turning towards silly outfits and staying out in the cold until they fall over.

As ever there's a wide selection of venues to choose from across North Devon and a fair bit of live music too. For many it's a toss up between Bideford or Barnstaple and although you can read more about what's on elsewhere in the Gazette this week, here's a quick run down...

In Bideford it kicks off at the Quay with plenty of fun and games to get the party started. At 8pm all girl group Serendipity Sol will crank it up a bit with their dance routines before the stage reverberates with live music from 9pm.

Headlining is Cover'd, doing just that with some finely tuned versions of classic covers. There is support from top-notch vocalist Della of Zamba and Baqua fame too.

In Barnstaple the party starts in the Square at approx 9pm and there is plenty of live music to keep it going. As ever it's a charity bash, this year for the Samaritans, and headlining on the live stage are local favourites Frequency (pictured below.) The band packs their show with



crowd pleasers from past to present, with a bit of everything from indie & rock to funk.

Taking to the stage a little earlier, at 10pm, are Barnstaple band Jonny Black (pictured above,) with their usual excellent set of original material and 21st century rock with its grunge and punk undertones that has set audience alight in both North Devon and North America.

There is more live music at 9.20pm approx with up and coming young band The Confused, too. After the stage show DJs crack on until 1am.

Also in Barnstaple, The Venue is hosting a star-studded New Year party, with revellers invited to dress as their favourite movie stars before parting well into New Years Day.

And also in Barnstaple, Kelly's (formerly Sherry's) is hosting its own bash with Sod 'em & Sing Karaoke on a rollercoaster ride into New Year's Day.

In Branton tomorrow the White Lion Inn celebrates New Year's Eve in homage to the King of Pop as it hosts a Michael Jackson themed evening, with of

course fancy dress optional but definitely worth it.

Elsewhere, the White Hart at Bratton Fleming is seeing in the next decade with a New Year's Eve disco plus fancy dress from 8pm. It's a free event and all are welcome.

The Kingsley Inn at Northam has karaoke in house to entertain on NYE too, as Planit X land at the venue to transport you to 2010.

Don't forget in Ilfracombe to gather at the junction of Broad Street and the Quay (by the harbour) for the annual countdown party that has become a real tradition and will be the destination for most out in the town tomorrow night from 11.30-ish onwards.

Into the New Year proper and it's quiet, as hangovers are nursed and pennies counted.

Before all that, tonight (Wednesday) you can practise for tomorrow with Sod 'em & Sing at Qube in Bideford. And if you have a single tonil left, why not join him again on Sunday at the Heavitree Arms?

At Hatherleigh on Saturday Revolv'n Door will be turning out the hits live at Hatherleigh Community Centre from 9pm.

In Barnstaple tonight there's karaoke aplenty at the Tavern and on Monday Sod 'em & Sing will be back at Chambers.

Barnstaple Jazz Society meets on Tuesday at the Wrey Arms, Sticklepath. The society's singer Irene and accomplished musicians are worth a listen for any fans of New Orleans or Dixie jazz. It's free and begins at 7.30pm.

Unless I've heard otherwise, I've left the regular listings in the "At a Glance" panel. But if you're planning a trip to an event, it's worth checking with the venue first.



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At a glance...

Wednesday, December 29:

The Tavern, Barnstaple — Karaoke.
Coach & Horses, Appledore — Folk, 8pm.
Qube, Bideford — Sod 'em & Sing.
Seagate, Appledore — Terry Charles.

New Year's Eve (Thursday):

New Year events:
Barnstaple, the Square — Music with Frequency, Jonny Black, The Confused, from 9pm.

Bideford Quay — Family fun from early evening, music from 9pm with Della + Cover'd.

The Venue, Barnstaple — NYE Party, movies theme.

Kelly's, Barnstaple — Sod 'em & Sing Karaoke NYE party.

Ilfracombe — Gather at The Square by the harbour from 11.30-ish.

White Hart, Bratton Fleming — NYE party & disco, fancy dress, from 8pm.

White Lion, Branton — NYE party with Michael Jackson theme and optional fancy dress.

Kingsley Inn, Northam — NYE party with Planit X Karaoke.

Friday:

The Venue, Waverley, Ilfracombe — Music.
Newmarket Inn, Torrington — Bobbies Roadshow.

Seagate Hotel, Appledore — Ian Hudson & friends.

Portobello Inn, Bideford — Planit X Karaoke.
Rising Sun, Barnstaple — Starlight Karaoke.

Ring O' Bells, Landkey — Party Disco.
Yam Yamz, Ilfracombe — Karaoke.

Saturday:

Yam Yamz, Ilfracombe — Karaoke.
Buddy's Bar, Barnstaple — Starlight Karaoke.

Ring O' Bells, Landkey — Party Disco.
Hatherleigh Community Centre — Revolv'n Door, 9pm.

Sunday:

White Lion, Branton — Open mic.
The Heavitree Arms, Bideford — Sod 'em & Sing.

Portobello Inn, Bideford — Baz Bix & Friends, 9pm.

Yam Yamz, Ilfracombe — The Chillis host open mic.

The Venue at the Waverley, Ilfracombe — Karaoke.

Thatched Barn, Croyde — Open Mic.

Monday:

Chambers, Barnstaple — Sod 'em & Sing.
Seagate, Appledore — Acoustic sound session.

Tuesday:
Wrey Arms, Sticklepath, Barnstaple — Barnstaple Jazz Society, 7.30pm.

Kingsley Inn, Northam — Acoustic jam.
Castle Inn, Landkey — Open mic.

The Cyder Presse, Weare Giffard — Steve Dambusker.

Palladium, Bideford — Jam Night.

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