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Welcome to the 17th Wigtown Book Festival. As ever, this year's programme reflects Galloway and the richness of its culture, landscape and people. But it also offers a window on a world beyond, a reminder that being far from the city need not mean being detached from the great ideas and debates shaping society. Who knows, maybe "country mice" can even teach their urban cousins a thing or two?

Huge thanks are due to all our supporters, not least our army of volunteers without whom this festival would not happen. Resourceful, friendly and engaged, they embody all that is best about rural life.

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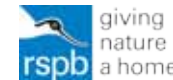
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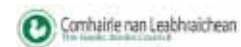
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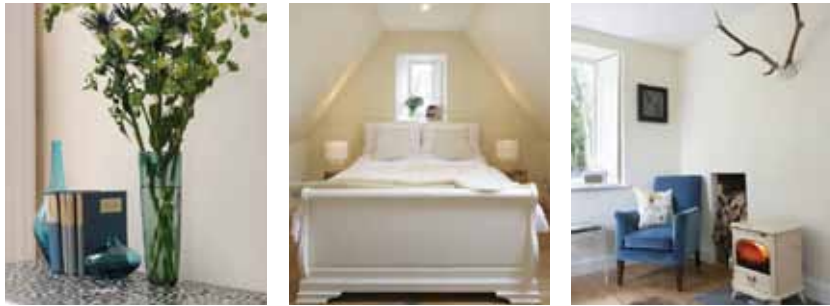
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General information

If there is anything you would like to know more about, from transport queries to questions about authors and venues, ask at the box office or ring us and we will try to help.

Accessibility

Visitors with particular access needs should contact us on 01988 403222. An access statement can be found on our website or on request from the office. Large print versions are available. The ScottishPower Foundation Marquee, County Buildings Main Hall and McNeillie Tent are all equipped with induction loop technology for the hard of hearing.

Beyond Wigtown

Wherever possible, we will help find transport – usually car-share – to events outside Wigtown. Please contact the box office. Printed directions for drivers are also available, while postcodes for sat-nav are given on p60.

Bookshop

The Festival Bookshop is situated behind the ScottishPower Foundation Marquee. It hosts book signings and contains works by all the writers appearing at the festival. Open 10am-5pm (6.30pm at weekends).



Box office

During the festival and in office hours before the event, tickets can be bought from the box office, on the left as you enter the County Buildings. See p57 for booking details.

Charity

Our charity this year is once again Fight for Sight, which funds medical research into the causes of blindness. Please consider donating. To find out more, please go to www.fightforsight.org.uk.

Children's events

Most children's events take place in the Children's Festival area at Wigtown Primary School. Listings begin on p46.

Church service

After the end of the festival, Wigtown's churches will hold a

joint service in the main marquee at 6.30pm on Sunday 4 October.

Environment

The festival is committed to reducing its environmental impact. Please help us by placing used programmes and waste material in the bins provided for recycling.

Farm visits

There are opportunities to visit Millairies Farm in Sorbie (Monday 28 September) and Knockbren Farm, Newton Stewart (Wednesday 30 September). Please see listings for details.

Festival fringe

In addition to the official programme, a number of fringe events take place in Wigtown during the festival, many of them free. For more details go to www.wigtownbookfestival.com.



Around the Festival



The Kist

"Kist" is an old word for treasure chest. In front of the County Buildings, The Kist is the place to find art, crafts, food, drink and homeware from Dumfries & Galloway and beyond. Open 10am-5pm (6.30pm weekends). Wigtown's weekend market also runs 10am-4pm.

The Open Book

Launched in August 2014, The Open Book is a unique initiative that offers individuals the opportunity to run a bookshop in Scotland's book town for a short period of time. The Open Book shop is at 2 High Street. Look out for activities in the shop during the week, including free bedtime readings at 9.30pm, from Saturday 26 September to Friday 2 October.

Ticket and accommodation packages

We are working with a small number of accommodation providers across the region to offer packages for festival-goers who choose to stay a little further afield. Transport from these hotels and B&B's will be provided during the first weekend of the festival for visitors staying Friday 25-Monday 28 September. For details go to www.wigtownbookfestival.com.

Radio Wigtown

Radio Wigtown is our temporary festival radio station broadcasting



a mixture of live interviews and features from the Martyrs' Cell in the County Buildings. Tune in via the website www.speaker.com/show/radio-wigtown.

RSPB at the festival

Wigtown Book Festival is delighted to have the RSPB as an associate sponsor. Please consider visiting the RSPB nature reserve at the Crook of Baldoon, just outside Wigtown, which offers a panorama of saltmarsh, mudflats and hills. For details, go to www.rspb.org.uk or visit the RSPB stand in The Kist marquee.



Young People and Student Standby Festival-goers aged 13-21, or who are registered students, can buy standby tickets for just £2 on the door for adult events from 15 minutes before the start. This concession is valid until 6pm at weekends, subject to availability.



Venues

Regular visitors will notice a few changes to venues this year. The McNeillie Tent is now in the garden of the Old Bank Bookshop. In its place outside the County Buildings is The Living Room, designed for more informal events, while our growing children's festival moves to the grounds of Wigtown Primary School.

Website

Visit the festival website at www.wigtownbookfestival.com for full programme and accommodation listings, news and online booking.

Wigtown Tour Guide in Scots

Wigtown Primary School has created an audio tour of Wigtown in Scots. Borrow an MP3 player and take the tour. Details on p47.

WTF15

WTF15 is our dedicated programme of events organised by young people aged 15-25. Listings begin on p52.



The Stables Dinner, Carlieston



Food for thinkers

Savour the flavours of Galloway as part of Scotland's Year of Food and Drink 2015. Enjoy a Machars supper (above) with Liz Lochhead. Forage the coastline. Feast on food and memories in a unique pop-up restaurant run by novelist Simon Wroe and oral historian Laura Mitchison. Or visit one of Scotland's only tea plantations. The emphasis is on quality local produce, which you can also find in our food, drink and crafts tent, The Kist.



CITY & THE COUNTRY



Here & there

Wigtown at festival time has always been a place where the city and the country meet and converse. In a special strand of events, we will be gently exploring the collision of rural and urban ways of life, through talks, farm visits, music and in particular, film including *Cold Comfort Farm*, left.

Lest We Forget

The 2015 programme features two very special events marking the First World War. In *The World of Louis McGuffie VC*, a panel of historians will recreate the life and times of Wigtown's Victoria Cross winner, at home and on the field of battle (Wednesday 30 September). Sara Stewart's script *Keith* draws on an extraordinary and poignant stash of letters from Keith Stewart, the second son of the Earl of Galloway, who fought on the Western Front. Two exclusive staged readings will take place at Galloway House on Sunday 27 September.



Our benefactors

Through their individual donations, our Benefactors have helped to sow the seeds for Wigtown Book Festival's growth and its continuing success, for which we are very grateful. We also wish to offer our thanks for the exceptionally generous bequests of **May Lewis** and **Beverley Mathias**, true friends of the festival.

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 and many more



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 Open 10am-5pm / 6.30pm at weekends

Stalls subject to change on a daily basis

For further information, please visit:
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Around the Festival



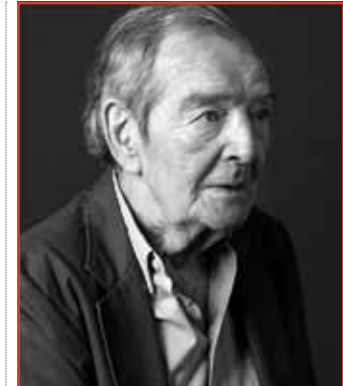
The Bookshop Band

We are delighted to welcome Ben Please and Beth Porter of The Bookshop Band as the festival's first musicians-in-residence. They will be based at The Open Book at 2 High Street, where they will be presenting an informal mix of music, readings and guests every lunchtime at 1pm.

The band was set up five years ago in Bath with the intention of injecting music into author events. Since then, they have written over 100 songs inspired by books, produced four albums and toured scores of bookshops across the UK and beyond. They have also been commissioned by the V&A and this year played at Glastonbury.

Ben and Beth will be playing the Supper Room at the County Buildings on Tuesday 29 September. They will also be discussing the process of turning books into songs on Sunday 4 October. Please see listings for details.

"Really fabulous new music... I think this is the most wonderful project, just delightful," Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2



The Alastair Reid-athon

To mark the life of Alastair Reid, on Sunday 27 September we will be holding a marathon reading of his work, from 10am-6pm in The Living Room. Alastair was many things – poet, acclaimed translator from the Spanish, children's author, staff writer for *The New Yorker*, merchant seaman, ginger farmer, compulsive traveller, proud Gallovidian – and his writing reflected this variety of experience. He was also a true friend of the Wigtown Book Festival, serving on the organisation's board of trustees for many years. He is greatly missed. If you would like to volunteer to read, please contact the festival office.

Write place, write time

Are you a new or aspiring writer? Pitch unpublished work to literary agent **Jenny Brown** and her colleagues (26 September). Sample what's on offer at Scotland's residential writing centre, **Moniack Mhor**, with taster courses and drop-in advice sessions (2 & 3 October). Or put on your own literary event for free as we go **Open House** in The Living Room marquee (4 October). In addition, **Marjorie Lotfi Gill** (26 September) will present poems written by members of the public in workshops during her Wigtown Book Festival / Spring Fling residency in May.



Francesca Martinez at the Wigtown Book Festival 2014

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Gill White
Spring Fling
Artist-in-Residence 2015/16

This is the seventh year that the festival has linked with Scotland's largest arts and crafts open studios event, Spring Fling, to host an artist-in-residence. This year's artist **Gill White** works in digital media and is interested in the relationships between technology, storytelling and collective play. Her aim is to create a colourful new artwork each day with which festival-goers can interact. Gill's studio in Wigtown will be at the Bowling Pavilion and she will host a free Meet the Artist event on Saturday 26 September.

Katie Morag Exhibition

The exhibition comes to Wigtown in partnership with author Mairi Hedderwick and An Lanntair arts centre in Stornoway. This beautifully curated collection features original Katie Morag artwork, illustrations from the Tiresome Ted series, the Katie Morag family tree and a map of the fictional Island of Struay. *Craigard Gallery, 13 North Main St, 10am-5pm*



Gill White

Shoo Rayner's Sketchbook

Shoo Rayner has written and illustrated more than 180 children's books. He believes everyone can draw, and will be in residence sketching the festival and encouraging visitors to do the same. You can find his work via Twitter, Facebook and the festival website, while his video drawing school is at www.shooraynerdrawing.com.



Sanctuary

Sanctuary is a unique 24-hour public art laboratory in the Galloway Forest Dark Skies Park running from noon on 26 September to noon 27 September 2015. It creates a space for new work that ranges from light installations and radio broadcasts to interactive video and performance. The combination of the landscape, the artworks and the people make this a special event that creates opportunities for unexpected meetings, conversations and new ideas. All welcome.

www.sanctuary2015.org.



PHOTO: FANTASTIC EYE

Andy Farrington: Photographs

This year's foyer exhibition in the County Buildings presents images from past Wigtown Book Festivals taken by photographer and festival volunteer Andy Farrington, who passed away in 2014.

Bill Drummond: 40 Beds

For his sculpture in progress, Bill Drummond is making 40 beds from wood by hand in public at locations around the world between 2006 and 2025. One of these will be constructed in Wigtown during the first weekend of the festival, after which it will be raffled off. Once the raffle has been drawn, he will deliver the bed himself, so long as it is within the Wigtown area.

He will also launch his Atlantic Archipelago tour with screenings of the film *Imagine Waking Up Tomorrow* and *All Music Has Disappeared*, which follows his attempt to set up a choir called The 17, and will give a performance lecture at 4.30pm on Saturday 27 September.

Bill Drummond grew up in Newton Stewart. An artist, musician and music producer, his previous projects include the band the KLF. A record of his work can be found at www.penkilnburn.com.



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3pm Gregor Ewing

Bruce, Meg and Me
McNeillie Tent | £6

After his trek in the footsteps of Bonnie Prince Charlie, the well-loved travel writer puts on his hiking boots once more, summons his faithful collie Meg, and follows the path taken by Robert the Bruce from Northern Ireland to Bannockburn.

CITY & THE COUNTRY The House with the Green Shutters

The Living Room | £4

A response to the "kailyard" school of Scottish writing, George Douglas Brown's 1901 novel challenged the myth of harmonious village life, portraying instead a community riven with envy and gossip. Critic **Stuart Kelly** and panel discuss.

4.30pm Robert Twigger

White Mountain
The Living Room | £6

Following his epic "biography" of the world's longest river, *Red Nile*, explorer Robert Twigger has turned his attention to the Himalayas. He



Bill Drummond, 7.30pm, Friday 25 September

gives a sneak preview of his work in progress, *White Mountain*.

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YEAR ON FOOD & DRINK Scottish Tea Tasting

Hillcrest House, Station Rd | £8 (including tea and cake)
Angela Hurrell of Garrocher Market Garden talks about Scotland's tea-growing revolution and invites you to taste the nation's first single-estate teas, Dalroch White grown in Perthshire and Galloway's Garrocher Grey.

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Katie Morag Triple Bill, 5pm, Friday 25 September



Wigtown Book Festival 2015

5pm Katie Morag Triple Bill

County Buildings, The Cinema | £3
A chance to see the first three episodes of the BBC's beautifully realised adaptation of Mairi Hedderwick's *Katie Morag* stories, before the author's event at 7.30pm.

6pm Jamie Byng

21 Years at Canongate

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
From winning the Booker Prize with Yann Martel's *Life of Pi* and working with Nick Cave and Margaret Atwood, to publishing Barack Obama's memoirs, commissioning Bob Dylan and the Dalai Lama, and falling foul of Julian Assange, Jamie Byng has plenty to talk about from his 21 years running Edinburgh's Canongate Books. In this unique event, one of the UK's most charismatic publishers reveals all to **Jenny Brown**.

7.30pm CITY & THE COUNTRY Mairi Hedderwick In Conversation

County Buildings, Main Hall | £7
Born in Gourock, Mairi Hedderwick has spent much of her life on the Isle of Coll, at one point bringing up her young family with no electricity. Often her work, for adults and children (including *Katie Morag*) has observed the collision between old island ways and mainland modernity. The author and illustrator talks to **Finn McCreath**.
Sponsored by Galloway Farmhouse Cheese

FILM **Imagine Waking Up Tomorrow and All Music Has Disappeared**
Newton Stewart Cinema | £6
Disillusioned with recorded music, the artist Bill Drummond created

Wigtown Book Festival 2015



Jamie Byng, 6pm, Friday 25 September

The 17, an ever-changing choir of amateurs with neither sheet music nor rehearsals. Stefan Schwietert's exhilarating film follows his quest. Bill Drummond grew up in Newton Stewart. His previous projects included the KLF and the K Foundation. He will attend the screening. Price includes admission to Bill Drummond lecture, Sat 26 Sep, 4.30pm. *Cert PG. 86 min.*

8.30pm Fireworks & Pipe Band

Mercat Cross, Town Square | free
Follow the **Kirkcudbright & District Pipe Band** for fireworks over the bay.
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9pm The Festival Party

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee
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Get more, on the door

If you are aged 13-21, you can buy standby tickets to all weekend events in the main programme (up to 6pm) for just £2, so long as they're not sold out. Available from 15 minutes before the start of sessions.



Year of Food & Drink
The Chef's Table with Simon Wroe & Laura Mitchison

Three sittings at 12 noon, 2.30pm, 5pm (also Sunday at 12 noon and 2.30pm)

The Bookshop Garden | £23

Join professional chef turned writer Simon Wroe and oral historian Laura Mitchison for a three-course meal inspired by local history, stories, and produce. Each course is designed to encourage conversation and reminiscence between diners in informal and unusual ways, excerpts of which will be recorded and compiled into a soundscape at the end of the festival. The price includes a personalised, signed copy of Simon's Costa-shortlisted novel *Chop Chop*. Places strictly limited. Book early.



Frank Gardner, 1.30pm, Saturday 26 September

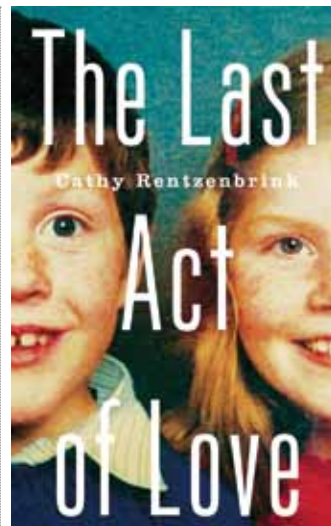
10.30am
Red Szell

The Blind Man of Hoy
 County Buildings, Main Hall | £7
 A climber from childhood, Red Szell hung up his harness for twenty years when he started losing his sight at the age of 19. But the passion never left him. The novelist tells the remarkable story of how, with the help of sighted guides, he would eventually fulfil his ambition to climb Orkney's formidable sea stack, the Old Man of Hoy.

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CITY & THE COUNTRY
Mark Durno
The New Urban Farm

McNeillie Tent | £6
 Could 20 per cent of all our food, including fruit, vegetables and even fish, really be grown on the rooftops of the world's cities? Mark Durno of the company Urban Farmers, which is trying to turn this science-fiction vision into reality, talks about the cutting edge of agriculture – and why truly local produce may be the future for our cities.

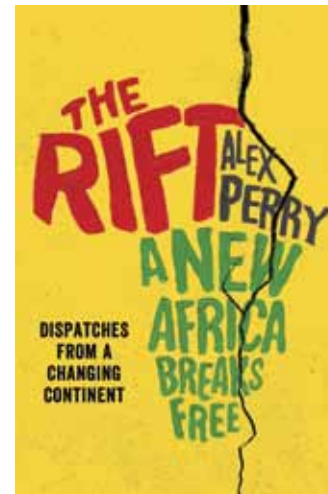


Cathy Rentzenbrink, 12 noon, Saturday 26 September

12 noon
Phill Jupitus

By the Book
 ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £10

One of our best-known comedians talks about the books that have provided inspiration in his life,



Alex Perry, 12 noon, Saturday 26 September

from Charles Dickens to *Alice in Wonderland*. In conversation with Lee Randall.

CITY & THE COUNTRY
Alex Perry
The Rift – A New Africa Breaks Free

County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
 Alex Perry has spent almost a decade in Africa meeting entrepreneurs and warlords, professors, presidents and jihadists. His kaleidoscopic book finds an economic and political titan in the making that disdains the West's aid and political assumptions, embraces technology and challenges so many preconceptions about the continent. He talks to former BBC Africa correspondent, **Allan Little**.
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Cathy Rentzenbrink
The Last Act of Love
 McNeillie Tent | £6

When Cathy Rentzenbrink was a teenager, her brother was hit by a car and left in a permanent vegetative state. Her heartbreaking yet uplifting story of what happened next is one of the most discussed memoirs of 2015. The author is

the books editor of *The Bookseller* magazine. "Unputdownable", Sophie Hannah. "I never knew a story of grief could have so much joy in it," Nina Stibbe.

1.30pm
Frank Gardner

Blood & Sand – 10 Years On
 ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £9
 In 2004, the BBC security correspondent Frank Gardner was shot six times by fugitive Al-Qaeda gunmen in Riyadh and left paralysed in the legs. His cameraman, Simon Cumbers, was killed. A decade on, he has updated his bestselling memoir *Blood & Sand*. He talks about his life since the attack, his fascination with the Arab world and his travels in the region this year.

Charlotte Higgins
This New Noise – The Extraordinary Birth and Troubled Life of the BBC

County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
 The story of how the BBC became a national institution is one of mavericks and manipulators, eccentrics and visionaries. Charlotte Higgins, chief arts writer for *The Guardian*, discusses the evolution of a national institution and asks "Do we still need Auntie?" "The book could scarcely be better or better timed," Melvyn Bragg.

Laura Barnett
The Versions of Us
 McNeillie Tent | £6

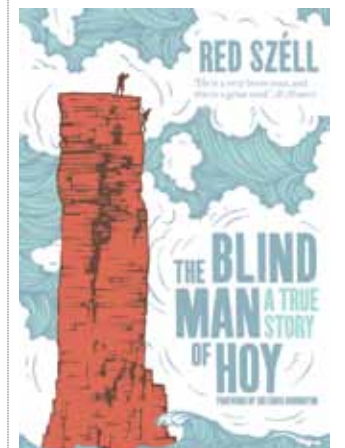
What if one small decision could determine your life? Eva and Jim are 19 when their paths (literally) cross in 1950s Cambridge. Laura Barnett's novel offers three different versions of their futures – together and apart – a love story that spans more than half a century. "A joy," *The Guardian*. "Triumphant," *Sunday Telegraph*.
 Sponsored by Penkiln Sawmill

10am-2.30pm
Jenny Brown's Big Pitch

The Living Room | free but ticketed
 A chance to pitch work to one of Scotland's leading agents, Jenny Brown of Jenny Brown Associates, plus industry guests. Advance booking is essential and places are limited. To apply to take part, please email bigpitch@wigtownbookfestival.com.



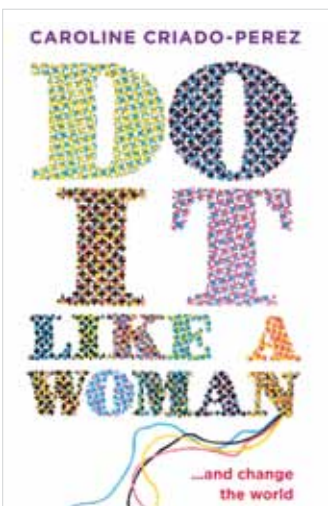
Charlotte Higgins, 1.30pm, Saturday 26 September



Red Szell, 10.30am, Saturday 26 September

9am
The Thinking Breakfast
Raymond Tallis:

Is the Mind a Computer?
 The Living Room | £6
 The mind is often compared to a super-computer. Yet does the comparison hold up? The philosopher and neuroscientist Raymond Tallis leads an informal discussion over breakfast. Coffee and croissants included.
 Sponsored by Baillie Gifford



Caroline Criado-Perez, 4.30pm, Saturday 26 September

FILM **Imagine Waking Up Tomorrow and All Music Has Disappeared**

County Buildings, The Cinema | £6
Another chance to see Stefan Schwiertert's exhilarating documentary about the artist Bill Drummond and his attempt to create an idiosyncratic amateur choir returning music to its roots. (See listing p15 for full details.) Price includes entry to Bill Drummond's lecture at 4.30pm. *Cert PG. 86 min.*

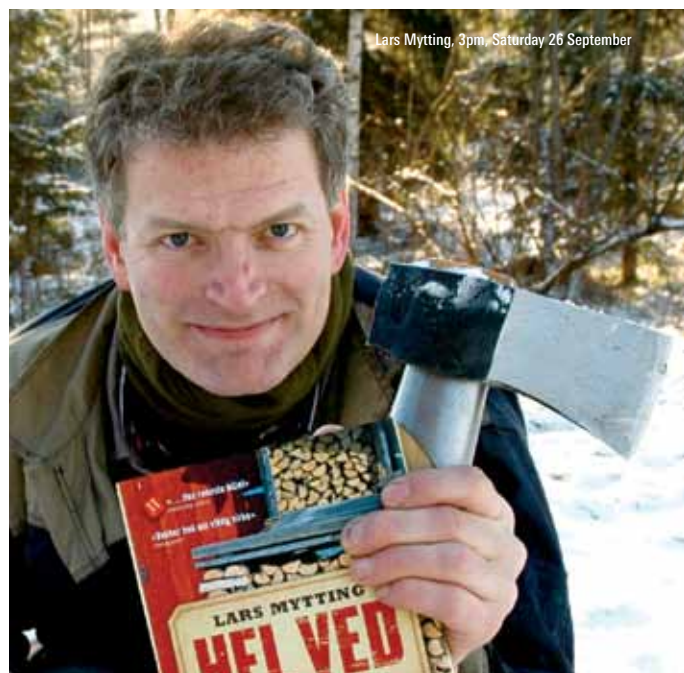
3pm

CITY & THE COUNTRY **Lars Mytting Norwegian Wood**
ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £8

Lars Mytting is a household name in his native Norway where his book about the practicalities and philosophy of chopping wood has sold more than a quarter of a million copies. It has also inspired a prime-time Friday-night TV programme that included eight hours of a burning grate. He sorts the wood from the trees with **Finn McCreath**. *Sponsored by Galloway House Estate*

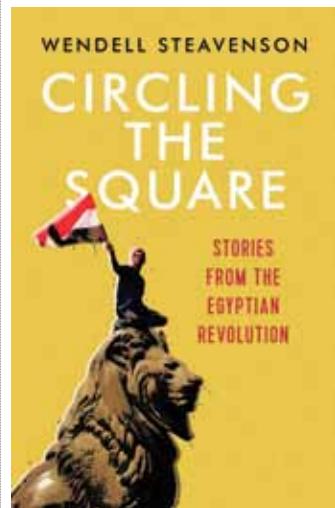
Wendell Steavenson
Circling the Square – Stories from the Egyptian Revolution
County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
In January 2011, as the crowds gathered to protest against Hosni Mubarak's Egyptian regime, journalist Wendell Steavenson went to Cairo to cover the story. But the revolution defied the templates of storytelling. There was no single villain, lone hero or neat conclusion, while Tahrir Square changed its moods like the weather. Wendell Steavenson talks to **Robert Twigger** about her compelling book. *Sponsored by Fight for Sight*

Colin MacIntyre
The Letters of Ivor Punch
McNeillie Tent | £6
Born in Oban in 1971, Colin MacIntyre is an award-winning musician, and one of the UK's most respected songwriters and multi-instrumentalists who performs most notably under the name Mull Historical Society. He talks about his first novel, the anarchic tale of a family on an unnamed Scottish island.



Lars Mytting, 3pm, Saturday 26 September

THE SPRING FLING WRITER EVENT
Marjorie Lotfi Gill
The Poetry of Art
The Living Room | free
From Auden's "Musée des Beaux Arts" to Keats' "Ode to a Grecian Urn", so many poets have been inspired by works of art. For her Wigtown Book Festival residency at



Wendell Steavenson, 3pm, Saturday 26 September

this year's Arts & Crafts Open Studios Event Spring Fling, the poet Marjorie Lotfi Gill took her inspiration from the work of exhibiting artists – and encouraged others to do the same. She presents some of the best work submitted and talks about the process of responding to the visual arts on the page.

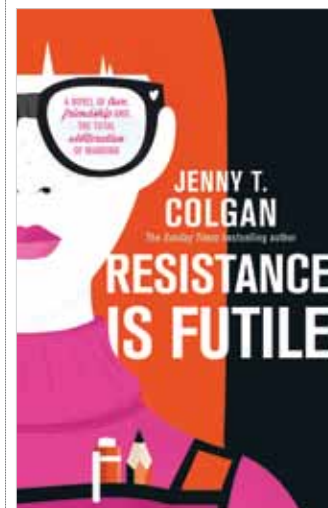
4.30pm
Bill Drummond
Welcome to the World of Tenzing Scott Brown
ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £6

Tenzing Scott Brown is one of the alter egos of Bill Drummond. Tenzing Scott Brown does the things that Bill Drummond would never do. Bill Drummond will be giving a 60-minute performance lecture entitled *Welcome to the World of Tenzing Scott Brown*. Bill Drummond is a South African-born, Galloway-raised artist, musician, writer and record producer. His most recent musical project was the creation of the choir The 17. Entry is free to purchasers of tickets to Stefan Schwiertert's documentary about The 17. (See 7.30pm Fri 25 Sept and 2pm today.)

Caroline Criado-Perez
Do It Like a Woman
County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
Caroline Criado-Perez is one of Britain's most vocal and effective feminist activists, a winner of the Liberty Humans Rights Campaigner of the Year Award. An inspiring speaker, best known for her campaign to put women on banknotes and for defying the internet trolls who abused her, she talks about how women worldwide are reinventing what it means to be female, from the Afghan fighter pilots who escaped the Taliban to the Russian punks who took on Putin. *Sponsored by the Open University*



Annette Badland, 6pm, Saturday 26 September



Jenny T Colgan, 4.30pm, Saturday 26 September

Jenny T Colgan
Resistance Is Futile
McNeillie Tent | £6
The bestselling author of *Amanda's Wedding* and *Little Beach Street Bakery*, self-confessed nerd Jenny Colgan breaks new ground with this science rom-com about a female mathematician discovering alien intelligence and accidentally falling in love with it.

6pm
PERFORMANCE
Annette Badland
Bad Girls

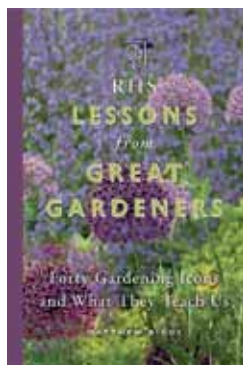
ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £9
Literature has been rife with so-called wicked women since Eve, from the maligned and the mischievous to the downright wicked. In this brand new show, Olivier Award-winning actor Annette Badland, queen of mean in *Doctor Who* and *EastEnders*, brilliantly brings to life literature's best bad girls, from the Bible and Baudelaire to Sappho and Shakespeare. *Sponsored by Hillcrest House*

THE PETER PAN MOAT BRAE EVENT
Daniel Hahn
The Oxford Companion to Children's Literature
County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
From *Quidditch to The Cat in the Hat*, Daniel Hahn has triumphantly updated the much-loved reference book. He talks about how writing for young people has changed over time, reveals some oddities of his research and asks if we are living in a golden age for children's writing.

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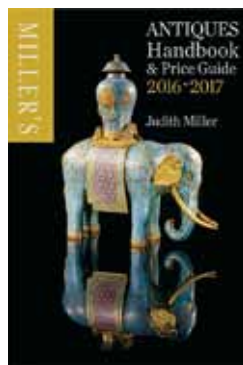
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Iain Hollingshead

The sixth book in the bestselling *Unpublished Letters* series, with an agenda as enticing and hilarious as ever, this latest book will prove, once again, that the Telegraph's readers have an astute sense of what really matters.

ONLY £9.99

Stuart A Paterson

Border Lines

The Living Room | £6

The much-anthologised poet and performer reads from his new collection, inspired by living in Dumfries & Galloway. Stuart Paterson was the recipient of a Robert Louis Stevenson Fellowship in 2014 and this year was appointed the Scots Language Society's Virtual Poet-in-Residence.

CITY & THE COUNTRY FILM

The Country and the City

County Buildings, The Cinema | £5

Is the division between country and city, rural and urban as clear as we sometimes think? Why are we so keen to divide the world in such a way? A chance to see Raymond Williams' classic BBC documentary inspired by his 1973 book.

7pm

Jon Holmes

A Portrait of an Idiot as a Young Man

County Buildings, Main Hall | £7

Adopted at four, Jon Holmes decided to write about his life for his own children. It turned into a tale of misadventure, from being accidentally shot in the face and detained by Mrs Thatcher's security team to getting locked in Graham Norton's loo. Jon Holmes is an eight-times Sony Award-winning writer and comedian. He hosts XFM's breakfast show and writes and presents BBC Radio 4's *The Now Show* alongside Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.

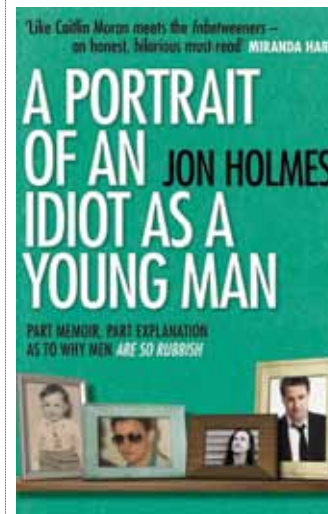
Meet the Spring Fling Artist

The Living Room | free

Gill White invites you to join her for refreshments and a chance to find out about her 2015 Wigtown Book Festival residency.



Bill Drummond, 4.30pm, Saturday 26 September



Jon Holmes, 7pm, Saturday 26 September

8.30pm

Dark Skies Walk

Meet County Buildings | £2

Wigtown borders Scotland's only Dark Skies Park, one of the least light-polluted places in the UK and a centre for astronomical tourism. Join one of the specially trained rangers for a gentle walk to learn about the night sky.

Sponsored by *Specsavers, Stranraer*

Wigtown's Got Talent

ScottishPower Foundation

Marquee | £7

Now in its sixth year, the talent contest returns to pit visitors, authors and locals against one another in a battle to win the coveted Golden Pencil. Do you have a talent? If so, please ring 01988 403222 or email claire@wigtownbookfestival.com.

Sponsored by *Dumfries and Galloway! What's Going On?*

Sanctuary 2015

Murray's Monument, Galloway Forest Park Sanctuary is a 24-hour site-specific public art laboratory. Bring an FM radio and a tent if you wish to camp and take sanctuary in an otherworldly experience. Contact us if you need transport and we will try to help. See p13 for more info or go to www.sanctuary2015.org.

9.30pm

Book at Bedtime

The Open Book | free
Wind down at the end of the day with a bedtime reading.
20 min approx.

Call **0844 871 1514** or visit books.telegraph.co.uk

10am to 6pm
The Alastair Reid-athon

The Living Room | free
In celebration of the life of Alastair Reid – native of Whithorn, citizen of the world – we are holding an all-day reading of his collected poetry and selected prose works from *The New Yorker* and elsewhere. If you would like to take part, please ask at the venue or contact the office.

10.15am
Festival Fun Run

Meet outside County Buildings | free
Join writers and other runners for our annual 5km fun run. Children welcome accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by Specsavers, Stranraer

10.30am
PERFORMANCE Keith

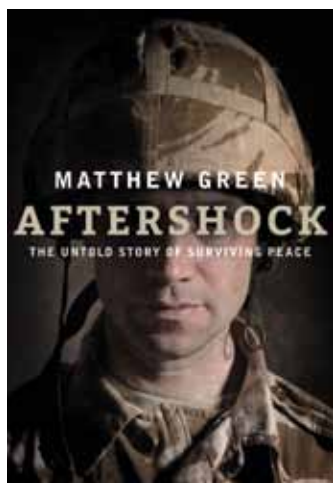
Galloway House, Garlieston | £8
In 1914, Keith Stewart, the second son of the Earl of Galloway, joined the Black Watch, eventually to fight in France. Eight decades later, Sara Stewart discovered a remarkable cache of letters between Keith, his family and friends. In this staged reading of a script devised by Sara, his deeply moving story is told for the first time in the setting of his family's old home. Also at 2pm. By kind permission of Kamal Hanif OBE

Donald Greig & Darren Flint

Slow Travel Dumfries & Galloway
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
The authors of Bradt's recently published *Slow Travel Dumfries & Galloway* discuss their favourite finds in compiling the book. They also talk about the increasingly popular



Richard Brown on True Detective, 12 noon, Sunday 27 September



Matthew Green, 1.30pm, Sunday 27 September

concept of "slow travel", an offshoot of the slow food movement, which offers an antidote to tick-box tourism. Sponsored by Galloway Lodge Preserves

Charlotte Higgins

Under Another Sky
McNeillie Tent | £6
What did the Romans ever do for us? Charlotte Higgins, the *Guardian's* chief arts writer, decided to find out during a camper van tour of Britain's Roman remains and

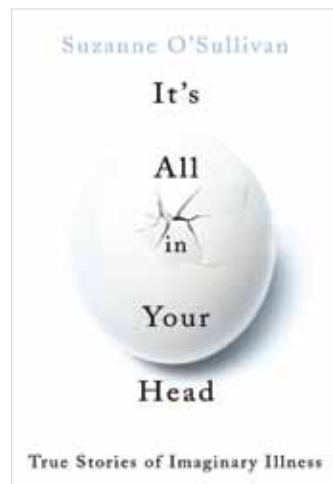
discovered a physical and cultural legacy subtly at odds with the schoolroom clichés of straight roads and defensive walls.

12 noon
DISCUSSION
Understanding Isis

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £8
Is the so-called Islamic State a psychotic death cult or an extreme reaction to social and political issues? And is the West's new bogeyman blinding us to a nuanced view of what is happening in Syria and the rest of the Arab world? The panel: **Frank Gardner**, BBC security correspondent; **Robin Yassin-Kassab**, novelist and blogger on Syria; **Kamal Hanif OBE**, CEO of Waverley Education Foundation in Birmingham, an executive head teacher, who has given presentations nationally and internationally on the UK Government's Prevent anti-radicalisation agenda. Sponsored by EAE Ltd

Suzanne O'Sullivan
It's All in Your Head
County Buildings, Main Hall | £8

Through some extraordinary case studies, consultant neurologist Dr Suzanne O'Sullivan takes us on a journey through the very real world of psychosomatic illness. You will never see the connection between mind and body in the same light again. "Extraordinary and extraordinarily compassionate," *Sunday Times*.



Suzanne O'Sullivan, 12 noon, Sunday 27 September

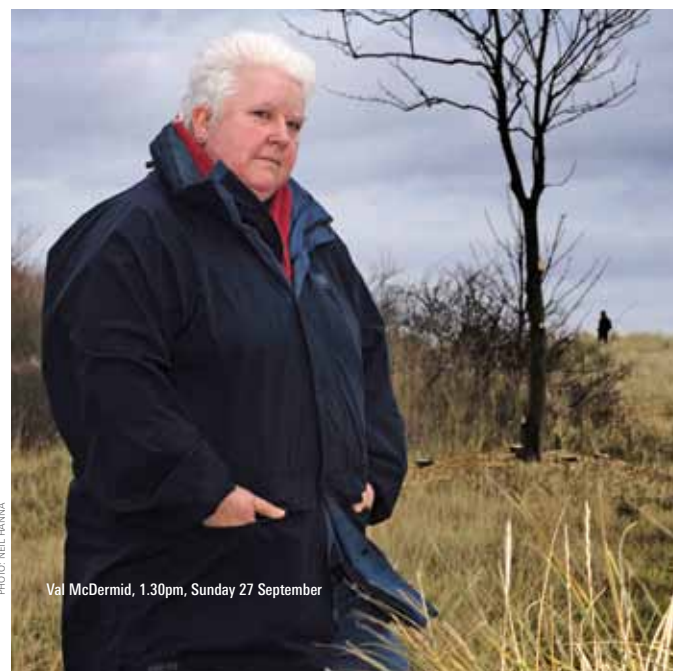


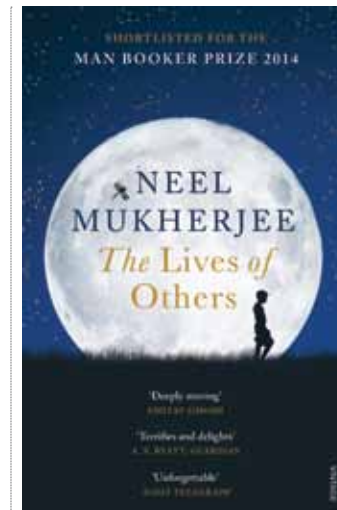
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Val McDermid, 1.30pm, Sunday 27 September

Richard Brown
True Detective
McNeillie Tent | £6
Born in Galloway, Richard Brown is a partner in the TV production company Anonymous Content and executive producer of the hit US show *True Detective*. He talks about the award-winning series, the evolution of TV in the streaming era and why television drama is increasingly drawing inspiration from the novel.

1.30pm
Val McDermid
Splinter the Silence
ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £8
The bestselling crime novelist introduces her new novel, *Splinter the Silence*, featuring her best-known protagonists, psychological profiler Tony Hill and DCI Carol Jordan.

Matthew Green
Aftershock: The Untold Story of Surviving Peace
County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
Over the past decade, we have sent



Neel Mukherjee, 1.30pm, Sunday 27 September

thousands of people to fight on our behalf and called it heroism. But what happens when the heroes come back home? In *Aftershock*, Matthew Green has told the story of our veterans' journey from the frontline of combat to the reality of return. He talks to **Allan Little**.

CITY & THE COUNTRY
Neel Mukherjee
The Lives of Others

McNeillie Tent | £6
Born in India in 1970, the novelist Neel Mukherjee is one of the finest observers of the world's largest democracy and its inequalities. He talks about his Man Booker Prize shortlisted novel, *The Lives of Others*, a masterly portrait of a family and a nation in turmoil, which moves between Calcutta and the rice fields of West Bengal. Sponsored by Galloway Heathers

2pm
PERFORMANCE Keith
Galloway House, Garlieston | £8
A Galloway soldier's letters from the Western Front brought to life. See 10.30am for details.

3pm

Phill Jupitus

Porky the Poet
ScottishPower Foundation
Marquee | £9

Never Mind the Buzzcocks star Phill Jupitus first made his name in the 1980s as a performance poet, supporting Madness and Billy Bragg. He takes to the stage as his word-slinging alter ego Porky the Poet. Sponsored by Galloway House Estate

Raymond Tallis

The Black Mirror
County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
Inspired by EM Forster's thought that "death destroys a man but the idea of it saves him", Raymond Tallis invites you to see your life from a posthumous standpoint. In doing so he joyously illuminates the infinitely rich existence we leave behind. Raymond Tallis trained as a doctor, later becoming Professor of Geriatric Medicine at Manchester University. In 2009, *The Economist's Intelligent Life* magazine named him as one of the top living polymaths.

CITY & THE COUNTRY **Karen Campbell**
Rise
McNeillie Tent | £6

A young woman flees for her life from Glasgow to a Highland village; a couple's marriage threatens to collapse in a rural idyll. Galloway-based novelist Karen Campbell talks about her thrilling new book, written in the run-up to the referendum, which explores the need to escape and to find home. "I am in awe of Karen Campbell's writing," Mel Giedroyc. "On the strength of *Rise* I will certainly be going to the backlist," James Robertson. Sponsored by Andrew Plunkett Steel Fabrication

MUSIC **The Galloway Consort**
A Shadow Love

Sacred Heart Church, South Main



The Scottish Clarinet Quartet, 7.30pm, Sunday 27 September



Raymond Tallis, 3pm, Sunday 27 September

Street | £6
Renaissance music group The Galloway Consort presents a love story set at the court of Mary, Queen of Scots. A newly written text is paired with 16th-century music from Scotland, France and England, for viols, recorders, lute, renaissance guitar and voice. Sponsored by citybothy.com

4.30pm
Damien Lewis

Churchill's Secret Warriors
ScottishPower Foundation
Marquee | £8
After defeats in 1939, Winston Churchill knew that Britain must strike back hard, so he ordered the recruitment of a band of eccentric, free-thinking warriors. Facing likely death, in enemy kit and breaking almost all the rules of warfare, they became the first "deniable" operatives behind enemy lines. Best-selling author Damien Lewis brings to life the remarkable secret unit.

Gill Fyffe
LifeBlood
County Buildings, Main Hall | £8

In 1988, Gill Fyffe's life changed for ever when a contaminated blood transfusion during childbirth left her with Hepatitis C. Anything but a misery memoir, *LifeBlood* is the often funny, occasionally angry, brilliantly

written story of her struggle against a cover-up of what Lord Winston has described as "the biggest treatment disaster in the history of the NHS". In conversation with **Jenny Brown**.

Pippa Goldschmidt & Marek Kukula
Everything Is Relative
McNeillie Tent | £6

It's 100 years since Einstein gave us his general theory of relativity. Pippa Goldschmidt has co-edited *I Am Because You Are*, a collection of short stories and non-fiction on the subject. She will be joined by Marek Kukula, public astronomer at the Royal Observatory Greenwich, to talk about the legacy of Einstein's achievement. Pippa is also the author of *The Need for Better Regulation of Outer Space* which re-imagines true tales of science,



Karen Campbell, 3pm, Sunday 27 September

such as atomic scientist J Robert Oppenheimer's attempt to kill his PhD supervisor with a poisoned apple.

6pm
MUSIC **Robyn Stapleton**

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Since winning the title of BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician in 2014, Robyn Stapleton has had an incredible year, with live performances including the BBC Proms in the Park, where she shared the stage with Katherine Jenkins.

Now one of Scotland's most sought after folk singers, her music has been featured on *Desert Island Discs*. Robyn will be accompanied by three of Scotland's finest folk musicians: **Alistair Paterson, Kristan Harvey and Aaron Jones.** Sponsored by SW Audio



Phill Jupitus, 3pm, Sunday 27 September and 12 noon Saturday 26 September

7.30pm

THE BAKEHOUSE EVENT
Donald S Murray
One Head, Two Tongues
The Bakehouse, 44 High St, Gatehouse of Fleet | £5
From Ness on the Isle of Lewis, Donald S Murray writes mainly in English, but he often thinks and finds inspiration in Gaelic. He discusses the effect that inhabiting two languages has on his work, drawing examples from his poetry, prose and writing for theatre.

CITY & THE COUNTRY **MUSIC**
The Scottish Clarinet Quartet

Wringhim, His Demons
Swallow Theatre, Ravenstone | £10
An evening centred on the world of Scottish Romanticism, which produced Burns, Scott and Hogg, and where rural beliefs in the supernatural were increasingly challenged by a growing urban culture. James Hogg was split between his sheep-farming origins and life in literary Edinburgh. The pieces chosen pick up on his friendship and rivalry with Scott and explore the debt Scotland's cultural identity owes its folklore. With original works by composers Tom Wilson and Simon Smith.

CITY & THE COUNTRY **FILM**
Deliverance
County Buildings,

The Cinema | £5
Four city dwellers on a country canoe trip run into locals with terrifying results. John Boorman's 1973 film stars Jon Voight and Burt Reynolds. *Cert 18. 104min.*

9.30pm
Book at Bedtime

The Open Book | free
Join us for hot chocolate and a bedtime reading. 20 min approx.

8.30am



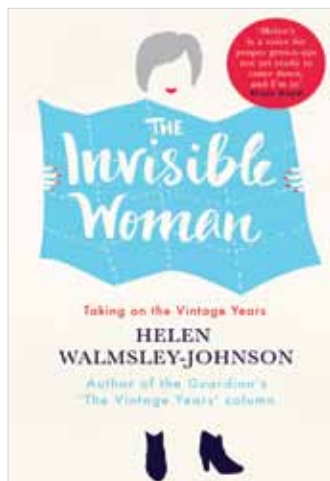
Millairies Farm Visit

Millairies Farm, Sorbie | £6
Join us on a visit to Millairies Farm in Sorbie, producers of organic Cairnsmore cheese. Take a tour of where the sheep are milked and the cheese room before enjoying a local continental-style breakfast.
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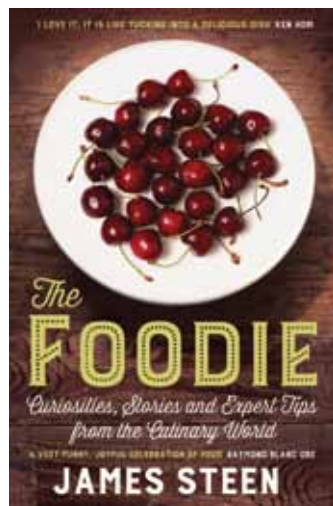
10.30am

AN Wilson

The Book of the People: How To Read the Bible
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Martin Luther King was “reading the Bible” when he started the Civil Rights movement. So was Michelangelo when he painted the Sistine Chapel. For his erudite, witty and accessible book, AN Wilson has explored how thinkers have historically approached the Bible, and how it might be read now. Along the way, he challenges religious and secular fundamentalists, reclaiming the



Helen Walmsley-Johnson, 12 noon, Monday 28 September



James Steen, 1.30pm, Monday 28 September

“Good Book” as a work of literature. He speaks to **Stuart Kelly**.

12 noon

Helen Walmsley-Johnson

The Invisible Woman
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Middle age for a woman is, in the words of Bette Davies, “no place for sissies”. The author of *The Guardian’s* Vintage Years column sets out her joyfully defiant midlife manifesto for anyone who is fed up being told to look younger but isn’t ready to join the cardigan and slippers brigade.
Sponsored by The September Club

Ian Stephen

A Book of Death and Fish
McNeillie Tent | £6
Ian Stephen’s novel has been likened to a *Moby Dick* of the Western Isles, a treasure chest of stories, full of obsessions and digressions that gloriously reveal the life of its idiosyncratic narrator. A chance to hear one of the most exciting new voices in Scottish fiction. “A landmark in Scottish

literature,” Robert Macfarlane. “It will, I suspect, be one of those books I will not put down all my days,” Candia McWilliam.

1.30pm



James Steen
The Foodie
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6

Described by Piers Morgan as “the world’s most mischievous journalist”, James Steen has co-written books with Keith Floyd, Raymond Blanc and Marco Pierre White. He talks about his experiences and explores some little-known areas of gastronomic lore, from why John Wayne kept a cow in his room to how to create the perfect hangover cure.
Sponsored by Maria Salzmann Catering

3pm



Jacqueline Yallop
Dreamstreets – A Journey Through Britain’s Village Utopias

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
From Scotland’s New Lanark to Port Sunlight in Wales, the model village was one of the most enduring and ambitious Victorian experiments in philanthropy. But how much did the reality meet the ideal and why did urban industrialists crave an imaginary rural past?
Sponsored by the Open University

Harper Lee’s Go Set A Watchman

The Living Room | £4
The publication of a “sequel” to *To Kill A Mockingbird* has been one of this year’s big publishing stories. Our panel discusses the new book and assesses Harper Lee’s lasting appeal. With **Peggy Hughes** of Dundee Literary Festival and film writer **Leslie Clark**.

4.30pm

Marc Allum

The Collector’s Cabinet
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
An entertaining insider’s guide to the eccentricities of the auction room, from Napoleon’s penis to the Queen’s knickers. Marc Allum is the former director of a London saleroom and a well-known face on the *Antiques Roadshow* since 1998, where his favourite finds include Neil Armstrong’s camera.
Sponsored by Lyon and Turnbull



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6pm

Vince Cable

After the Storm
ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £10
Vince Cable’s bestselling book *The Storm* explored the causes of the 2008 world economic crisis and how Britain should respond. In *After the Storm*, Cable, who was Business Secretary in the 2010-2015 coalition, offers a unique insider perspective on what happened next.
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7.30pm



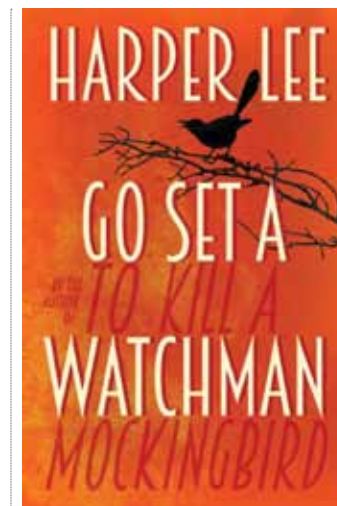
A Bookshop Dinner
James Steen & Simon Wroe

The Bookshop | £30
James Steen knows about cooks and egos, having co-written numerous culinary autobiographies. Simon Wroe’s Costa Prize shortlisted novel *Chop Chop* portrays life in a professional kitchen. The pair lightheartedly discuss the sometimes tortured psychology of chefs. Price includes three-course meal cooked by Simon and a glass of champagne.



PHOTO: VINCE CABLE

Vince Cable, 6 pm, Monday 28 September



Go Set a Watchman, 3pm, Monday 28 September



FILM
Cold Comfort Farm

The Cinema | £5
Kate Beckinsale and Joanna Lumley star in John Schlesinger’s 1995 adaptation of Stella Gibbons’ comic classic. *Cert PG. 95 min.*



PERFORMANCE
Mill Girls on Tour

Swallow Theatre, Ravenstone | £6
Using music, theatre and poetry, Weaving Musical Threads celebrates the women who drove Paisley’s great thread mills (and social change) from factory floor to falling in love. *55 min.*

9.30pm

RSPB Bat Walk

Meet County Buildings | £3
Enjoy a gentle walk in search of Wigtown’s bat life.

Book at Bedtime

The Open Book | free
Join us for hot chocolate and a bedtime reading. *20 min approx.*

9.30am

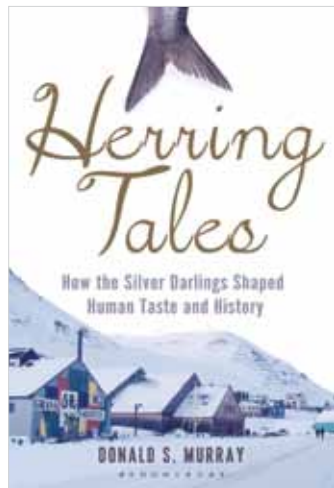
Tea Plantation Visit

Garrocher Market Garden, near Creetown | £5
When Scotland's First Minister visited the White House in June, she brought as a gift tea grown at Garrocher Market Garden, near Creetown. **Angela Hurrell** leads a guided tour of her innovative new venture. Bring stout shoes as the landscape can be wild. Booking essential. Also Thursday. Transport from County Buildings.
Sponsored by The Wee Tea Company

10.30am

Stuart McHardy

Scotland's Future History
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
The historian discusses his provocative new book, which challenges long-held assumptions about Scottish history perpetuated, he argues, by academics who excessively revere the Roman Empire. Future scholars will see a very different picture. Stuart McHardy is director of the Scots Language Resource Centre in Perth.



Donald S Murray, 1.30pm, Tuesday 29 September



Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent, 12 noon, Tuesday 29 September

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A Short Ride in the Jungle
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Half a century after the Vietnam War, Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent took to the Ho Chi Minh trail on an old motorbike, skirting the encroaching jungle and many unexploded bombs. She recounts an incredible journey. The author's favourite occupation is making long journeys in unsuitable vehicles, a habit begun in 2006 when she drove a tuk tuk from Bangkok to Brighton with her friend, Jo.

In memory of Dr Robbie Murphie

1.30pm

Donald S Murray

Herring Tales
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Ever since men have fished, the herring has done much to shape both human taste and history. Moving from his native Lewis to the Baltic and Iceland, and blending politics, science, religion and commerce, acclaimed nature writer Donald Murray traces the story of the legendary silver darlings and



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contemplates the possibility of restoring them to our shores.
Sponsored by RSPB

3pm

Peter Moore

The Weather Experiment
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Peter Moore's critically acclaimed book brings to life history's remarkable and daredevil meteorological pioneers, driven

often to the point of obsession by a need to understand and forecast the weather. A Radio 4 Book of the Week. "Gripping", *The Times*.
Sponsored by the Open University

4.30pm

Christopher Brookmyre

Dead Girl Walking
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Christopher Brookmyre's most famous creation, journalist Jack Parlabane, returns a broken man. Having lost his marriage and his self-respect, can he gain redemption by finding a missing singer? Always a brilliant performer, the author talks about his new psychological thriller. "Brookmyre writes beautifully," *Literary Review*.

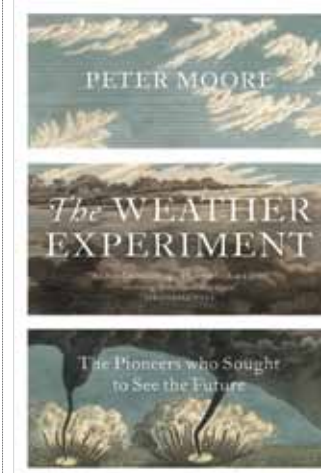
Roger Windsor

The Veterinary Detectives
McNeillie Tent | £6
As a pioneering "veterinary detective" in Kenya, Argentina and Botswana, Roger Windsor needed to be more Sherlock Holmes than James Herriot. As interested in human foibles as animal frailties, his lively memoir details an incident-packed career. Now retired, he runs the Ottersburn Gallery in Dumfries.
Sponsored by The Priory Vet Centre

6pm

Reverend Richard Coles

Fathomless Riches
ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £8
Richard Coles is a parish priest and host of BBC Radio 4's *Saturday Live*. He is also the only vicar in Britain to have had a number 1 hit single, the Communards' "Don't Leave Me This Way". He talks about his remarkable memoir *Fathomless Riches*, in which he divulges with honesty and intimacy his pilgrimage from rock-and-roll to religion.
Sponsored by Bellis Consultancy



Peter Moore, 3pm, Tuesday 29 September

7pm

The Bookshop Band

City Lights and Country Nights
County Buildings, Supper Room | £7
Join **Ben Please** and **Beth Porter** of The Bookshop Band for a concert inspired by the contrast between rural and urban lifestyles. Formed in 2010, the folk group write songs inspired by books to be played, generally, in bookshops. This year they played Glastonbury.

7.30pm

Jocelyn Bell Burnell

We Are Stardust
The Mill on the Fleet, Gatehouse of Fleet | £8
Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell is Visiting Professor of Astrophysics at Oxford University and President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Famed for detecting the existence of radio pulsars while she was still a PhD student, she talks about how, through extraordinary processes, the death throes of giant stars produced

the material from which our solar system and ultimately life on earth were formed.

MORVERN CALLAR
County Buildings, The Cinema | £5

Lynne Ramsay's 2002 adaptation of Alan Warner's novel. After her boyfriend commits suicide, a young woman runs away from the Highlands to Spain. *Cert 15. 97 min.*

PERFORMANCE Broth
Swallow Theatre, Ravenstone | £7

In *Broth*, **Donna Rutherford** explores the rituals that accompany us as we age, making soup as she does so. How do we treat our elders? Share a cup of broth on stage afterwards for a post-show chat.

8pm

Stuart Kelly's Literary Pub Quiz

Wigtown Ploughman Hotel | £5 entry per team of four
The infamous pub quiz returns to test your knowledge of all things bookish. Critic **Stuart Kelly** sets the questions.
Sponsored by The Wigtown Ploughman Hotel

9.30pm Book at Bedtime

The Open Book | free
Join us for hot chocolate and a bedtime reading. *20 min approx.*



Morvern Callar, 7.30pm, Tuesday 29 September



Mark Williams, 10am, Wednesday 30 September

10am



Mark Williams
The Festival Forage
Meet Garileston

Hall, South Crescent | £14
Mark Williams of Galloway Wild Foods invites you to enjoy foraged treats and tasters in a beautiful coastal location. There will be a wild cook-in afterwards (weather-permitting). One-mile easy walking for approximately 2.5 hours. Wellies recommended.

10.30am

Dan Boothby
Island of Dreams

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
After drifting through life for two decades, Dan Boothby was unexpectedly offered the chance to move to Gavin Maxwell's former home. For a man obsessed since childhood with the author of *Ring of Bright Water*, it offered salvation. In *Island of Dreams*, he tells his own story and that of his quest to understand one of literature's most inscrutable figures.

12 noon

Jim Crumley
Nature's Architect - The Beaver's Return to Our Wild Landscapes

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Hundreds of years after their extinction from these isles, beavers are back in Britain and already having a dramatic effect on the landscape.



John MacKay, 4.30pm, Wednesday 30 September

2pm



Knockbrex Farm Visit

Knockbrex Farm, near Newton Stewart | £6
Watch afternoon milking and learn about the unique approach the Service family took when designing their new steading. The farm is home to 600 red-and-white Montbéliarde cattle which were imported from the foothills of the French Alps last year. Wellies required.

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3pm

John Higgs
Stranger Than We Can Imagine - Making Sense of the Twentieth Century

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
We think we understand the 20th century. But do we really comprehend how odd it was compared to what came before? John Higgs's dazzling alternative history shows how the Victorians' elegant, clockwork universe became increasingly woozy and uncertain; and how we discovered that our world is not just stranger than we imagine but, in the words of Sir Arthur Eddington, "stranger than we can imagine". "Beautiful, erudite, funny and enlightening", Robin Ince.

4.30pm

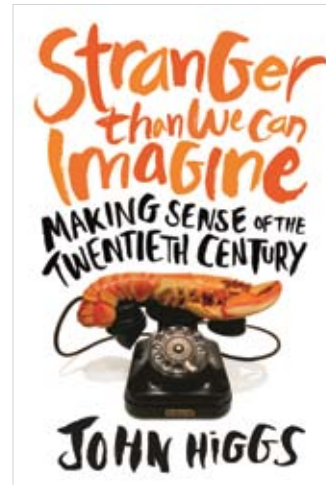
John MacKay
Notes of a Newsmen

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
As a young reporter, John MacKay took one of the first calls about the Lockerbie bombing; as an STV news anchor, he conducted the final TV interviews of the Yes and No campaigns. He recounts his journalistic journey through the most dramatic decades of Scotland's peacetime history.

Sponsored by Allan McDowall Electrical



Liz Lochhead, 1.30pm, Wednesday 30 September



John Higgs, 3pm, Wednesday 30 September



Afternoon Tea with Sue Lawrence

McNeillie Tent | £8 (includes tea and cakes)
Join the acclaimed Scottish food writer, broadcaster and original *Masterchef* winner for afternoon tea and cakes, as she talks about baking, berries and her first venture into fiction, *Fields of Blue Flax*, a saga of dark Victorian secrets echoing down the ages.

Sponsored by JD Owen & Sons Butchers

6pm

The World of Louis McGuffie VC

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £6
Wigtown's Louis McGuffie won the Victoria Cross for an assault on German trenches in Belgium on 28 September 1918. Six days later, he was killed in action. In this special event, we will build up a picture of the man and his world, from daily life in Wigtown to the Western Front. In doing so, we celebrate not only McGuffie but all who gave their lives. Our panel: military historian **Trevor Royle**; author of *Forgotten Voices of the Great War*, **Max Arthur**; and local historian **Jack Hunter**. 75 min. *Supported by Wigtownshire Area Committee*
Sponsored by W A Barclay



Ian Buxton
101 Gins To Try Before You Die

County Buildings, Supper Room | £12
With the rise of boutique distilleries and a new focus on exotic botanicals, gin isn't what it used to be. Best-selling drinks writer Ian Buxton provides spirits, ice and a slice of wit at this informal tasting.

Sponsored by Galloway Chillies

7.30pm



The Stables Dinner with Liz Lochhead

Home Farm, Garileston | £35
Join us in Galloway House's old stables for a three-course supper with Scotland's national poet.
Sponsored by Galloway House Estate



Local Hero

County Buildings, The Cinema | £5
A Texan oil executive gets more than he bargained for on a visit to rural Scotland. Bill Forsyth's 1983 comedy. *Cert U. 111 minutes.*

8.30pm

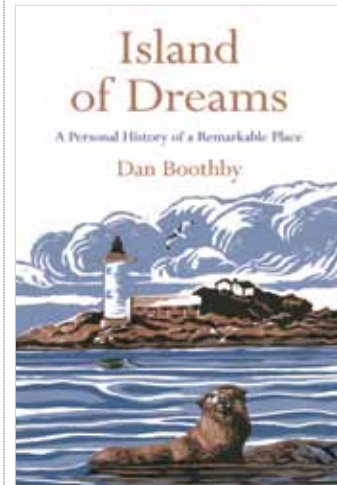
Dark Skies Walk

Meet County Buildings | £2
A star-gazing walk with one of Dark Skies Park's new rangers.

9.30pm

Book at Bedtime

The Open Book | free
Join us for hot chocolate and a bedtime reading. *20 min approx.*



Dan Boothby, 10.30am, Wednesday 30 September

the **Festival Expedition**



10.30am
Garlieston to Cruggleton by Sea
with **Robert Twigger**

Meet Garlieston Hall, South Crescent | £14
Join author Robert Twigger – whose exploits have included canoeing across Canada in a birch-bark canoe – in a mini-adventure, sea-kayaking and canoeing from Garlieston to Cruggleton and its marine caves. Beginners welcome. In adverse weather conditions, location may change. Pre-booking essential. With thanks to Cormmill Outdoors. *Two hours approx.*

10.30am
Malachy Tallack
60 Degrees North

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Dividing “near” and “far” north, the 60th parallel crosses Siberia, Alaska, Scandinavia – and Shetland – where Malachy Tallack has lived most of his life. He talks about his journey along this borderline, exploring ideas of wilderness and home as he comes to terms with his father’s death. A BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week. “Beautiful,” Robert MacFarlane. “The real deal,” John Burnside.

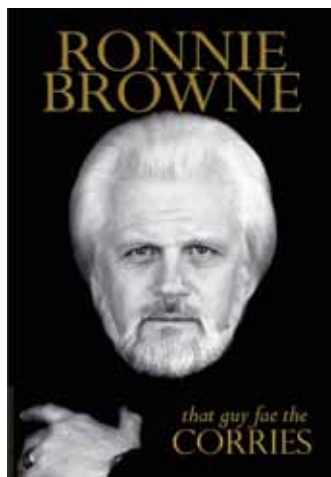
12 noon
Ronnie Browne
That Guy fae the Corries
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
He is best known for being “that

guy fae The Corries”, the musical team behind Scotland’s unofficial national anthem, “Flower of Scotland”. But his musical journey from Edinburgh bars to the Royal Albert Hall is only one part of Ronnie Browne’s entertaining life story: a gifted portrait painter, he also has captivating tales to tell about art, love, family and friendship. *Sponsored by The Old Bank Bookshop*

Anne Scriven
Provenance – Tales from a Bookshop

The Living Room | £6
In an old town in the west of Scotland clinging to its once proud heritage by its fingertips, Cloisters Bookshop acts as an oasis. Bookseller Anne Scriven’s entertaining collection of scenes, sketches and stories from real life show that a bookshop is never just about selling books.

1.30pm
Max Arthur
The Battle of Britain
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Vastly outnumbered and often less experienced than their opponents,



Ronnie Browne, 12 noon, Thursday 1 October



Gavin Francis, 6pm, Thursday 1 October

the 2,500 young men of the Royal Air Force who fought in the Battle of Britain were lauded by Churchill as The Few. Seventy-five years on, historian Max Arthur tells their story.

Tea Plantation Visit
Garrocher Market

Garden, near Creetown | £5
Angela Hurrell leads a guided tour of her innovative new venture, growing tea at Garrocher Market Garden, near Creetown. Booking essential. Also Tuesday. Transport from County Buildings.

3pm
Victoria Hendry
The Last Tour of Archie Forbes

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Victoria Hendry’s superb new novel tells the story of traumatised Afghanistan veteran Archie Forbes, dumped back in Britain to fend for himself. A dazzling, empathetic and darkly funny portrayal of the hostile home front, convincingly told from the point of view of a life unravelling. Victoria Hendry lives in Edinburgh and is the author of A

Capital Union. She talks to **Trevor Royle** of the *Sunday Herald*. “One of the most engaging, powerful, original, heartbreaking books I’ve ever read,” Manda Scott. *Sponsored by R Barclay*

4.30pm
Thomas Pakenham
The Company of Trees

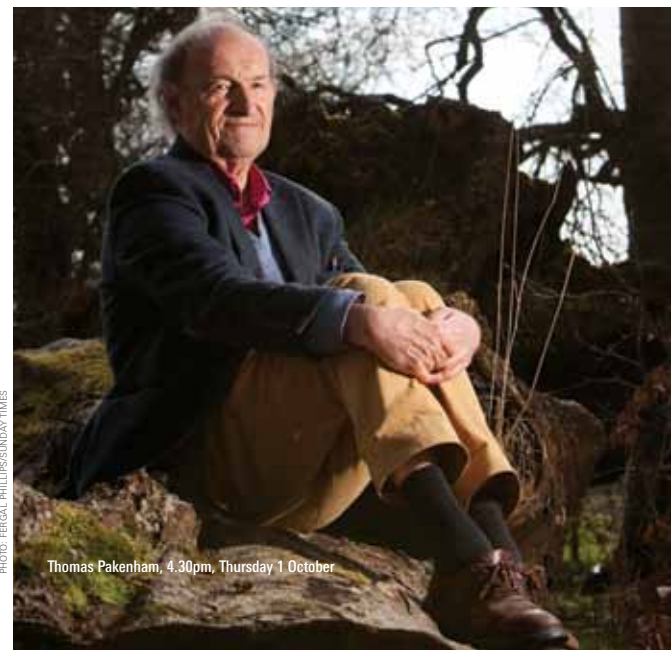
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Author of the bestselling *Meetings with Remarkable Trees*, Thomas Pakenham talks about his lifetime passion for trees and his bid to establish his own arboretum at Tullynally in Ireland – a journey that takes him from Tibet’s spectacular magnolias to Patagonia, home to the last giant monkey puzzles. *Sponsored by Norrie Steele*

6pm
Gavin Francis
Adventures in Human Being
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
We all have one but for most of us the human body is a foreign country. An explorer by nature,

Gavin Francis offers to be our guide. Drawing on his experiences as a doctor, he blends compelling case studies with historical reflections on the way the body has been imagined through the ages. Gavin Francis’s previous book, *Empire Antarctica*, won Scottish Book of the Year in 2013. *Sponsored by Fight for Sight*



Victoria Hendry, 3pm, Thursday 1 October



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7.30pm
James McCarthy
Sir George Macartney: The Diplomat of Kashgar – A Very Special Agent
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
Born in Dundrennan House and buried in Dundrennan Abbey, Sir George Macartney was British consul in Xingiang at the end of the 19th century and a key figure in the “Great Game” between the Russians, Chinese and British. In the latest in his series of forgotten Galloway greats, biographer James McCarthy tells his story. *Sponsored by GC Books*

The Midge
The Book Cellar, Lochanacroft Lane | £4
Taking inspiration from the renowned New York event *The Moth*, *The Midge* is an informal storytelling evening. Join some of the festival’s authors for a sharing of tales from real life. Audience participation invited but not compulsory. Our theme, to be interpreted in the broadest of ways: Lost and Found.

CITY & THE COUNTRY **FILM**
Sunrise – A Song of Two Humans

County Buildings, The Cinema | £5
A farmer falls under the spell of a woman from the city, who persuades him to try to kill his wife. Directed by FW Murnau (*Nosferatu*), this 1927 movie was ranked the fifth best film in history in a poll of critics for the BFI. *Cert U. 94 min.*

9.30pm
Book at Bedtime
The Open Book | free
Join us for hot chocolate and a bedtime reading. *20 min approx.*

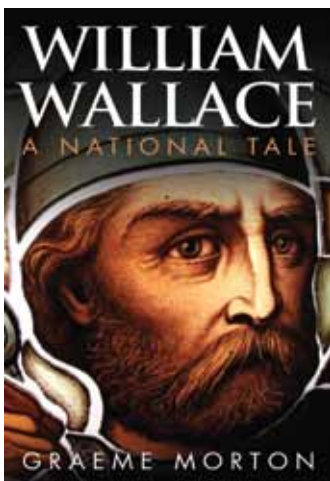
10am-12 noon

Mini Moniack Mhor 1
Editing for Writers with
Cynthia RogersonThe Living Room | £10
(£16 for both if booked with
Kirsty Logan workshop,
Sat 3 Oct, 10am)

A chance to sample what's on offer at Scotland's Creative Writing Centre at Moniack Mhor (www.moniackmhor.org.uk). In this two-hour session, Cynthia Rogerson offers advice and exercises on how to edit work, alone and in collaboration. Cynthia is the author of four novels and a short-story collection. The Moniack Team will also be offering free, short one-to-one sessions from 2pm-5pm from their camper van by the County Buildings. First come, first served.



Rally & Broad, 8.45pm, Friday 2 October



Graeme Morton, 10.30am, Friday 2 October

following the arrival of St Ninian. But new research suggests that it may not have been a religious settlement but a royal site akin to Tintagel in Cornwall. Dr Adrián Maldonado of the University of Chester makes the case.

BBC Radio ScotlandLive from Wigtown
County Buildings, Main Hall |
free but ticketed

Radio Scotland broadcasts from the festival including a panel debate of the day. *90 min.*

Kirsty Logan
The Gracekeepers

McNeillie Tent | £6

The novelist discusses her modern fairy-tale, the magical story of a floating circus and two young women in search of a home. Compared to the work of Margaret Atwood and Angela Carter, *The Gracekeepers* has been selected as one of Amazon's Rising Stars 2015.

1.30pm

Roger Moorhouse
The Devils' Alliance: Hitler's
Pact with Stalin, 1939-1941ScottishPower Foundation
Marquee | £7

The Nazi-Soviet pact stunned the world when it was announced. But it is a chapter often skimmed over in popular histories of the Second World War. Roger Moorhouse tells for the first time the full story of how Hitler and Stalin worked together for two years from 1939.

Don Paterson
40 Sonnets

McNeillie Tent | £6

One of the foremost poets of his generation (and the only one to win the prestigious TS Eliot Prize twice),

Don Paterson presents his first collection since *Rain* in 2009. *40 Sonnets* is as delightfully lyrical as it is formally assured.

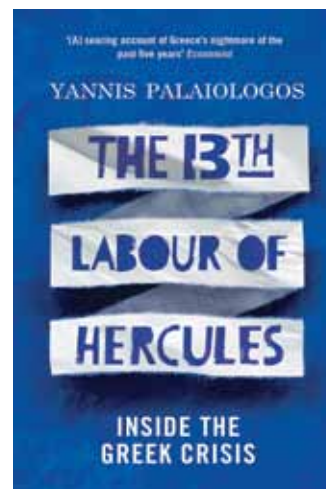
THEATRE National
Theatre of Scotland
To Begin...

Wigtown Parish Church Hall | £8
For the past six months, the National Theatre of Scotland has been seeking out stories in Wigtown. Real-life stories. Stories about journeys. The physical, emotional and imaginary journeys that brought the people of this town to where they are today. Now these incredible true tales of triumph, disaster and transformation have inspired a magical new theatrical adventure... Also tonight at 7.30pm and Saturday at 1.30pm and 7.30pm. *75 min.*
In association with Scottish Book Trust

3pm

Yannis Palaiologos

The 13th Labour of Hercules
County Buildings, Main Hall | £7
What forces drove Greece into economic and social chaos? What has it been like living through an economic hurricane? Features



Yannis Palaiologos, 3pm, Friday 2 October



Roger Moorhouse, 1.30pm, Friday 2 October

reporter for the *Kathimerini* newspaper in Athens, Yannis Palaiologos talks about *The 13th Labour of Hercules*, his acclaimed account of Greece's plight and the people caught up in it.

Hugh McMillanSelected and New Poems
McNeillie Tent | £6

One of Scotland's most distinctive contemporary voices, who has built a reputation for accessible and moving work, often using humour, Hugh McMillan reads from his new and selected poems, *Not Actually Being in Dumfries*.

Sponsored by Beltie Books

4.30pm

Ruth Scott**The Power of Imperfection**
County Buildings, Main Hall | £7

Do we prioritise emotional tidiness over truthfulness? Ruth Scott discusses how accepting the gap between our public personas and our often messy private realities offers powerful creative possibilities. A writer, broadcaster and mediator, who uses storytelling across her work, Ruth Scott was one of the



12 noon

The Cally Temple
Guided Walk

with Liz Niven

Starts at Mill on the Fleet, Gatehouse | £5 inc pamphlet
Recently restored, the Cally Temple is an 18th-century folly in the grounds of Cally House, Gatehouse of Fleet. This event will begin with the launch of a new pamphlet of poetry about the Temple, edited by Liz Niven. It will be followed by a guided historical walk through the designed landscape of Cally House and its parkland, taking in the Temple itself. Appropriate footwear should be worn. Walk length about an hour and a half.

first women ordained by the Church of England. She presents *Pause for Thought* on Chris Evans' Radio 2 breakfast show.

Lin Anderson**The Special Dead**
McNeillie Tent | £6

The co-founder of the Bloody Scotland crime festival and chair of the Society of Authors talks about the latest instalment in her Rhona Macleod series which has been described as "one of the best Scottish crime series since Rebus" (*Daily Record*) and by Stuart McBride as one of "Scotland's national treasures".

10.30am

Graeme Morton**William Wallace –****A National Tale**

McNeillie Tent | £6

We know so little for sure about the real William Wallace – but that hasn't stopped this short-lived, medieval patriot becoming a key figure in Scotland's mythology. Graeme Morton of Dundee University offers a fresh slant on Wallace and his afterlife, from the verses of *Blind Harry* to *Braveheart* and *Brave*.
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12 noon

THE FRIENDS OF NINIAN & WHITHORN EVENT

Dr Adrián Maldonado**Rethinking Whithorn's Past**
ScottishPower Foundation
Marquee | £7

Historical orthodoxy says that Whithorn was founded as a monastic community in the 5th-century,

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6pm

Joris Luyendijk Swimming with Sharks – My Journey into the World of the Bankers

County Buildings, Main Hall | £7
Journalist and author of the popular Banking Blog, Joris Luyendijk interviewed more than 200 financial world insiders with guaranteed anonymity. He wanted to discover what makes the City tick; what he found was an eye-watering tale of dysfunction. Unique in its scope and access, his book shows why we should all fear our financial "masters". He talks to **Iain Martin**, author of *Making It Happen: Fred Goodwin, RBS and the Men Who Blew Up the British Economy*.

CITY & THE COUNTRY  **Jim Carruth**
Killochries
McNeillie Tent | £6

Glasgow's official Makar, and Scotland's leading rural poet, reads from his acclaimed verse novella. A young man is sent to work at Killochries, a sheep farm, after burning out in the city. He is appalled by the strange remoteness and lack of his previous life's essentials. *In Memory of Ina Munro, Bookseller of Wigtown*

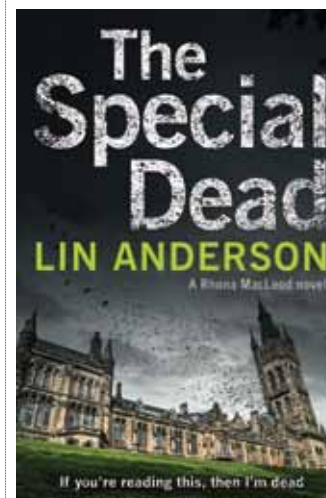
7pm

MUSIC **Macmath: The Silent Page**

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £12
William Macmath (1848-1922) grew up in Galloway. His legacy was to help the great American ballad collector Francis Child complete his definitive *English and Scottish Popular Ballads 1882-1898*. Based on the Macmath archive at Broughton House, *The Silent Page* sings a paper-based collection back to life with new tunes and arrangements. *Sponsored by Stranraer & Wigtownshire Free Press*



Joris Luyendijk, 6pm, Friday 2 October



Lin Anderson, 4.30pm, Friday 2 October

7.30pm **Man Booker Prize 2015 The Festival Decides**

County Buildings, Supper Room | £6
The 2015 Man Booker Prize for Fiction is awarded on 13 October. To celebrate, the festival has convened its own judges, who have read the shortlist and with the help of the audience will pick the festival's winner. Our panel: author and

illustrator **Debi Gliori**; the Swallow Theatre's **David Sumner**; festival artistic director **Adrian Turpin**. In the chair, 2013 Man Booker judge **Stuart Kelly**. Let the arguing begin. *Sponsored by citybothy.com*

THEATRE **National Theatre of Scotland**

To Begin...
Wigtown Parish Church Hall | £8
A magical new theatrical adventure on the subject of journeys. See 1.30pm for details.

8.45pm

PERFORMANCE **Rally & Broad**

McNeillie Tent | £7
Rally & Broad, aka Rachel McCrum and Jenny Lindsay, bring you Scotland's leading literary cabaret night, with special guests **Alan Bissett**, **Kirstin Innes** and **Emily Dodd**. "A beacon of brilliance on the live lit scene," *The List*. *Sponsored by Wigtown Motor Company*

9.30pm

Book at Bedtime

The Open Book | free
Join us for hot chocolate and a bedtime reading. 20 min approx.

10am-12noon
Mini Moniack Mhor 2
Challenging Realism
with Kirsty Logan

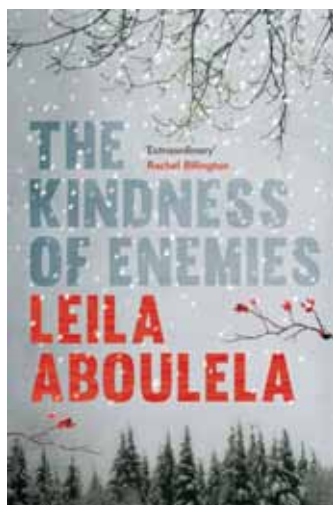
The Living Room | £10
 (£16 for both if booked with workshop, Fri 2 Oct, 10am)
 In this two-hour creative writing session, the novelist explores the possibilities created by breaking free from traditional, realist methods of storytelling. Kirsty Logan is author of *The Rental Heart & Other Fairytales* and *The Gracekeepers*. Find out about Moniack Mhor's courses at www.moniackmhor.org.uk.



Lynn Hill, 12 noon, Saturday 3 October

10.30am
Norman Drummond
Step Back

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
 Modern life is frantic. To get the most out of it, we need to slow down and step back. A chaplain to the Queen, former BBC governor and founder of the young people's charity Columba 1400, Norman Drummond explores the problem of "busyness". An essential book for a culture that is unable to rest and relax.



Leila Aboulela, 12 noon, Saturday 3 October

CITY & THE COUNTRY
Get Off Our Land
Adventures

in Rural Activism
 McNeillie Tent | £6
Rob and Sally McCreath
 successfully fought off an open-cast coal mine in the Darling Downs, Queensland, and now travel throughout Australia and New Zealand advising rural communities on how to organise against unwanted developments.
Roy Walter formed Keep Wigtown Bay Natural which opposed plans for a windfarm in Wigtown Bay. They compare campaign tactics.

12 noon
DISCUSSION **Is the European Ideal Dead?**

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £8
 One of the original aims of the European "project" was to unite nations along common values, following the Second World War. That dream of international fraternity seems a long way from the public humiliation meted out this summer to Greece and the metaphorical "water-boarding" of its prime minister. Is there any way back? Our panel: *Telegraph* commentator **Iain Martin**; **Yannis Palaiologos**, author of *The 13th Labour of Hercules*; and **John Palmer** of the European Policy Centre. Chaired by BBC Diplomatic Correspondent **Bridget Kendall**.
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LYNN HILL
The Clandestine Cake Club: A Year of Cake

County Buildings, Main Hall | £7
 In 2010, Yorkshirewoman Lynn Hill had the idea of a cake club that would meet at secret locations and encourage its members to talk to one another. Since then The

Clandestine Cake Club has spawned more than 200 groups worldwide. She talks about her cult hit and invites audience members to bring a cake to share. But, please, no cupcakes, tray-bakes, brownies or tarts. It's all about the cake.
 Sponsored by *William Simpson & Son*

Leila Aboulela
The Kindness of Enemies
 McNeillie Tent | £6

The novelist talks about her epic new book, which switches between Scotland in 2010 and the 19th-century Caucasus mountains, illuminating the relationship between



Katarina Bivald, 1.30pm, Saturday 3 October

Bridget Kendall, 12 noon, Saturday 3 October

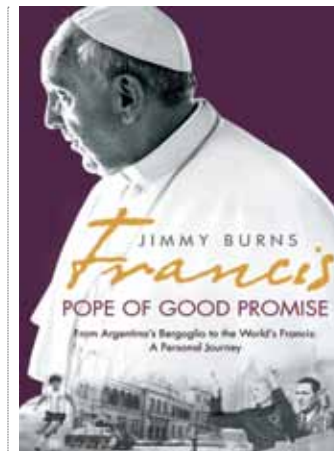


Islam and the West. Leila Aboulela was born in Cairo and grew up in Khartoum. All three of her previous novels were longlisted for the Orange Prize. *Lyrics Alley* won Novel of the Year at the Scottish Book Awards, while a collection of short fiction, *Coloured Lights*, won the Caine Prize.

1.30pm
 THE MAGNUSSON LECTURE
Mike Wooldridge
Broadcasting without Borders
 ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £8

The Magnusson Lecture commemorates the life and reflects the interests of the broadcaster and author Magnus Magnusson. This year's speaker, Mike Wooldridge, has worked for the BBC for 45 years, latterly as a world affairs correspondent. Drawing on his experience from Africa to the Middle East, he talks about the future of global public broadcasting in an age of technological revolution and its role in development in some of the world's poorest countries.

CITY & THE COUNTRY
Two Minute Manifesto
 County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
 Imagine you had two minutes to convince an audience of an idea



Jimmy Burns, 6pm, Saturday 3 October

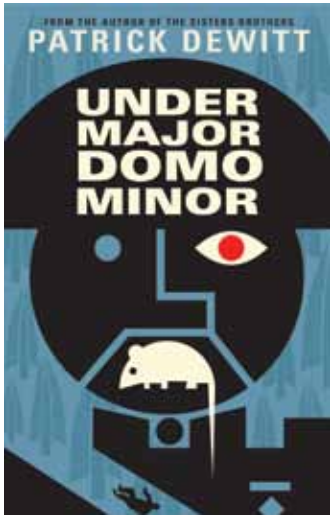
that would change the world for the better, silly or serious. That's the challenge for the speakers in *Two Minute Manifesto*. Curated by playwright **David Greig** and **Sarah Beattie-Smith**, with music from the **Bookshop Band**, the lively mix of ideas, culture and music leaves its home at Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre. On the agenda: a fresh take on country life.

Katarina Bivald
The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend

McNeillie Tent | £6
 Sweden's Katarina Bivald talks about her international bestseller. Invited to visit her penfriend in Broken Wheel, Iowa, Sara is left high and dry when the old lady dies. Alone in a rundown, one-horse town, she realises Broken Wheel is in desperate need of adventure, a dose of self-help and perhaps romance. In short, the town needs a bookshop. "A must read for anyone who loves books," *Saga Magazine*

THEATRE **National Theatre of Scotland**
To Begin...

Wigtown Parish Church Hall | £8
 See 7.30pm for details.



Patrick deWitt, 3pm, Saturday 3 October

3pm
Alex Salmond
The Dream Shall Never Die
 ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £10
 The former First Minister discusses his account of the independence referendum and looks at where next for the nationalist movement.

Gary Bell
Animal QC
 County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
 Born into a coal-mining family, Gary Bell has been a football hooligan, lived on the streets and been convicted of fraud. So how did he become a respected QC and star of the BBC1 series *The Legalizer*. He discusses his unlikely autobiography, *Animal QC: My Preposterous Life*, with **Lee Randall**.

Patrick deWitt
Undermajordomo Minor
 McNeillie Tent | £6
 Patrick deWitt's novel *The Sisters Brothers* was a Man Booker-nominated romp through Gold Rush California. The Canadian's new book *Undermajordomo Minor*

is a gothic romantic black comedy set in a castle where things are not quite what they seem. One of international fiction's new stars talks to **Stuart Kelly**.

MUSIC **Harriet Mackenzie**
Violin Magic
 Sacred Heart Church | £8
 Internationally renowned concert soloist Harriet Mackenzie performs works showcasing the violin, including the Chaconne from Bach's Partita no 2 in D minor, Biber's Passacaglia and traditional Roma melodies. "Searing intensity..." *The Strad*

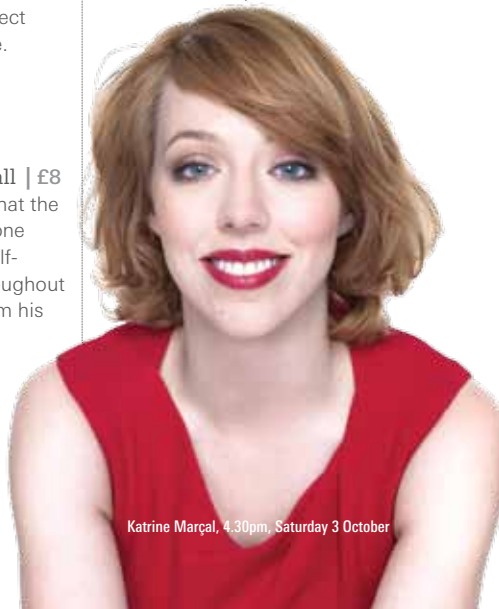
4.30pm
Andrew Lownie
Stalin's Englishman
 ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £8
 Guy Burgess was the most enigmatic and contradictory of the Cambridge Spies, whose reputation for loucheness did not stop him penetrating the Establishment to its core. Andrew Lownie unveils his long-awaited book, the first proper biography of Burgess. Drawing on 30 years research from archives worldwide, it follows its subject from Eton to tragicomic exile.

Katrine Marçal
Who Cooked Adam Smith's Dinner?
 County Buildings, Main Hall | £8
 Adam Smith famously said that the world turned because everyone looked after their financial self-interest. Yet every night, throughout his life, his mother served him his dinner out of love. Katrina Marçal, who writes on economics and politics for Sweden's *Aftonbladet* newspaper, looks at the myth of rational "economic" man. From Smith's dinner table to today's global

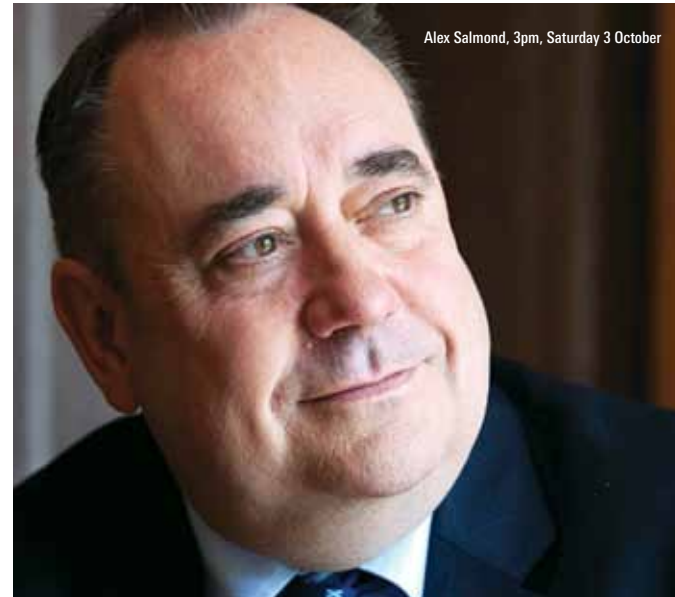
financial crises, she argues that the financial "sciences" need a more imaginative approach.

Ann Morgan
Reading the World
 McNeillie Tent | £6
 Inspired by the 2012 Olympics, Ann Morgan decided to read her way around all the world's 196 independent countries (plus one extra) – not always an easy task given the lack of translations and certain nations' attitudes to freedom of expression. In this funny and enlightening account, she reveals what she learnt from her year of literary globetrotting.
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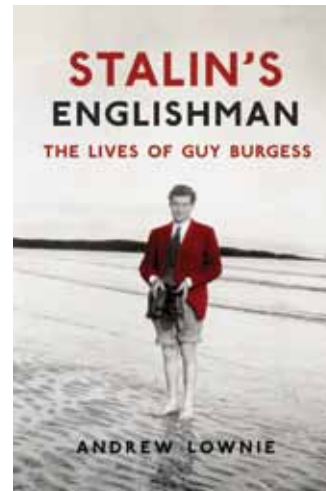
The 2015 Wigtown Poetry Competition
 Beltie Books | free
 Join us for readings and refreshments as Glasgow's Makar, **Jim Carruth**, announces the winner of Scotland's international poetry prize, while **Peter Mackay** and **Frances Robson** reveal their selections for the Gaelic and Scots Language categories respectively.
Supported by The Gaelic Book Council and The Saltire Society



Katrine Marçal, 4.30pm, Saturday 3 October



Alex Salmond, 3pm, Saturday 3 October



Andrew Lownie, 4.30pm, Saturday 3 October

6pm
Jimmy Burns
Francis, Pope of Good Promise
 County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
 From the moment of his election, Pope Francis promised a new direction for the Catholic Church. But who exactly is Jorge Mario Bergoglio and how far might he take

reform? Biographer Jimmy Burns considers Francis's first year and explores his origins as a priest under Argentina's regime.

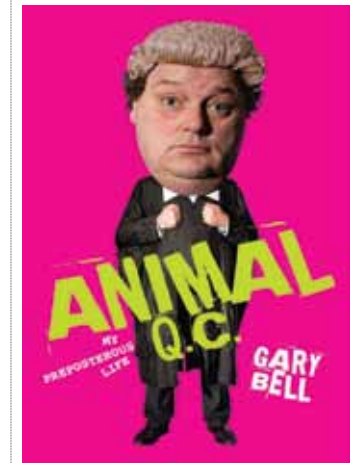
David Greig
Playing on the Savannah
 McNeillie Tent | £6
 Modern life couldn't be further away from that of pre-history's cave-painters and shamans, could it? One of Scotland's leading playwrights, David Greig begs to differ. Part performance, part memoir, part lecture, in *Playing on the Savannah*, he tries to find traces of the ancient in his life and work.
Sponsored by L Hill

Chrys Salt & Rachael Boast
Poetry Double
 The Living Room | £5
 A pairing of two inspirational poets. Forward Prize-winner Rachael Boast reads from her second collection *Pilgrim's Flower*, while Chrys Salt launches her fourth full collection *Dancing on a Rock*.
Sponsored by The Random Book Club

7pm
Peter Mackay
Rude Gaelic Galore
 Beltie Books | £5
 The judge of the year's Gaelic Prize discusses his anthology of rude Gaelic poems, *An Leabhar Liath* ("The Grey Book") and his own collection *Gu Leor* ("Galore"). Peter Mackay lectures at the University of St Andrews.

7.30pm
THEATRE National Theatre of Scotland
To Begin...
 Wigtown Parish Church Hall | £8
 The National Theatre of Scotland has been seeking stories in Wigtown, based on journeys, physical and emotional. Now, these true tales of transformation have become a magical new piece of theatre. 75 min.
In association with Scottish Book Trust

8.45pm
The Festival Ceilidh
 ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £6
 Celebrate the final weekend with a traditional ceilidh. All welcome.



Gary Bell, 3pm, Saturday 3 October

Open House at The Living Room

Do you have a book-related event you would like to bring to the festival? For the final Sunday, we are opening up our Living Room venue to all-comers for free. To enquire about booking a slot, ring 01988 402036 or email claire@wigtownbookfestival.com

10.30am Anthony Seldon Beyond Happiness

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £6
The historian and political commentator argues that chasing happiness is not enough. Only by seeking something deeper in ourselves can we find true joy. Vice-chancellor of the University of Buckingham, Sir Anthony Seldon was headmaster of Wellington College, Berkshire, until this summer. He is known for introducing happiness classes to the school and co-founded Action for Happiness. *Sponsored by Baillie Gifford*



Ian MacWhirter, 3pm, Sunday 4 October



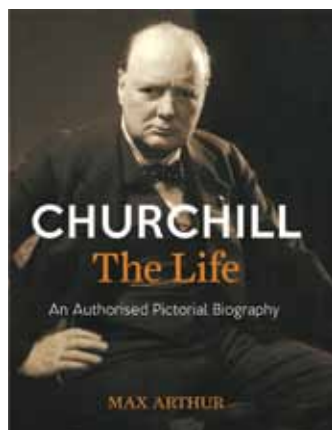
Andrew Graham on Poldark, 12 noon, Sunday 4 October

Ben Please & Beth Porter The Bookshop Band in Conversation

McNeillie Tent | £6
Formed in 2010 for a series of concerts at Mr B's bookshop in Bath, the Bookshop Band have written more than 100 songs inspired by books to be played in bookshops. They talk to **Peggy Hughes** of Literary Dundee about the process of turning fiction into music. *Sponsored by The Open Book*

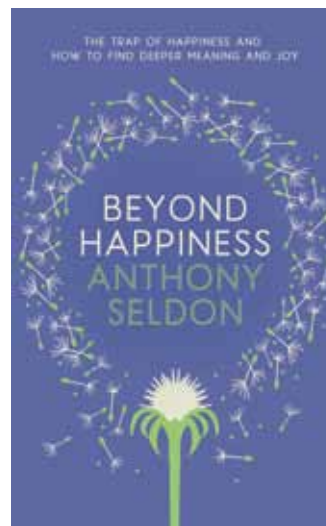
12 noon Andrew Graham The Legacy of Poldark

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £8
The son of the late Poldark author Winston Graham, Andrew Graham discusses the enduring popularity of his father's novels and goes behind the scenes of the new BBC1 adaptation, for which he acted as series consultant. Dr Graham is a political economist, who acted as economic advisor to the Labour leader John Smith. He is a former Master of Balliol College, Oxford. *Sponsored by R Tapp*



Max Arthur, 1.30pm, Sunday 4 October

THE HOLYWOOD TRUST EVENT
Georgia Gould Wasted – How Misunderstanding Young Britain Threatens Our Future
County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
"Feral", "Hoodies", "Yobs": why does Britain seem to dislike young people so much? Georgia Gould has travelled the UK to discover the values and aspirations of young people, from working-class families in Glasgow's Easterhouse to entrepreneurs and activists. She



Anthony Seldon, 10.30am, Sunday 4 October

talks about what she found and why we need a new social contract between the generations.

Frances Robson Found in Translation – The Subversive Power of Scots

McNeillie Tent | £6
The history of poetry translated into Scots gloriously reveals the language's subversive and comic possibilities. Frances Robson, a winner of the Hugh MacDiarmid Tassie for Scots Poetry and an accomplished translator, takes a personal tour through the ages. Her most recent work includes the first Scots translation of Lermontov's narrative poem, *The Demon*.

1.30pm Salim Munayer Through My Enemy's Eyes

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £6
Salim Munayer is a founder of the non-profit organisation Musahala, which seeks to build bridges between different parts of the Israeli and Palestinian societies, an initiative

that began in 1990 by taking young people from both communities to meet each other in the desert. He discusses the challenges of trying to achieve reconciliation in the face of seemingly insuperable distrust.

Max Arthur Churchill – The Life

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6
For this authorised pictorial biography, Max Arthur has been given unprecedented use of the Churchill archive in Cambridge, a treasure trove of artefacts and images. He has also had access to little-seen family albums. In pictures, he follows the former prime minister through triumphs and disasters, offering an utterly original take on Winston's life. *Sponsored by Briars Engravers*

Janice Galloway Jellyfish

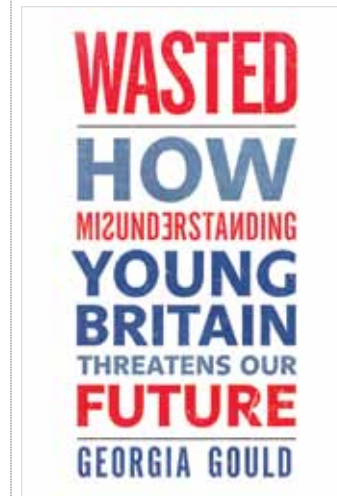
McNeillie Tent | £6
One of Scotland's best-loved writers presents her long-awaited new collection about love, not-love, sex and raising children – and the sometimes dramatically unexpected fallout of each in everyday life.



Janice Galloway, 1.30pm, Sunday 4 October

1.30pm PERFORMANCE The Urr Collective Words at the Edge

The Living Room | £3
Poet **Angus Macmillan** and singer-songwriter **Lucy Harper** of the Urr Collective breathe new life into the beautiful Urr Water through poetry, music, film and other art forms.



Georgia Gould, 12 noon, Sunday 4 October

3pm

DISCUSSION After the Landslide
Iain Macwhirter and Alex Massie

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £8

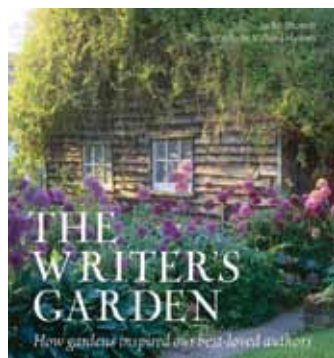
The General Election saw the SNP take 56 of 59 seats in Scotland, including Dumfries & Galloway for the first time. Is this the "new normal" or simply the peak of a longer political cycle? Broadcaster and journalist Iain Macwhirter, author of *Tsunami: Scotland's Democratic Revolution* and Alex Massie, Scotland editor of *The Spectator*, discuss.

THE ROYAL LITERARY SOCIETY EVENT
Matt Haig

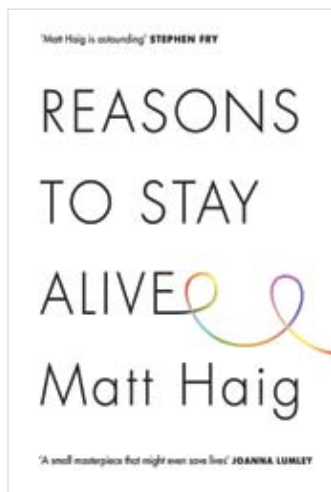
Reasons to Stay Alive

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6

When Matt Haig was 24, his world fell apart as he suddenly came face to face with severe depression. The best-selling *Reasons to Stay Alive* is the funny, warm and moving story of how he coped with his illness. It's also a book about how to live better, love better and feel more alive. Matt Haig's previous books include *The Radleys*, which is being made into a film. He talks to **Francis Bickmore**. "Maybe the most important book I have read this year," Simon Mayo. "A small masterpiece... It may even



Jackie Bennett, 3pm, Sunday 4 October



Matt Haig, 3pm, Sunday 4 October

save lives," Joanna Lumley. "Brilliant and salutary," Rev Richard Coles.

Jackie Bennett

The Writer's Garden
McNeillie Tent | £6

The award-winning gardening writer tells the story of how incredible gardens have inspired some of our greatest writers, from Roald Dahl and Agatha Christie, to Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott. Jackie Bennett is a former editor of *The Garden Design Journal*.

4.30pm

Hardeep Singh Kohli
Big Mouth Strikes Again

ScottishPower Foundation Marquee | £10

Baring more than ever before, this new show from everyone's favourite comedian, broadcaster and celebrity chef, sees Hardeep Singh Kohli serve up an hour of unashamed and uncensored anecdotes, inspired by occasions



PHOTO: STEVE ULLATHORNE

Hardeep Singh Kohli, 4.30pm, Sunday 4 October

when his big mouth really did get the better of him.

CITY & THE COUNTRY THE MCNEILLIE LECTURE
Stuart Kelly
Scotland's

Imaginary Places

County Buildings, Main Hall | £6

In this year's McNeillie Lecture, Stuart Kelly, the author of *Scott-Land*, discusses the lives of imaginary Scottish places, taking in the work of JM Barrie, Alasdair Gray, Lewis Grassic Gibbon and John Galt. What do these fictional places tell us about the real nation, rural and urban, and its conceit of itself?

That's all for this year. Thank you for coming. We hope you enjoyed it. The next Wigtown Book Festival will take place from 23 September - 2 October 2016. Please join us then.

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Day Tickets

Children's Festival family tickets are available for £20 per day. A day ticket permits entry for up to five family members, including a maximum of two adults. To guarantee availability for specific events, day ticket holders must also reserve seats.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Katie Morag Triple Bill

County Buildings, The Cinema 5pm | £3 | 5+

A chance to see the first three episodes of the BBC's adaptation of Mairi Hedderwick's Katie Morag stories from the CBeebies series.

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Nick Sharratt

Shark in the Park on a Windy Day!

Children's Festival, The Hall 10am | £3.50 | 3+

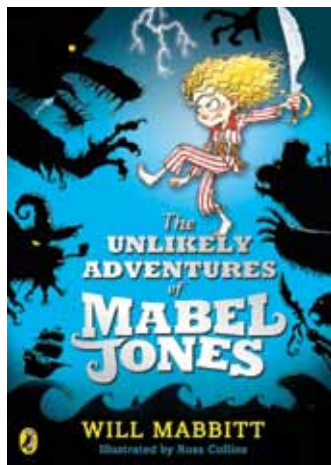
Timothy Pope is blown this way and that way in the windy park. Could that be a shark he spies through his telescope? Fin-tastic fun with the third book in the popular series.

Will Mabbitt

The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones

Children's Festival, The Cove 10am | £3.50 | 8+

The first book by brilliant comic author, Will Mabbitt. When Mabel Jones unknowingly commits "The Deed", she finds herself swiftly carried off to the pirate ship the *Feroshus Maggot*, captained by the dreaded Idryss Ebenezer Split. A laugh-out-loud, swashbuckling fantasy adventure.



Will Mabbitt, 10am, Saturday 26 September



Emily MacKenzie, 10am, Sunday 27 September

Mairi Hedderwick

Katie Morag

Children's Festival, The Hall 11.30am | £3.50 | 5+

Whether she's posting parcels to the wrong addresses or helping Grannie Island with a prize-winning sheep, Katie Morag McColl is always up to something. Mairi Hedderwick invites you to the island of Struay as she reads from the latest Katie Morag books.

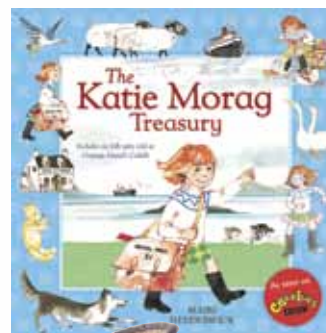
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Cathy Cassidy

Looking-Glass Girl

Children's Festival, The Hall 1pm | £3.50 | 9+

Alice is thrilled when she is invited to a Wonderland-themed sleepover. Finally, she's fitting in. But an accident changes everything.



Mairi Hedderwick, 11.30am, Saturday 26 September

Looking-Glass Girl is an unforgettable tale of friendship. Fans will also relish hearing Cathy read from new books *Fortune Cookie* and *The Chocolate Box Secrets*.

Cathy MacPhail

Devil You Know & Stars Shall Be Bright

Children's Festival, The Hall 2:30pm | £3.50 | 11+

In *Devil You Know*, Cathy MacPhail delivers another action-packed teen thriller with a twist. When Logan moves to an estate in Glasgow, he thinks Baz is pretty cool. But then he gets caught in a gang conflict. *Stars Shall Be Bright* is the poignant story of one family caught up in the first world war.

Shadow Puppet Workshop

Children's Festival, The Snug 2.30pm | £3.50 | 4+

Artist & theatre-maker Eilidh Reilly shows you how to make shadow puppets. When the lights go out, the puppet show begins. Materials provided.

Nick Sharratt

How To Draw the World of Jacqueline Wilson

Children's Festival, The Hall 4pm | £3.50 | 7+

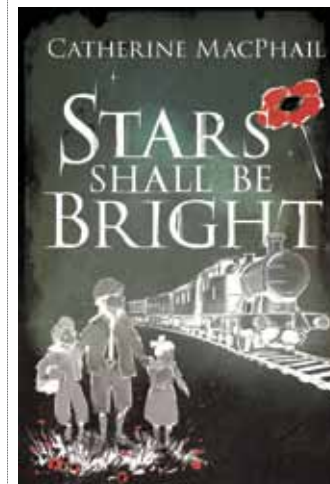
Everything you could ever want to

know about drawing Jacqueline Wilson's famous characters and more besides. Bring paper, pencils and something to rest on.

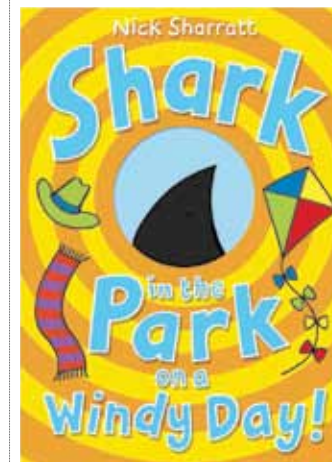
D&G Writers' Shelf

Children's Festival, The Hall 5.30pm | £3.50 | 7+

Local authors **Jayne Baldwin**, **Rolf Buwert** and **Julie Bowmaker** delight you with readings from their new books *Maxwell's Mega Mission*, *Beatrix the Bad Fairy* and *Tales of Fantasy & Magic*.



Cathy MacPhail, 2.30pm, Saturday 26 September



Nick Sharratt, 10am, Saturday 26 September

● Our new home

The Children's Festival has a new home this year in the grounds of Wigtown Primary School. This will accommodate a broader range of events and activities.

● Children's residencies

Emily Ilett is our first dedicated children's writer-in-residence. A graduate of Glasgow School of Art, she is working on a collection of stories set on an imaginary island. Author and illustrator **Shoo Rayner** will also be around the festival with his sketchbook and a mission to get everyone drawing.

● The Katie Morag Exhibition

Craigard Gallery, 13 North Main Street, 10am-5pm, daily. This exhibition featuring original artwork from the Katie Morag stories is brought to the festival in partnership with author and illustrator Mairi Hedderwick and An Lanntair arts centre in Stornoway.

● Wigtown Guide in Scots

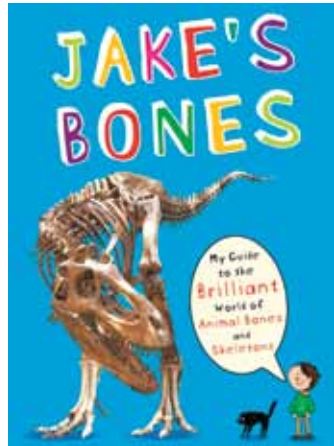
The P6 & P7 classes of Wigtown Primary School 2015 have created a nifty wee audio tour guide to Wigtown in Scots. Borrow a pre-loaded MP3 player and headphones and off you go. Collect them from: County Buildings, Box Office (weekdays: 10am-2pm); Children's Festival, Reception (weekends: 10am-4pm). Ages 10+.

● Ticketing policy

Under-12s must be accompanied by a ticket-buying adult. Under-2s who do not need a seat are free. Ages in listings are for guidance only.

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Jake McGowan-Lowe, 11am-3pm, Sunday 27 September

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Jake's Bones Exhibition

Children's Festival, Discovery Tent
11am-3pm drop-in | free | 5+
Jake McGowan-Lowe is a 13-year-old bone collector, naturalist, author and blogger. Ranked as one of the top 50 conservationists in the UK by *BBC Wildlife Magazine*, he has been collecting bones since he was six. His book *Jake's Bones* is shortlisted for the 2015 Royal Society Young People's Book Prize.

Emily MacKenzie Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit, Book Burglar

Children's Festival, The Cove
10am | £3.50 | 3+
Ralfy is a rabbit like no other. While his friends dream of crunchy carrots, he can only think of books.

When his reading choices run out he turns to a life of crime.

Tom Pow Sixteen String Jack and the Garden of Adventure

Children's Festival, The Hall
10am | £3.50 | 7+
Daisy's grandmother takes her to visit the overgrown garden of a big house in Dumfries. Little does she know its history. Here, many years ago, Sixteen String Jack (J M Barrie) was shipwrecked by pirates. Tom Pow presents the story of the adventures that led to the creation of *Peter Pan*.

Jenny Colgan Polly and the Puffin

Children's Festival, The Cove
11.30am | £3.50 | 5+
Best selling author Jenny Colgan introduces her funny and heartwarming tale of Neil the Puffin with a broken wing who lands at little Polly's door.

Philip Ardagh The Grunts on the Run

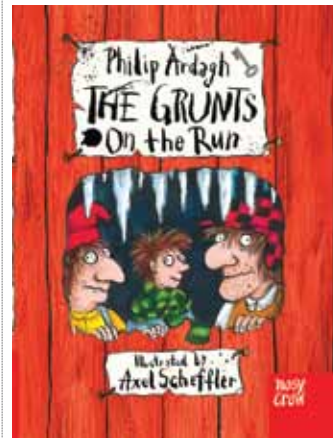
Children's Festival, The Hall
11.30am | £3.50 | 7+
Warning: the Grunts are on the loose!

Over the years they've managed to upset a lot of people. Now their enemies want revenge. Roald Dahl Funny Award-winner Philip Ardagh reveals his hilarious finale to the much-loved series.

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Ross MacKenzie The Nowhere Emporium

Children's Festival, The Hall
1pm | £3.50 | 8+
Scottish Children's Book Award-winner Ross MacKenzie unleashes a riot of imagination in this gripping



Philip Ardagh, 11.30am, Sunday 27 September



The Etherington Brothers, 10am, Saturday 3 October



Tom Pow, 10am, Sunday 27 September

fantasy adventure. When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel is drawn into its magical world.

Pauline James Boo Where Are You?

Children's Festival, The Cove
1pm | £3.50 | 2+
Boo, the Belted Galloway calf, leaves his farm to play with the animals in the town and at the zoo. Can you find him among the zebras and penguins?

Niel Bushnell Monsters of the Mind: Doctor Who Animation Workshop

Children's Festival, The Snug
2.30pm | £3.50 | 8+
Imagine being challenged to create an animated version of missing 1960s *Doctor Who* episodes. That's what Niel Bushnell and his team were asked to do – now it's your turn. Using original audio recordings and shooting scripts, Niel will help you draw the characters and talk about how the Doctor's adventures have inspired his own writing.

Anthony McGowan Pike

Children's Festival, The Hall
4pm | £3.50 | 12+
The chilling new novel by award-winning author Anthony McGowan. In this powerful sequel to the Carnegie-longlisted *Brock*, Nicky and Kenny go on a fishing expedition that threatens tragedy.

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

A Mad Hatter's Tea Party

McNeillie Tent
5pm | free | 5+
Who would you invite to your own Mad Hatter's tea party? Children's writer-in-residence **Emily Ilett** is here to put on the imaginary kettle and help you write a story about the world's wackiest party.

Sponsored by Wigtown Primary School

After-Dark Walk

Meet County Buildings
7pm | £2 | all ages
Join one of the Dark Skies Rangers for a night walk to learn about space and the sky at night. Star-gazers of all ages welcome.

Supported by the Forestry Commission

RSPB Bat Walk

Meet County Buildings
9.30pm | £3 | family event
Enjoy a gentle walk in search of Wigtown's bat life.

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

D&G Writers' Shelf

County Buildings, Library
10am | free | 0-5
Stories and songs for pre-schoolers by **Renita Boyle** and **Shalla Gray**, drawing from their new books *Honk Honk Rattle Rattle* and *The Galloway Chillie*.

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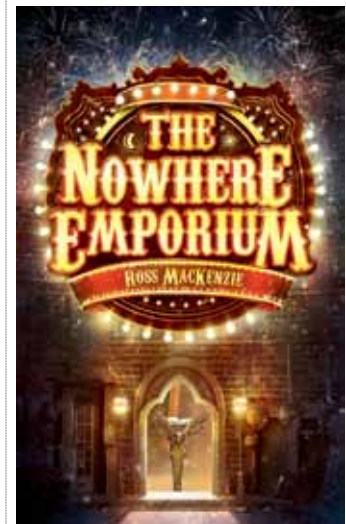
Schools Programme

Wigtown Book Festival schools programme, run in conjunction with Education Services, reaches 1,700 young people from across Dumfries & Galloway, offering access to established authors on schools days in the ScottishPower Foundation Marquee. This year's programme includes sessions with Pamela Butchart, Emily Dodd, Phil Earle, Cathy MacPhail, Tom Pow and Shoo Rayner.

WESTword Festival

Education Services in Dumfries & Galloway aims to help teachers develop creative and innovative learning opportunities. WESTword brings young people into contact with professional writers to celebrate the written and spoken word, both in school and at the Festival in Wigtown.

For further information
contact 01988 403222



Ross MacKenzie, 1pm, Sunday 27 September

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SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

The Etherington Brothers' Big Adventure Show

Children's Festival, The Hall
10am | £3.50 | 6+

Join the brilliantly entertaining double-act Robin and Lorenzo for this interactive comic book workshop. Oodles of Etherington Brothers freebies will be given out after the show once they've finished giggling and jumping about.

Emily Dodd

The Grouse and the Mouse
Children's Festival, The Snug
10am | £3.50 | 3+

Bagpipe the Black Grouse thinks he's Scotland's grandest animal and feels sorry for Squeaker, the wood mouse. But, when danger comes, Bagpipe needs his little friend. The

Mad Hatter's Fun Palace

Children's Festival, The Cove
11am-3pm | free | 5+
The Mad Hatter's Fun Palace is inspired by the theme of "Alice in Wigtown". Drop in for bubbles, nonsense tea-making, confusing riddles and more, all served up by mad-hatted scientists. The fun palace is part of a national celebration inspired by theatre-maker Joan Littlewood and architect Cedric Price's 1961 vision of temporary homes for the arts and sciences. Drop in, experiment and be inspired.
www.funpalaces.co.uk



The Book Thief, 4pm, Saturday 3 October

author of *Can't Dance* Cameron returns with a gentle and funny story about celebrating differences.

Robert Twigger

The Lost City Explorers Club
Children's Festival, The Hall
11.30am | £3.50 | 10+

Dubbed "a 19th-century adventurer trapped in the body of a 21st-century writer", Twigger knows the world is unpredictable. Expect real-life tales of big snakes, haunted temples and lost desert cities.

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Debi Gliori

Alfie in the Garden & the Bath
Children's Festival, The Snug
1pm | £3.50 | 3+

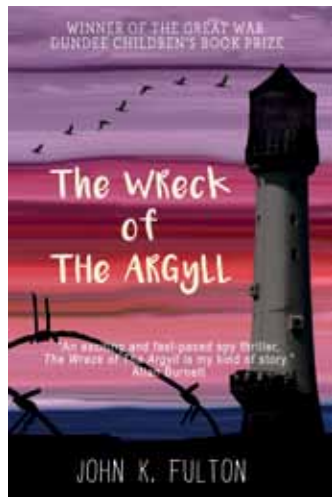
When Alfie splashes in the bath or helps his mum in the garden, the world in his head turns real – now he's a deep-sea monster or a lion on the prowl. Two delightful books for toddlers celebrating the power of imagination.

Shoo Rayner

Draw Monsters, Mermaids and Mythical Stuff
Children's Festival, The Hall
1pm | £3.50 | 7+

Our resident sketchbook artist believes everyone can draw and can learn to draw better. Quick and simple tips on creating fantasy characters and having fun in the process.

Sponsored by *The Old Bank Bookshop*



John K. Fulton, 11.30am, Sunday 4 October

Emily Ilett

Smaller and Curiouser
Children's Festival, The Snug
2.30pm | £3.50 | 7+

Imagine you are Alice after her "Drink Me" bottle causes her to shrink. What would the world look like? Children's writer-in-residence Emily Ilett invites you to take a close look at your surroundings as she helps you write nature-inspired stories. She will also read her own tale *The Cave That Was Afraid*.

FILM

The Book Thief

County Buildings, The Cinema
4pm | £3.50 | 12A
Nine-year old Liesel steals books

the Nazis are looking to destroy and shares them with a Jewish refugee hiding in her basement. So begins her life as a "book thief". Starring Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson, Brian Percival's film is based on Markus Zusak's 2005 novel.
Cert: 12A. 131 min.

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Tony Bonning

Traditional Storytelling and Sing-A-Long Rhymes
Children's Area, The Hall
10am | £3.50 | family event 4+

Tony Bonning's traditional Scottish stories are bursting with interactive songs, rhymes, puppets, poetry and traditional tales – perfect for little ones from nursery onwards.

Sponsored by *The Association of Wigtown Booksellers*

Gregory Norminton

The Little Prince
Children's Festival, The Cove
10am | £3.50 | 9+

After crash-landing in the Sahara, a pilot meets a young boy who calls himself the "Little Prince" and tells him the story of how he grew up on a tiny asteroid. Gregory Norminton talks about his joyous new translation of the 1943 classic by French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

Debi Gliori

Dragon Loves Penguin
Children's Festival, The Snug
11.30am | £3.50 | 5+

It's bedtime in the land of ice and snow and Bib is having a story – so begins this heartwarming tale of a dragon in need of an egg and an abandoned egg in need of a mummy.

John K. Fulton

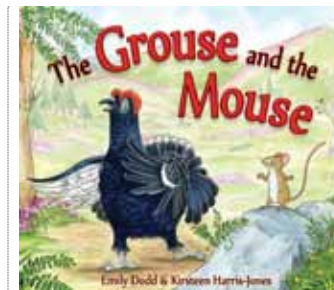
The Wreck of the Argyll
Children's Festival, The Hall
11.30am | £3.50 | 9+

Winner of the Great War Dundee Children's Book Prize 2015, this exciting and fast-paced spy thriller is based on the shipwreck of the HMS Argyll in 1915.

Sponsored by *Allan McDowall Electrical*



Debi Gliori, 1pm, Saturday 3 October



Emily Dodd, 10am, Saturday 3 October

Mara Menzies

African Storytelling
Children's Festival, The Hall
1pm | £3.50 | 5+

Join Scottish-Kenyan storyteller Mara Menzies for interactive stories from across Africa. Meet exciting characters, discover the crazy adventures of chicken, lion and monkey. Join in with songs and dance, and have a rip-roaring time.

Liz Niven

Feart
Children's Festival, The Cove
2.30pm | £3.50 | 9+

Whit are ye feart of? The dark? The dug? The washing machine? Join the weel-kent Scots writer Liz Niven in a workshop session to explore writing in Scots about things you're scared about. Materials provided.

Emily Ilett

Alice in Wigtown: A New Adventure
Children's Festival, The Snug
4pm | £3.50 | 9+

To celebrate 150 years of *Alice in Wonderland*, during the festival children's writer-in-residence Emily Ilett has been writing a new Alice tale set in Wigtown. Join her as she reveals it for the first time.

Children's Festival Planning is supported by:

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Mara Menzies, 1pm, Sunday 4 October

WTF 2015

A dynamic festival programmed by young people

Back with a vengeance this year, Wigtown: The Festival is bursting with free events for 13- to 25-year-olds. We have a squad of new creators on the team who have produced another series of thought-provoking and entertaining events. Laugh, tweet, debate and get creative!

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FILM **Imagine Waking Up Tomorrow and All Music Has Disappeared**

10am | County Buildings, The Cinema

Bill Drummond grew up in Newton Stewart. He was in a band and once burned a million pounds on Skye. Now he's at the festival where he's building a bed. This is a brilliant film about Bill and his idea of creating a new kind of choir that anyone can be in. It will change the way you think about music for ever. *Cert PG. 86 min.*

Sarah Stewart's Bound To Be Brilliant

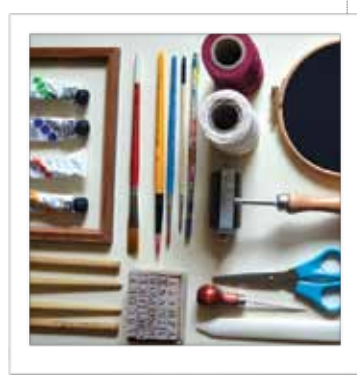
10.30am | The Booth
Artist Sarah Stewart shows you how to use printmaking techniques to personalise your own beautiful handbound notebooks.

Ian Macpherson's Stand-Out Stand-Up

12.30pm | The Booth
Ever wanted to try stand-up



Bill Drummond, 10am, Saturday 26 September



Sarah Stewart, 10.30am, Saturday 26 September

comedy? The hardest part is standing up, says London *Time Out* award-winner Ian Macpherson. If he can do it you can, and in this hands-on masterclass he shows you how.

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Damien Lewis, 2pm, Sunday 27 September

Cathy Cassidy's Chocolate Box Girls

3pm | The Booth

The author of the much-loved *Chocolate Box Girls* series returns with her new books *Fortune Cookie* and *The Chocolate Box Secrets*, and as ever her sassy and sweet heroines don't disappoint. In *Looking-Glass Girl*, we see the darker side of Alice's wonderland and find out why growing up can be a tumble down the rabbit hole into an upside-down world.

Helena Coggan's The Catalyst

4.30pm | The Living Room

Helena Coggan was just 13 when she wrote the first draft of her fantasy novel, *The Catalyst*. In a world split between "the Gifted" and mere mortals, 15-year-old protagonist Rose Elmsworth hides a deadly secret. With a three-book

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deal, Coggan is attracting a huge following, catch her now.

Nikolas Lloyd's Fighting Talk

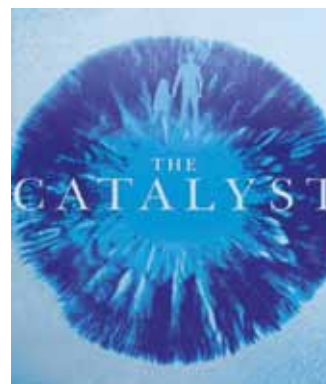
6pm | The Booth

YouTube star Nikolas Lloyd, aka Lindybeige, knows a thing or two about medieval weaponry – and he has several bones to pick with Hollywood. The only online swordsman with a sensible collar hilariously debunks movie fight myths, from daft "shhhing" noises to ninja backdraws. Unmissable.

Young Stove Hit the Streets

7.30pm | The Booth

Join a member of The Young Stove in this hands-on introduction to the world of street art and graffiti. Wear old clothes.



Helena Coggan, 4.30pm, Saturday 26 September

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DOCTOR WHO EVENT Look Who's Coming to Breakfast

10am | County Buildings, The Cinema

EastEnders actor **Annette Badland** is also known for playing Blon Fel-Fotch Passameer-Day Slitheen, who took over the body of MI5 operative Margaret Blaine. Join her for an informal *Doctor Who* breakfast.

DOCTOR WHO EVENT The Science Behind Doctor Who with Marek Kukula

11am | The Booth

Public Astronomer at the Royal Observatory Greenwich, and presenter of the BBC's *Stargazing Live*, Marek Kukula wanted to be a Time Lord when he grew up. The closest he got was showing Karen Gillan how to view Saturn through a telescope on *Doctor Who Confidential*. Hear about the strange science behind the series.

The #HeForShe Debate with Caroline Criado-Perez

12.30pm | The Booth

Emma Watson asked everyone to "sign up" for gender equality. But can you really wave a magic wand to end sex discrimination? And what would gender equality really mean – for both women and men? Caroline Criado-Perez, who was abused by

There's a *Doctor Who* flavour to today's programme. Feel free to dress up as the Doctor, Dalek or Doctor's Assistant.

Twitter trolls after her campaign to put women on banknotes, leads the discussion. #HeForShe

Damien Lewis's War Dog

2pm | The Booth

The incredible tale of the no man's land pup who took to the skies with his soldier master, forging a bond in the face of adversity.

DOCTOR WHO EVENT Who Knew? A Doctor Who Trivia Event

4pm | The Booth

Doctor Who mega-fan **Stuart Kelly** and **Jenny Colgan**, author of the Scotland-set 11th Doctor novel, *Dark Horizons*, present a QI-style compendium of fun facts and challenge the audience to out-Doctor them.

Comedy Writing with Nikolas Lloyd

5.30pm | The Booth

When he's not rambling about historical things on YouTube, Nikolas Lloyd is a keen comedy writer. In his inimitable style, he will show you how to write for laughs the Lindybeige way – or else. ▶



Alan Bissett, 12 noon, Saturday 3 October

▶ Pippa Goldschmidt's Dark Skies Experience

7.30pm | Kirroughtree Visitor Centre, Galloway Forest Park
Astronomer and writer Pippa Goldschmidt leads a creative writing session with a difference, as she invites you to embrace the dark and take inspiration from the cosmos. Dress warmly. Transport available on request.

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Film To Kill A Mockingbird

5pm | County Buildings, The Cinema
With the newly discovered sequel making headlines around the world this year, a chance to see the classic 1962 film version of Harper Lee's novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. An idealistic lawyer defends a black man in the American Deep South of the 1930s. Cert PG. 124 min.

Wigtown Night Walk

7.30pm | Meet County Buildings | £2
Join one of the Dark Skies Rangers for a night walk to learn about space and the sky at night. Wear suitable warm clothing.

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Rally & Broad, 8.45pm, Friday 2 October

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Liz Lochhead's True Confessions

5pm | The Living Room
An intimate and informal session with Scotland's Makar, or national poet. Gallus, inquisitive, playful and tender, Liz Lochhead reads poems from her early years and asks "Why does poetry matter?"

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Hugh Bryden's Comic Commotion

6pm | The Booth
Literacy initiative Comic Generation is challenging secondary-school pupils in Dumfries & Galloway to create their own superhero characters. The

three winning creations will become the "Wigtown Avengers", with each winning artist receiving an iPad Mini. Super-speed along to find out how to enter and for tips from artist Hugh Bryden on gadgets, outfits and double identities.

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Rally & Broad Cabaret Evening

8.45pm | McNeillie Tent
Words, music, action – Edinburgh's lively spoken-word evening visits Wigtown for the first time. Hosted by queens of the literary cabaret scene Rally & Broad, aka Rachel McCrum and Jenny Lindsay, with special guest writers Alan Bissett, Kirstin Innes and Emily Dodd.



Two Minute Manifesto, 1.30pm, Saturday 3 October



The Etherington Brothers, 3pm, Saturday 3 October

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A Postcard from Wigtown

10.30am | The Booth
Design and create beautiful book festival-inspired cards with artist Ailsa Black.

The Play's the Thing with Alan Bissett

12 noon | The Booth
Playwright and novelist Alan Bissett has a motor mouth and a razor-sharp wit – all the better to pass on his scriptwriting tips and talk about the inspiration for his new collection of plays. There will be banter.

Two Minute Manifesto

1.30pm | County Buildings, Main Hall
Imagine you had just two minutes to sell an idea – silly or serious – that would improve life in Wigtown and the world for ever. That's the challenge for speakers in *Two Minute Manifesto*. Curated by playwright David Greig and Sarah Beattie-Smith, it's an unmissable mix of ideas, audience participation and music, temporarily relocated from Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre.

The Etherington Brothers' Comics Masterclass

3pm | The Booth
Robin writes; Lorenzo draws. Together the Etherington Brothers are two of our most dynamic comic-book artists. Through figures such as Bob the Zombie, a sky-diving pig and French Harry Potter, their interactive workshop will teach you how to create characters, bring settings to life, and keep an exciting plot going.

The WTF Debate

Does Britain Have a Problem with Young People?
6pm | The Booth
'Neds', 'chavs', 'hoodies': why does this country often fail to respect



Comic Commotion, 6pm, Thursday 1 October

young people? 75% of 16 & 17 years olds voted in the Scottish Referendum. So who are the ones "out of touch"? To discuss, we welcome writer Georgia Gould who has been asking young Britons about their values and aspirations. Joining her are playwright Alan Bissett and Sarah Beattie-Smith of the Scottish Greens. Audience participation.

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Shoo Rayner's Big Draw

11am | The Booth
Resident sketchbook artist Shoo Rayner shares some of his greatest tips and tricks. Everything you need to start drawing and get better at it every day.

Tony Bonning's Scottish Tales

1pm | The Booth
Enter a world of myth, legend and folklore with storyteller Tony Bonning, whose energetic renderings of traditional Scots stories are full of rhyme, music and puppetry.

Dust of the Arena – A LARP Event

2.30pm | Torhousekie Farm
Ever wondered what it would be like to be a gladiator or wished you could visit Westeros or Mordor? Then LARP – short for Live Action Role Playing – is for you! A mix of improvisation and swordsmanship, this event takes you through the



Mrs Doubtfire

2.30pm | County Buildings, The Cinema

In tribute to the late Robin Williams, we screen Chris Columbus's 1993 film. A funny and bittersweet tale of three children whose world is made better after their parents' divorce by the arrival of mysterious new nanny, Mrs Doubtfire. Adapted from Anne Fine's novel *Madame Doubtfire*. Cert 12A. 125 min.



process of creating a character, then lets you play out a story as you fight for life and freedom in the arena. Transport on request.

Ticket Advice

All WTF events are free for under-25s. There is a £5 fee for over 25s attending unless otherwise stated in the main programme.



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Wednesday 30 September, 1-3 pm
Join the RSPB Scotland warden for a guided walk at Dumfries & Galloway's newest nature reserve.

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How to book for this year's festival

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Parking

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Food and Drink

The Festival Café is on the first floor of the County Buildings. Open from 9.30am-6pm at weekends (10am-5pm weekdays), it serves snacks, light meals, tea and coffee.

The Kist, selling local, regional and national food, drink, visual arts and crafts, is located next to the County Buildings.

Other places to eat and drink include:

Bayview Bistro	01988 402391
Beltie Books & Café	01988 402730
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Café Rendezvous	01988 402074
Galloway Inn	01988 402431
Glaisnock Café & Books	01988 402249
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The Book Cellar, Pop Up Wine Bar	07824 347057
Wigtown Ploughman Hotel	01988 403236

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6 Bank Street
(01988402730)

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24 South Main St
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17 North Main St
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The Festival Bookshop

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GC Books

Unit 10, Bladnoch
Bridge Estate
(01988402688)

Glaisnock Café & Books

20 South Main St
(01988402249)

Book End Studio

23 North Main St
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(01988402111)

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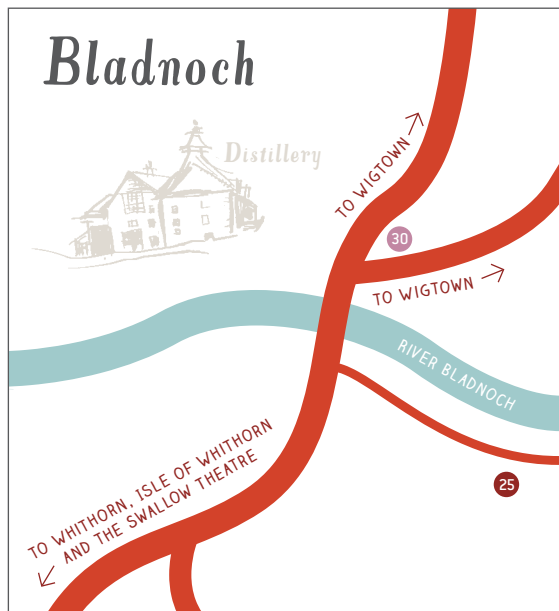
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- 8 County Buildings (includes Box Office, The Cinema, Festival Café, Library, Main Hall, Radio Wigtown, Supper Room)
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By car (postcode DG8 9JH)

If you are coming by car, head for Newton Stewart from all directions, taking the turn for Wigtown (A714) at the A75 roundabout. Please allow at least two and a half hours from Glasgow, three hours from Edinburgh, two and a half hours from Carlisle, an hour and a quarter from Dumfries, and 45 minutes from Stranraer or Cairnryan.

By rail

The nearest stations are Dumfries, Stranraer and Barrhill. Bus connections from Barrhill are limited, so please check before you travel.



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By bus

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