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WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL!



Welcome to the 2024 Appledore Book Festival. Once again we are celebrating the power of reading and books with a diverse and inspiring programme of events held in village venues and in the tents at Skern.

After a hugely successful and well attended event last year, we are again holding our Family Day in the village. Packed with free fun activities, we are indebted to all the local businesses who support this special event. For those who like to book tickets in person, this year the Box Office will be located in St Mary's Church Hall: opening times are on page 44 and on our website. Huge thanks are due to the Maritime Museum for hosting us last year.

The Appledore Book Festival continues to be an important cultural and social event in North Devon, attracting visitors not just from the South West, but from across the UK. The success of the Festival is due to the incredible support that is shown every year by AppleFactors, Friends, sponsors, grant makers, authors, publishers and our audiences, who provide the financial stability that we so need to be able to continue. Alongside this are the extraordinary efforts of over a hundred volunteers, whose involvement is absolutely crucial both during the Festival and all year round.

We are again hugely proud of Schools Week and the Books at Home initiative that follows on from the Festival. Thanks to the great generosity of The Charlotte Aitken Trust, other supporters and of course the writers who participate, we continue to be able to expand the ambition and reach of this vital programme.

Enjoy!

Richard Cable

Chair of Trustees

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Tickets will be on sale from the following dates:

Friends' priority booking from Saturday 20 July

General public booking from Saturday 27 July



THE CHARLOTTE AITKEN TRUST SCHOOLS WEEK



Excitement is building in schools across North Devon and Torridge as they prepare to welcome children's authors of national and international renown. Over 200 events will be delivered in just five days and we are planning to donate more than 6,000 books for primary school children to take home this year as part of our Books At Home scheme.

Our team of dedicated volunteers will be ferrying inspirational authors through the glorious Devon countryside to over 70 schools where they will enthuse pupils from nursery to sixth formers.

Our thanks go to all those whose generosity through sponsorship, grants and donations has enabled us to deliver these amazing and rewarding events.

Information about our supporters and authors can be found on the Schools page of our website.

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MARTIN BELL: WAR AND PEACEKEEPING In conversation

7pm-8pm

Kingsley School Theatre, Bideford £16

There are no winners in war, only losers. We have so far avoided a third world war, but across the globe regional conflicts flare up in a seemingly unstoppable cycle. Who can stand between the armed camps? Over six decades, Martin Bell has stood in eighteen war zones – as a soldier, a reporter and a UNICEF ambassador. Now he looks back on our efforts to keep the peace since the end of the Second World War and the birth of the United Nations. From the failures of Bosnia, Rwanda and South Sudan to nationalism's resurgence and the distribution of alternative facts across a darkening political landscape, Bell calls for us to learn from past mistakes – before it's too late.

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VIP RECEPTION

6pm-6.45pm Kingsley School Library, Bideford £24
Includes wine, canapés & ticket for Martin Bell

Join us for a glass of wine, canapés and great music prior to Martin Bell's talk in this exclusive event for Friends and AppleFactors.

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FAMILY FUN DAY

With thanks to all the local businesses & charities taking part:

- Appledore Bookshop
- Appledore Chocolate Shop
 - Appledore Gallery
 - Appledore Library
- Bideford Camera Club
 - Burton Art Box
 - Earth Nurse Press
 - Fire Service
 - Flame Factory
 - Hocking's
 - Johns of Appledore
- Market Street Kitchen
- Maritime Museum
- Number Twenty
 - SS Freshspring
 - The Champ
 - The Royal
 - The Yard
- Uncle Wainwright's

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FAMILY FUN DAY

FREE

10.30am-3pm Registration at ABF Gazebo in Churchfields Car Park

Join us for a Family Trail Blaze through Appledore Village

Pick up your free Trail Sheet from the Registration Tent and see how many activities you can do!

Choose from a range of fun activities including:

- Potato Printing
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- Lego Workshop
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- Book Hunts
- Model Making

and much more ...

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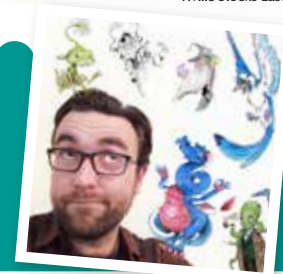
**Get creative with Joseph Witchall
11.00am - 1pm in the Baptist Church.**

Drop in sessions by local author and illustrator of Verdy - A Seed for Change in the City

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*While Stocks Last



The Burton Art Gallery & Museum will be bringing along their Art Box to our Family Fun Day, which provides free arts and crafts activities to children and families.

LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

11am to 5pm on Saturday 14 September, St Mary's Hall
11am to 5pm on Saturday 21 September, Skern

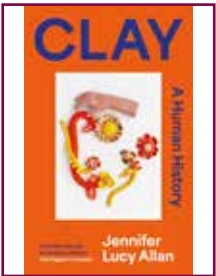
Come and meet some of the talented authors we have in North Devon, who are represented collectively by **Literary Fusion**. On both Saturdays at the Festival an author will be showcasing their latest books, where you will get a chance to chat to them about the writing process, and how to get published or even how to do it yourself. The writers are more than happy to encourage and inspire budding authors, and will represent a variety of genres from crime to children's fiction, fact to fantasy. A catalogue will be available on each day for you to take away, browse at your leisure, and select your next read. There will also be an opportunity to purchase copies of selected books. For further details of participating authors, please see the website.



JENNIFER LUCY ALLAN: CLAY – A HUMAN HISTORY
In Conversation with Sandy Brown

12.30pm-1.30pm Community Hall £10

In this love letter to clay, writer, broadcaster and keen amateur potter, **Jennifer Lucy Allan**, talks to international ceramicist, and Appledore resident, **Sandy Brown**, about the history of humans through clay, the material that is at the beginning, middle and end of all our lives. They will discuss the practical, spiritual and artistic uses of clay, illustrating the talk with a number of key images from **Allan's** book that tell our story from ancient civilisations to the present day.

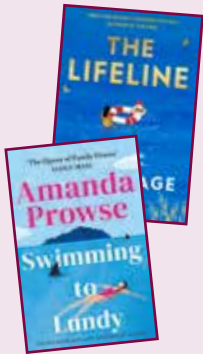


MEET THE AUTHORS: AMANDA PROWSE & LIBBY PAGE
In Conversation with Veronica Henry

Plus, chance to win a **dryrobe** on the day

2.15pm-3.15pm Community Hall £12

Join bestselling authors **Amanda Prowse** and **Libby Page** as they discuss their latest life-affirming novels celebrating friendship, community and the joys of wild swimming. *Swimming to Lundy*, follows Tawrie, an Ilfracombe resident, in need of a challenge as she commits to swimming in the sea every day, learns to step out of her comfort zone and finds a route back to happiness. *The Lifeline*, is **Libby's** heartwarming tale of belonging, as two young women in need of a lifeline, find one in their local river swimming group. Two feel-good and inspiring stories to brighten the day.



ANTHONY TUCKER-JONES:
CHURCHILL COLD WAR WARRIOR

4pm-5pm Community Hall £10

Renowned military historian, **Anthony Tucker-Jones**, reassesses **Winston Churchill's** neglected postwar career. He explains how in an unguarded moment **Churchill** inadvertently sowed the seeds for the Cold War by granting **Stalin** control of Eastern Europe. Later he warned of the growing danger created by this partition. Shunned by the electorate in 1945, **Churchill** was determined to be Prime Minister for a second time. But, when he got his way in 1951 he took the reins of a country with drastically waning powers.

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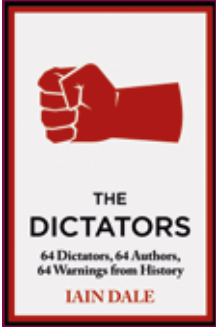


IAIN DALE: THE DICTATORS –
FROM GENGHIS KHAN TO VLADIMIR PUTIN

5.45pm-6.45pm St Mary's Church £12

Were the signs that **Putin** is a ruthless dictator there all along? How should we deal with **President Xi** of China? Given the world seems to be moving more and more in favour of authoritarian rule, this is the right moment to seek warnings and lessons, from history. Author and broadcaster **Iain Dale** looks at the lives of more than 60 dictators and discusses how they came to power, what they did with that power, and how they lost it, or still remain. Are there specific character traits that all dictators share? What can we learn from them in order to spot the warning signs in future? **Dale** will be joined on stage by contributors including historian **Dominic Selwood**.

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CHRIS JACKSON: 20 YEARS OF
ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHY – BEHIND
THE CROWN

7.30pm-8.30pm St Mary's Church £12

Chris Jackson is a multi-award-winning royal photographer for Getty Images whose pictures are published regularly on the front pages of newspapers around the world. Covering day-to-day engagements and historic royal occasions **Jackson** has travelled to more than 100 countries with members of the British royal family and has created an extensive archive of intimate and vibrant images over the past two decades, some of which will be shown tonight. He is the author of three best-selling books including his latest title, *Charles III – A King and His Queen*.

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RNLI WALK AND LIFEBOAT STATION TOUR

11.30am-1pm Meet at the entrance to the Churchyard £9
Includes £1 Donation to RNLI

Join local historian **David Carter** as he presents a special Appledore walk commemorating the 200th anniversary of the RNLI and the arrival of Appledore's first lifeboat. Starting in the Churchyard, this history walk will pass along Irsha Street, and end up in the lifeboat house where a representative from the **RNLI** will provide a tour of the boathouse and an explanation of how they undertake rescues in the 21st century. Sorry, no dogs.



ASHLEY MULLENGER:
MY FISHING LIFE – A STORY OF THE SEA

1.30pm-2.30pm St Mary's Church £10

Ashley Mullenger never planned to be a fisherman. But, a chance fishing trip off the Norfolk coast was the start of an obsession. She gave up her office job to become a commercial fisherman, one of the few women working in the industry, and is now the proud working owner of two boats.

Her inspiring story reveals the reality of commercial fishing - the early mornings, the bravery of the crew, the coastal communities being frayed by politics, poverty and climate change. It's both a rallying cry and a love letter, rinsed down with salty humour, to an industry often misunderstood. Ashley was named 'Fisherman of the Year' in 2022.



MARTIN UNWIN: WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

2pm-4pm Meet outside the Lifeboat Station £8

Local wildlife expert **Martin Unwin** will be your guide as he takes you on a delightful walk to discover the exciting bird life that can be found along the Appledore coastline. It is recommended that you bring along a pair of binoculars and dress accordingly. Sorry, no dogs.



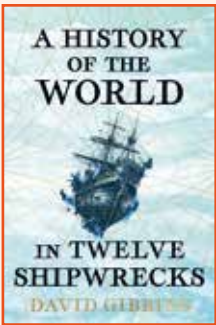
DAVID GIBBINS:
HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN TWELVE SHIPWRECKS
In Conversation with Martin Kemp

In association with The Royal Geographical Society

3.15pm-4.15pm St Mary's Church £10

From a treasure-filled Bronze Age craft and a Viking warship made for King Cnut, from Henry VIII's flagship, *Mary Rose*, to a steamship lost during World War II, renowned maritime archaeologist, **David Gibbins**, reveals the riches beneath the waves. He tells the story of the ships and the people who sailed in them, the cargo and treasure they carried, and their tragic fate. He also shows how they can provide a new narrative of the world and its spread of people, religion and ideas, a story of colonialism and migration that continues today.

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CRABBING COMPETITION: APPLIEDORE PIRATES

3.30pm Meet opposite Johns of Appledore £4 per team
(not ticketed, pay on day)

Join us for the annual Festival crabbing competition. Using only line & bait, your team has one hour to catch its three largest crabs. All proceeds raised support local community initiatives. You can register and pay for your team in the afternoon on the Quay.

Happy crabbing!



ERROLLYN WALLEN:
BECOMING A COMPOSER

5pm-6pm St Mary's Church £10

Errollyn Wallen is a leading international composer and a singer-songwriter, as much at home in jazz and pop as in the classical world.

Born in Belize and raised in Tottenham she defied the odds to make it to the top as a black classical musician with her work performed globally and at the Last Night of the Proms.

In this inspirational talk **Errollyn** speaks about her life and how composing 'found' her. She sets out to demystify the act of composing and sheds light on how a composer sees and hears the world.

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SRI LANKAN FEAST

6pm-8pm North Devon Cricket Club, Instow £35

Join us for a delicious three-course Sri Lankan feast prepared by local caterer, Amila, from Simply Sri Lankan Cooking.

The meal will feature a choice of mouthwatering dishes, including vegan and vegetarian options, all made with a rich blend of spices and aromatic ingredients that make the cuisine so unique.

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be on sale at the venue.



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CARLOS BONELL: AN EVENING OF GUITAR CLASSICS FROM BACH TO THE BEATLES

7pm-9pm St Mary's Church £18

Renowned classical guitarist **Carlos Bonell** has given recitals around the world. He began playing at the age of five, and went on to study with **John Williams** at the Royal College of Music where he was appointed the youngest ever professor at the age of 22.

His recordings range from **Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez** to the works of **Queen** and **The Beatles**, as well as the iconic theme tune for *Inspector Morse*.

He is currently collaborating with **Sir Paul McCartney**, who is composing a concerto for guitar and orchestra. www.carlosbonell.com

There will be an interval of 30 minutes. Refreshments will be available to buy from 6.30pm and during the interval.

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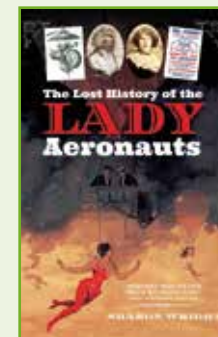
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10am-11.30am Meet at the entrance to the Churchyard **£9 Includes £1 Donation to RNLI**

SHARON WRIGHT: THE LOST HISTORY OF THE LADY AERONAUTS In Conversation with Susan Sandon

10.45am-11.45am St Mary's Church £10

Brought together for the first time, the brave, hilarious, tragic and downright bonkers, adventures of the female pioneers of balloon flight. From showgirls to heiresses they took to the skies, risking lives and reputations, in the 18th and 19th Centuries, in pursuit of freedom and adventure. Largely forgotten, their stories are revealed for the first time. This is the entertaining follow-up book from journalist, **Sharon Wright**, whose last year's talk on the *Mother of the Brontës*, was a sell-out event.



SANDY BROWN: PLAY WITH CLAY WORKSHOP

12noon-5pm Sandy Brown's Studio £75

Immerse yourself in a full-afternoon workshop with world-leading ceramic artist and local resident, **Sandy Brown**. Through play and being free, you will find that anyone can be creative without really trying – it's as natural as breathing. All materials will be supplied, and you can take your clay creation away at the end of the day. There will be a break and you are welcome to bring a packed lunch or take advantage of the local coffee shops.



TANYA LANDMAN: JANE EYRE LOOKS BACK

12.30pm-1.30pm St Mary's Church £10

A mysterious master, a sinister servant, strange laughter echoing along the corridors of Thornfield Hall. Now older and wiser, **Jane Eyre** takes a wry look back at her dramatic past. In this one-woman show, award-winning author and actress, **Tanya Landman**, brings to life Charlotte Brontë's masterpiece in a performance that will delight existing fans and enthrall those who have yet to read the classic tale.

Tanya Landman is a Patron of the Appledore Book Festival.



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PETE YEO: THE LANGUAGE OF WEEDS WALK

2pm-3.30pm Meet at Docton Court Gallery £8

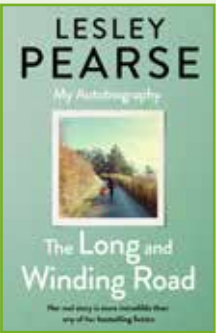
Useless, bad, noxious, invasive, alien - the language we use to describe 'weeds' is as colourful as it is subjective. What do these terms mean, how valid are they, and what can they tell us about ourselves? Join reconciliation ecologist Pete Yeo for a guided walk around old Appledore. You may never see such plants or their habitats the same way again. Sorry, no dogs.



LESLEY PEARSE: THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD
In Conversation with Veronica Henry

2.15pm-3.15pm St Mary's Church £12

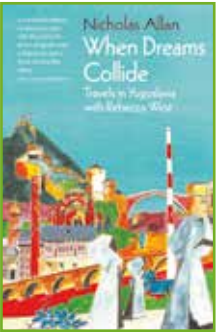
Bestselling author Lesley Pearse published her first novel when she was 48 and has since sold over 10 million copies. Her real story turns out to be more incredible than her fiction. Lesley's mother died when she was three and she was sent to an orphanage. It wasn't a happy childhood and in her teens she went to London, fell pregnant, and was sent to a mother and baby home. The baby was taken from her. But Lesley was a survivor and she went on to marry and have children, and follow her dreams of being a writer. This is her heartwarming, and at times, truly heartbreaking, story.



NICHOLAS ALLAN: WHEN DREAMS COLLIDE –
TRAVELS IN YUGOSLAVIA WITH REBECCA WEST

4pm-5pm St Mary's Church £10

'...a wonderful odyssey of discovery and self-discovery', William Dalrymple
An intimate pilgrimage across the former states of Yugoslavia in the footsteps of Rebecca West's 1941 travel masterpiece, *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon*. At a turning point in his own life, Allan is drawn to explore this complex region, through the lens of his own East European heritage. With an eye for detail he brings fresh light to this corner of Europe, weaving together stories of collapsing empires and proud young nations, with a fascinating look at the history, art, politics and religion of its people.





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ORLANDO MURRIN:
KNIFE SKILLS FOR BEGINNERS
In Conversation with Veronica Henry

5pm-7pm The Yard £16.50
Includes a glass of wine & tapas selection

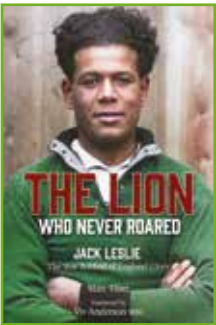
Cookery writer and Masterchef semi-finalist, Orlando Murrin returns to Appledore with a gripping, irresistible murder mystery set in a cookery school. When chef Paul Delamare agrees to help an old friend by teaching at a residential cookery school, the last thing he expects is for his friend to be found dead. Could one of his students be the killer? Or perhaps the owner, a woman with a murky past? The police think he could be responsible. After all, he's good with a blade...



MATT TILLER: THE LION WHO NEVER ROARED

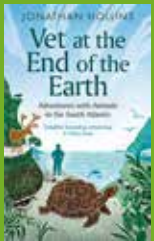
5.45pm-6.45pm St Mary's Church £12

The incredible story of Plymouth Argyle legend Jack Leslie, the only black player in the Football League in the 1920s and the first black captain of a League team. Selected to play for his country in 1925, he was dropped due to the colour of his skin. Nearly a century after Leslie's heyday, he finally received the recognition he deserved with the FA awarding him an honorary cap in 2023, while a campaign, led by the author, saw a statue in his honour erected outside Home Park in Plymouth. Drawing on material from the Leslie family archive, his legacy is unfurled in this heart-breaking yet inspiring biography.



JONATHAN HOLLINS:
VET AT THE END OF THE EARTH

7.30pm-8.30pm St Mary's Church £12
The role of resident vet in the remote British Overseas Territories of the Falklands, St Helena, Tristan da Cunha and Ascension is like no other. On any given day, Jonathan Hollins, who has been the region's vet for nearly 20 years, might be waging war against invasive parasites, treating regimental mascots, relocating reindeer, rescuing animals trapped in remote landscapes, or dealing with the complexities of caring for the world's oldest living land animal, Jonathan the nearly 200-year-old Giant Tortoise.
In his warm and witty memoir Jonathan Hollins talks about his extraordinary life with animals in the South Atlantic, and offers a glimpse into the unique cultures, history and peoples of the islands.
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TERESA TINSLEY: NORTH DEVON
SAILORS IN THE SPANISH INQUISITION

10am-11am

Community Hall £8

"Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition". But for merchant sailors trading to Spain in the reign of Elizabeth I, they probably didn't expect to be captured and interrogated, but Spain was determined to root out 'Protestant heresy'. **Teresa Tinsley** will present stories from the Spanish archives which show that many of these sailors came from North Devon. **Dr Tinsley** is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Exeter, and her book *English Encounters with the Spanish Inquisition* will be published in 2025.



SIMON WEST:
THE SECRET WWII GUNS OF APPLIEDORE

11.30am-12.30pm

Community Hall £8

There was much to protect in the Taw and Torridge Estuary during World War II. Secret equipment programmes, special operations training, preparations for D-Day, and anti-submarine operations – all needed a strong gatekeeper and Appledore was ideally placed to take on that role. **Lieutenant Colonel Simon West OBE**, a retired Royal Artillery Officer and former Appledore resident, will explore the hitherto forgotten details of the secret Appledore Fortress, its artillery, machine gun nests, defences, and what would happen if the Germans had actually arrived.



NICK ARNOLD: THE KING, THE CAPTAIN, AND
THE SPY - SEEKING SAFETY IN APPLIEDORE

1pm-2pm

Community Hall £8

A crowned King, a sea captain who became a famous artist, a super-spy who worked for both the Nazis and British intelligence. They walked the same streets and had something in common – they were all brought here by war. Festival Patron **Nick Arnold** will retell stories of people who came to Appledore seeking safety in the Second World War era. Some were resistance heroes, some had known persecution - all had lost everything and all had secrets.







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DAVID CARTER:
THE RISE AND FALL OF THOMAS BENSON

2.30pm-3.30pm

Community Hall £8

Whether you've heard of Thomas Benson or not, his story is still incredible. **David Carter** will shed new light on this 18th century MP, who defrauded the Customs by not paying his taxes, and his estates were seized for the Crown. But it was the 'Nightingale' that was to prove his downfall, when he deliberately scuttled this old vessel and claimed its insurance. When the Captain was hanged at Wapping, Benson fled to escape justice. Let David tell you the whole true story.



MARK HORTON: FROM DRAKE TO KINGSLEY

4pm-5pm

Community Hall £8

Professor Mark Horton returns to Appledore to discuss the Devon seafaring adventurers of the Elizabethan era who provided inspiration for Charles Kingsley's *Westward Ho!* and many more classic Victorian novels. He looks at the stories through modern eyes and questions whether they were at the forefront of promoting xenophobia, slavery and racism in their real, and literary, encounters with European enemies and native peoples.



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COFFEE MORNING WITH VERONICA HENRY: THE SECRET BEACH

10.30am-12noon

Upstairs at The Royal George **£12**
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Join local author, **Veronica Henry**, for coffee and cake as she talks about her career in writing and her latest novel, *The Secret Beach*, set in a small seaside town. Nikki finally owns the coastguard cottage of her dreams - and it's a few steps away from the hidden beach that means so much to her. But Nikki harbours a secret and when a handwritten note lands on her doorstep, she realises it's only a matter of time before the heartbreaking truth of her past is uncovered. Sorry no disabled access.



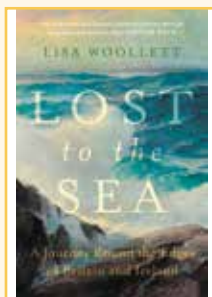
LISA WOOLLETT: LOST TO THE SEA – A JOURNEY ROUND THE EDGES OF BRITAIN & IRELAND

12.30pm-1.30pm

St Mary's Church **£10**

On a series of coastal walks, photographer and author, **Lisa Woollett**, brings to life the places where mythology and reality meet at the very edges of Britain and Ireland. **Woollett** reveals how the sea has forged, shaped and often overwhelmed our landscapes and communities. The talk will be illustrated with **Woollett's** own photographs.

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TOM ALLAN AND CALLUM ROBINSON: THE MAKING OF A CRAFTSMAN

2.15pm-3.15pm

St Mary's Church **£12**

Two expert craftsmen talk about the power of reconnecting with nature and keeping alive the traditional crafts of the countryside. Devon thatcher, **Tom Allan**, and Master Woodworker, **Callum Robinson**, talk about their respective trades and why they left the commercial world for a life working with their hands. Allan's memoir *On The Roof*, and Robinson's, *Ingrained*, are both love letters to their respective crafts, and an exploration of the beauty of the natural environment in an ever-changing world.

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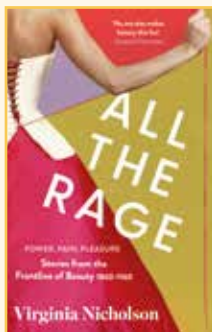


VIRGINIA NICHOLSON: ALL THE RAGE - STORIES FROM THE FRONTLINE OF BEAUTY 1860-1960 In Conversation with Susan Sandon

4pm-5pm

St Mary's Church **£12**

The century-span between the crinoline and the bikini witnessed more mutations in the ideal woman's body shape than at any other period. Social historian **Virginia Nicholson** takes us to the frontline of beauty to reveal the power, the pain and the pleasure involved in adorning the female body. Encompassing two world wars and a revolution in women's rights, *All The Rage* tells the story of western female beauty from 1860 to 1960, chronicling its codes, its contradictions, its lies, its highs - and its underlying power struggle.



INTRODUCTION TO SOURDOUGH WORKSHOP

5pm-7pm

The Appledore Bakery & Bread Café, Bideford **£30**

Joe Riley, co-founder and lead baker of The Appledore Bakery, teaches you how to make handmade artisan sourdough bread. He will cover every aspect of sourdough, including the history, baking techniques, flour, equipment, recipes and health benefits. There will also be time for a tasting of the bakery's wonderful output. Participants will be able to take away their own sourdough starter.



GILES SMITH: MY MY! - ABBA THROUGH THE AGES

5.45pm-6.45pm

St Mary's Church **£12**

It's 50 years since Swedish sensation **ABBA** burst on to the international music scene by winning the Eurovision song contest with their song, *Waterloo*. How is it that half a century later this seventies pop group is bigger than ever - reaching listeners of all ages and spinning off into musicals, museums and holograms? Arming himself with a copy of *ABBA Gold*, their iconic greatest hits album, writer and ABBA fan **Giles Smith**, sets out to find out why.



A GIN EVENING WITH ATLANTIC SPIRIT

7.30pm-9.30pm

The Club Rooms **£28 Includes gin & nibbles**

Join local craft gin specialist, **Atlantic Spirit**, for a wonderful taster evening and learn about the distillation process of their locally made gins. The evening starts with a Lemon & Thyme gin on arrival. Followed by an informative talk about how a hobby became a business, the distilling process and how the gins are conceived and developed, whilst tasting each one in turn and taking part in discussing the flavour profiles. To end the evening each guest can choose their favourite gin which will be served with suggested tonic and garnish.

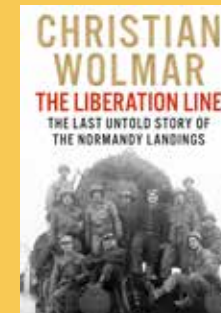


CHRISTIAN WOLMAR: THE LIBERATION LINE – THE LAST UNTOLD STORY OF THE NORMANDY LANDINGS

7.30pm-8.30pm

St Mary's Church **£12**

Railway historian and journalist **Christian Wolmar** tells the thrilling, and largely forgotten, story of the British and American railway engineers who, in the months after D-Day, worked around the clock and in great danger to rebuild the ravaged railways of Europe and keep the Allied forces fuelled as they pushed on into Germany. They were not soldiers but locomotive drivers, track-workers, signalmen and engine cleaners, and they knew how to run trains. Without their extraordinary bravery the liberation of France and invasion of Germany might well have foundered.



TERRY BAILEY: GHOST WALK - See page 21 for details

8.30pm-10pm

Meet outside the Flame Factory **£8**

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE FISH DOCK**9.45am-10.30am**Appledore Fish Dock **£8**

Hear from **Nathan Townsend**, founder and owner of **The Devon and Cornwall Fish Company**, about the thriving North Devon fishing industry. In the site shop he will show you the plethora of seafood available in and around North Devon and in the very impressive production room, see what has been landed on the day. Appledore is the oldest fishing port in England and boasts to this day a thriving mussel farming industry along with the regular small fishing fleet keeping this port very much alive and in the 21st century.

**MIKE BLIGH AND CAROLINE HUNT: 200 YEARS OF THE RNLI & THE APPLIEDORE LIFEBOAT****10am-11am**Community Hall **£10 Includes £2 Donation to RNLI**

Founded by Sir William Hillary in 1824, the RNLI has been saving lives at sea for 200 years. Formed to help preserve lives from shipwreck the charity has relied on volunteers and the generosity of the public since its inception. **Mike Bligh** will lead us through the history of the RNLI with specific reference to the Appledore Lifeboat formed in 1825. **Caroline Hunt** will talk about the work of the RNLI today. Find out what happens behind the scenes as she discusses the lifeboats, training and crew development so crucial to the ability to respond to maritime emergencies around the clock and explains how a lifeboat is launched at Appledore Lifeboat Station.

**DISCOVER THE INSIDE STORY: LOCAL SEAFARING CHARITIES****10am-5.30pm**The Club Rooms **FREE**

A number of local seafaring charities will be on hand to tell you about the incredible work they undertake in the community. They have plenty of tales of local heroes, and villains too, so why not pop in to hear their stories and learn a bit about each charity. Those taking part include: **North Devon Maritime Museum**, **RNLI Appledore**, **Lundy Marine Protected Area** and **Bideford and River Torridge Heritage Harbour**.

**ROBERT IRVING: THE LUNDY MARINE PROTECTED AREA – A WORLD RENOWNED UNDERWATER REFUGE ON YOUR DOORSTEP****11.30am-12.30pm**Community Hall **£8**

The Marine Protected Area (MPA) around Lundy is the oldest in the country established in 1972. It boasts the country's first No Take Zone off the east side of the island, which has shown how important it is for areas of the sea to be left to rewild naturally. Robert will present a 30-minute film *Safeguarding Our Seas: Lessons From Lundy* about how successful the No Take Zone has been. Robert is a marine biologist involved with the management of the Lundy MPA for the past 40 years.

**MICHAEL TEARE: BIDEFORD AND RIVER TORRIDGE HERITAGE HARBOUR****1pm-2pm**Community Hall **£8**

In January 2024 Bideford and River Torridge became one of twelve UK heritage harbours recognised by the Maritime Heritage Trust. This is national recognition of the value of the maritime heritage along the river – and it's not only the history. With the expanding shipyard, new maritime innovation centre at Appledore and seaweed farming in Bideford Bay the past, present and the future are all anchored in the maritime environment. **Michael Teare** is a Trustee at Way of the Wharves.

**MARK LAWTHER: FROM TITANIC TO TOMORROW – CREATING A LEGACY AT HARLAND & WOLFF****2.30pm-3.30pm**Community Hall **£8**

The new General Manager at **Harland & Wolff**, Appledore, gives a lively overview of the progress of group business over the past five years. He sets out a vision of the future for a joint manufacturing and eco-technology skills centre. This is centred around its New Quay waterfront ideally interfacing with and working alongside the Appledore Clean Maritime Innovation Centre.

**CHRIS FULLER: APPLIEDORE CLEAN MARITIME INNOVATION CENTRE PROJECT****4pm-5pm**Community Hall **£8**

The exciting Appledore Clean Maritime Innovation Centre project continues to move forward. We welcome back **Chris Fuller**, the Economic Development Manager at Torridge District Council, to provide an update on progress, including the latest on designs and how the building will be used. He will use modelling to show wider job creation opportunities for the region and how skill development and building local pride are at the heart of proposals.

**SEAFARING SUPPER****8pm-10.30pm**The Beaver Inn **£35**

What could be better than sampling the delights of a locally landed seafood platter brought to your table and shared with friends? The Applecorers, a community sea shanty group based in Appledore, will bring you a medley of shanties and maritime songs calling on the rich heritage of the sea – a great way to end the Festival's seafaring day. Please note: the supper will contain fish and shellfish. An alternative vegetarian option will be available on request, to be made no later than one week before the event, by contacting the Beaver Inn on 01237 474822.

**TERRY BAILEY: GHOST WALK****8.30pm-10pm**Meet outside the Flame Factory **£8**

Appledore is full of ghosts if you know where to look. Listen for the fishermen's footsteps in Appledore's backstreets. Who is the curly-haired young girl seen in Market Street? As darkness falls, let **Terry Bailey** guide you through Appledore's winding lanes, alleys and churchyards with their stories of haunting and unexplained happenings. Sorry, no dogs.



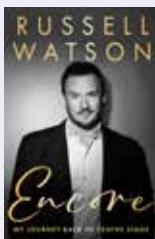
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RUSSELL WATSON: ENCORE – MY JOURNEY BACK TO CENTRE STAGE

4pm-5pm

Main Tent at Skern £16
or including a signed copy of *Encore* £29

In the early 2000s **Russell Watson** was at the peak of his success as a classical singer. He had gone from working in a factory and singing in working men's clubs to performing in packed-out stadiums. But then tragedy struck. In 2006 and 2007 he was diagnosed with two brain tumours, and doctors told him he would never sing in the same way again. **Russell** was determined to defy the odds and fight his way back. Now he is singing better than ever, and continues his work as a successful performer and recording artist. *Encore* is his remarkable story.



KATE WILLIAMS: THE ROYAL PALACES – SECRETS AND SCANDALS

5.45pm-6.45pm

Main Tent at Skern £12

Royal expert and TV historian, **Kate Williams**, opens the doors to 30 palaces, castles and houses in the UK, unveiling scandalous and little-known stories hidden behind their walls. From famous royal residences such as Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace to lesser-known locations such as Osborne House to Glamis Castle, **Kate** takes you on a tour that revels in the glory and glamour of royal life through the ages, but also delves into the salacious tales that defined each place.

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JUDY MURRAY: THE WILD CARD

7.30pm-8.30pm

Main Tent at Skern £16

Judy Murray is a former Scottish international tennis player and national coach, and a powerful voice for equality of opportunity for women in sport. She has also raised two Grand Slam-winning sons, Jamie and Andy. Alongside her tennis achievements she has appeared on *Strictly Come Dancing*, been a judge of the Costa Book Award, and appeared at the Edinburgh Fringe. She will join us to talk about her life in tennis and her debut novel, *The Wild Card*. Set in the world of tennis it's a uplifting and aspirational story about how it's never too late to follow your dreams.

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE FISH DOCK See page 20 for details

9.45am-10.30am

Appledore Fish Dock £8

WORKSHOP: ABCD ART BOOK COLLECTIVE - MAKE YOUR OWN CONCERTINA BOOK

10.00am-12noon

St Mary's Hall £35

In this practical session experienced book binders, Pauline and Diana from ABCD, will show you how to transform basic materials into your own personalised A5 blank book with concertina pages. Create a book of drawings, or favourite poems, a collection of prose or light watercolour wash paintings. How ever you choose to customise your book it will be extra special for being handmade by you. Materials included.



CRAIG BROWN: A VOYAGE AROUND THE QUEEN

10.45am-11.45am

Main Tent at Skern £12

From one of the funniest writers of our time, the award-winning and Sunday Times bestselling author of *One Two Three Four: The Beatles In Time* and *Ma'am Darling* turns his attention to Queen Elizabeth II in an unforgettable and fascinating biography.

Combining essays, cultural history, travelogue and satire, **Craig Brown** approaches her life through the eyes of those who encountered her, presenting a kaleidoscopic portrait of this most public and private of sovereigns.



DAVID CARTER: DISCOVER THE CHURCHYARD

11am-12noon

St Mary's Church £8

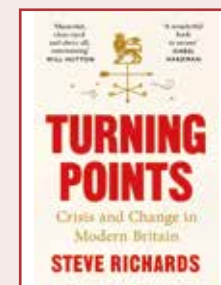
Ship owners and shipwrights, merchants and mariners, sailors and lifeboatmen – they are all buried at St. Mary's churchyard. Local historian **David Carter** will present their amazing stories whilst sitting in relative comfort inside Appledore's church.

STEVE RICHARDS: TURNING POINTS

12.30am-1.30pm

Main Tent at Skern £12

Political commentator, journalist and broadcaster, **Steve Richards**, presenter of *The Week in Westminster* on BBC Radio 4, considers ten pivotal moments in British history that have shaped our lives. From the Suez Crisis of 1956 to the Covid-19 pandemic, from 1945 to the Thatcher years, and even Liz Truss' brief tenure, **Richards** argues that it is only with distance that we can judge whether, what seems earth-shattering at the time, becomes a crucial turning point in British history. Witty and erudite, this is an enlightening and entertaining examination of how the State responds (or so often doesn't) to a changing world.

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	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	PRICE
FRIDAY 13 SEPT	6PM	VIP RECEPTION (INCLUDES TICKET FOR MARTIN BELL)	KINGSLEY SCHOOL LIBRARY, BIDEFORD	£24
	7PM	MARTIN BELL: WAR AND PEACEKEEPING	KINGSLEY SCHOOL THEATRE, BIDEFORD	£16
SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER	10AM-5PM	ART EXHIBITION	ST MARY'S HALL	FREE
	10:30AM-3PM	FAMILY FUN DAY	APPLEDORE VILLAGE	FREE
	11AM-5PM	LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE	ST MARY'S HALL	FREE
	12.30PM	JENNIFER LUCY ALLAN: CLAY	COMMUNITY HALL	£10
	2.15PM	MEET THE AUTHORS: AMANDA PROWSE & LIBBY PAGE	COMMUNITY HALL	£12
	4PM	ANTHONY TUCKER-JONES: CHURCHILL COLD WAR WARRIOR	COMMUNITY HALL	£10
	5.45PM	IAIN DALE: THE DICTATORS	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£12
	7.30PM	CHRIS JACKSON: 20 YEARS OF ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHY	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£12
SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER	11.30AM	DAVID CARTER: RNLI WALK AND LIFEBOAT STATION TOUR	ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCHYARD	£9
	1.30PM	ASHLEY MULLENGER: MY FISHING LIFE	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£10
	2PM	MARTIN UNWIN: WALK ON THE WILD SIDE	OUTSIDE LIFEBOAT STATION	£8
	3.15PM	DAVID GIBBINS: A HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN TWELVE SHIPWRECKS	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£10
	3.30PM	CRABBING COMPETITION: APPLEDORE PIRATES	OPPOSITE JOHNS OF APPLEDORE	£4 PER TEAM
	5PM	ERROLLYN WALLEN: BECOMING A COMPOSER	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£10
	6PM	SRI-LANKAN FEAST	NORTH DEVON CRICKET CLUB, INSTOW	£35
	7PM	CARLOS BONELL: AN EVENING OF GUITAR CLASSICS	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£18
MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER	10AM	DAVID CARTER: RNLI WALK AND LIFEBOAT HOUSE TOUR	ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCHYARD	£9
	10.45AM	SHARON WRIGHT: THE LOST HISTORY OF THE LADY AERONAUTS	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£10
	12 NOON	SANDY BROWN: PLAY WITH CLAY WORKSHOP	SANDY BROWN'S STUDIO	£75
	12.30PM	TANYA LANDMAN: JANE EYRE LOOKS BACK	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£10
	2PM	PETE YEO: THE LANGUAGE OF WEEDS WALK	MEET AT DOCTON COURT GALLERY	£8
	2.15PM	LESLEY PEARSE: THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£12
	4PM	NICHOLAS ALLAN: WHEN DREAMS COLLIDE - TRAVELS IN YUGOSLAVIA WITH REBECCA WEST	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£10
	5PM	ORLANDO MURRIN: KNIFE SKILLS FOR BEGINNERS, INCLUDES WINE & TAPAS	THE YARD	£16.50
	5.45PM	MATT TILLER: THE LION WHO NEVER ROARED	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£12
	7.30pm	JONATHAN HOLLINS: VET AT THE END OF THE EARTH	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£12

WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	PRICE
TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER	10AM	TERESA TINSLEY: NORTH DEVON SAILORS IN THE SPANISH INQUISITION	COMMUNITY HALL	£8
	10.30AM	COFFEE MORNING WITH VERONICA HENRY: THE SECRET BEACH	UPSTAIRS AT THE ROYAL GEORGE	£12
	11.30AM	SIMON WEST: THE SECRET WWII GUNS OF APPLIEDORE	COMMUNITY HALL	£8
	12.30PM	LISA WOOLLETT: LOST TO THE SEA	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£10
	1PM	NICK ARNOLD: THE KING, THE CAPTAIN, AND THE SPY	COMMUNITY HALL	£8
	2.15PM	TOM ALLAN AND CALLUM ROBINSON	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£12
	2.30PM	DAVID CARTER: THE RISE AND FALL OF THOMAS BENSON	COMMUNITY HALL	£8
	4PM	MARK HORTON: FROM DRAKE TO KINGSLEY	COMMUNITY HALL	£8
	4PM	VIRGINIA NICHOLSON: ALL THE RAGE	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£12
	5PM	INTRODUCTION TO SOURDOUGH WORKSHOP	APPLIEDORE BAKERY & BREAD CAFÉ	£30
	5.45PM	GILES SMITH: MY MY! - ABBA THROUGH THE AGES	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£12
	7.30PM	A GIN EVENING WITH ATLANTIC SPIRIT, INCLUDES GIN & NIBBLES	THE CLUB ROOMS	£28
	7.30PM	CHRISTIAN WOLMAR: THE LIBERATION LINE	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£12
	8.30PM	TERRY BAILEY: GHOST WALK	MEET OUTSIDE THE FLAME FACTORY	£8
WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER	9.45AM	BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE FISH DOCK	APPLIEDORE FISH DOCK	£8
	10AM	MIKE BLIGH AND CAROLINE HUNT: 200 YEARS OF THE RNLI & THE APPLIEDORE LIFEBOAT	COMMUNITY HALL	£10
	10AM	DISCOVER THE INSIDE STORY: FROM LOCAL SEAFARING CHARITIES	THE CLUB ROOMS	FREE
	11.30AM	ROBERT IRVING: LUNDY MARINE PROTECTED AREA	COMMUNITY HALL	£8
	1PM	MICHAEL TEARE: BIDEFORD AND RIVER TORRIDGE HERITAGE HARBOUR	COMMUNITY HALL	£8
	2.30PM	MARK LAWTHER: FROM TITANIC TO TOMORROW	COMMUNITY HALL	£8
	4PM	CHRIS FULLER: APPLIEDORE CLEAN MARITIME INNOVATION CENTRE PROJECT	COMMUNITY HALL	£8
	4PM	RUSSELL WATSON: ENCORE	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£16
	5.45PM	KATE WILLIAMS: THE ROYAL PALACES	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12
	7:30PM	JUDY MURRAY: THE WILD CARD	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£16
	8PM	SEAFARING SUPPER	THE BEAVER INN	£35
	8.30PM	TERRY BAILEY: GHOST WALK	MEET OUTSIDE THE FLAME FACTORY	£8
THURSDAY 19 SEPT	9.45AM	BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE FISH DOCK	APPLIEDORE FISH DOCK	£8
	10AM	WORKSHOP: CREATING A CONCERTINA BOOK	ST MARY'S HALL	£35
	10.45AM	CRAIG BROWN: A VOYAGE AROUND THE QUEEN	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12
	11AM	DAVID CARTER: DISCOVER THE CHURCHYARD	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£8
	12.30PM	STEVE RICHARDS: TURNING POINTS	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12
	2.15PM	NIGEL TOON: HOW AI THINKS	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12
	4PM	WENDY JOSEPH KC: ROUGH JUSTICE	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12

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THURSDAY 19 SEPT	4PM	AFTERNOON TEA WITH LIZ SHAKESPEARE: THE ORDEAL OF MISS LUCY JONES	MARKET STREET KITCHEN	£10
	5:45PM	LIZ EARLE: A BETTER SECOND HALF	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£15
	5.45PM	WINE TASTING WITH SUSY ATKINS: WINES OF ITALY	WATERSTONES TENT AT SKERN	£28
	6PM	CLARE WILLCOCKS: SIP 'N' PAINT, INCLUDES WINE	ST MARY'S HALL	£25
	7:30PM	NIGEL PLANER: JEREMIAH BOURNE IN TIME	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£15
	8:30PM	TERRY BAILEY: GHOST WALK	MEET OUTSIDE THE FLAME FACTORY	£8
FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER	10.45AM	MEET THE AUTHOR: CLARE CHAMBERS – SHY CREATURES	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12
	12 NOON	ALWYN MARRIAGE: POSSIBLY A POMEGRANATE	ST MARY'S HALL	£8
	12.30PM	CAROL KLEIN: HORTO BIOGRAPHY	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£15
	2.00PM	WORKSHOP: GEORGIE STEWART - ILLUSTRATING YOUR FIRST BOOK COVER	ST MARY'S HALL	£15
	2.15PM	KIT YATES: HOW TO EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12
	3PM	WINE TASTING WITH SUSY ATKINS: THE WINES OF REGIONAL FRANCE	WATERSTONES TENT AT SKERN	£28
	4PM	SUSIE DENT: GUILTY BY DEFINITION	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£16
	5.45PM	PATRICK GRANT: LESS - HOW HAVING FEWER, BETTER THINGS CAN MAKE US HAPPIER	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£16
	7.30pm	DR BENJI WATERHOUSE: YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MAD TO WORK HERE	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£15
SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	10AM	PETE YEO: PLANTS FOR PEACE WALK	MEET AT DOCTON COURT GALLERY	£8
	10.45AM	HELEN MOLESWORTH: PRECIOUS	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12
	11AM-5PM	LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE	WATERSTONES TENT AT SKERN	FREE
	12.30PM	THE REVEREND RICHARD COLES: MURDER AT THE MONASTERY	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£16
	2PM	MASTERCLASS: HOW TO SELF-PUBLISH	ST MARY'S HALL	£8
	2.15PM	SAUL DAVID: SKY WARRIORS	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12
	4PM	SARAH RAINSFORD: GOODBYE TO RUSSIA	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£15
	5.45PM	JEREMY VINE: THE 100 WORST RADIO BLUNDERS	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£15
	6.45PM	VIP RECEPTION (INCLUDES TICKET FOR RICK STEIN)	WATERSTONES TENT AT SKERN	£25
	7.45PM	RICK STEIN: FOOD STORIES	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£16
SUNDAY 22 SEPT	9AM	MARTIN UNWIN: WALK ON THE WILD SIDE	MEET OUTSIDE WATERSTONES TENT	£8
	10AM	ROBERT HARRIS: PRECIPICE	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12
	11AM	GRETA STODDART WORKSHOP: HOW MIGHT POEMS TRANSFORM EXPERIENCE?	ST MARY'S HALL	£15
	11.30AM	SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH THE AUTHORS INCLUDES BRUNCH & A GOODY BAG	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£26
	3.15PM	CELIA IMRIE: MEET ME AT RAINBOW CORNER	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£16
	5PM	PHILIPPA LANGLEY: PRINCES IN THE TOWER	MAIN TENT AT SKERN	£12

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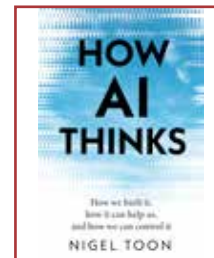
THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

NIGEL TOON: HOW AI THINKS

2.15pm-3.15pm

Main Tent at Skern £12

Whether we like it or not AI, or Artificial Intelligence, is part of our lives. But, should we fear it or embrace it? Leading British AI entrepreneur **Nigel Toon** explains why AI is so exciting, what we can do to control it and how it can be used to augment our amazing human intelligence. As **Toon** says, *'We need to learn more, not just about the risks but also about the benefits that this important new technology can deliver, because it will end up changing our lives and, perhaps more importantly, the lives of the next generation.'*

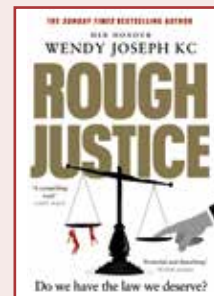


WENDY JOSEPH KC: ROUGH JUSTICE – DO WE HAVE THE LAW WE DESERVE?

4pm-5pm

Main Tent at Skern £12

The former Old Bailey judge, and author of the acclaimed, *Unlawful Killings*, lifts the lid on our legal system and asks whether it delivers criminal justice for those involved. **Her Honour Wendy Joseph KC** examines four gripping trials she presided over and compares them with similar cases and miscarriages of justice from the past to see what lessons have been learnt, if any. She highlights the struggles of those caught up in the legal process, particularly the marginalized in society, and asks whether we should demand more to provide 'justice for all'.



AFTERNOON TEA WITH LIZ SHAKESPEARE: THE ORDEAL OF MISS LUCY JONES

4pm-5.30pm

Market Street Kitchen £10 Includes tea and cake

Enjoy tea and cake in the company of local historical fiction writer, **Liz Shakespeare**, as she discusses her latest book, *The Ordeal of Miss Lucy Jones*. Based on a true incident in 1879, when a disorderly crowd of three thousand people burnt effigies of a man and a woman on Torrington Common, **Liz** provides a fascinating glimpse into an unprecedented incident in North Devon's history.



WINE TASTING WITH SUSY ATKINS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WINES OF ITALY

5.45pm-7.15pm Waterstones Tent at Skern £28 Includes wine & nibbles

We are delighted to welcome back award-winning wine and drinks writer and broadcaster, **Susy Atkins**, who is also a Devon resident, to host an evening of wine tasting dedicated to the wines of Italy. **Susy** is the long-standing weekly wine columnist for *telegraph.co.uk* and the drinks editor of *Delicious* magazine and is well-known from her many appearances on TV and radio. www.susyatkins.co.uk

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LIZ EARLE: A BETTER SECOND HALF

5.45pm-6.45pm Main Tent at Skern **£15**

Liz Earle is one of the most trusted voices in wellbeing today. In her empowering new book, she shares her wisdom, and know-how, accumulated over years of experience, to show you how to dial back your age and future-proof your health in midlife and beyond. Whatever stage or age you are, she will show you that there are ways to take back control of your health and make yourself a priority rather than bottom of the to-do list.

Liz Earle will help you sort the fad from the fiction, provide clear, practical advice and enter the second half of your life full of vigour and hope to live longer and better.



CLARE WILLCOCKS: SIP 'N' PAINT

6pm-8.15pm St Mary's Hall **£25**

Join artist and illustrator, Clare Willcocks, as you paint a local scene in watercolour, with a complimentary glass of wine. A fun and creative social evening with a lovely piece of art to take home at the end. This is a tutored session and all abilities are welcome, even beginners. All materials provided.



NIGEL PLANER: JEREMIAH BOURNE IN TIME

7.30pm-8.30pm Main Tent at Skern **£15**

Legendary actor and writer Nigel Planer, star of *The Young Ones*, founder of the Comedy Store, and narrator of Terry Pratchett's Discworld audiobooks, talks about his extraordinary career and his new fantasy trilogy, the Time Shard Chronicles.

In the electrifying first instalment, Planer catapults the eponymous hero through time taking him, and us, on a thrilling journey across London and back to 1910. How did Jeremiah get there, and how can he get back? Featuring a cast of comic characters and situations this is a funny, smart and original tale, with wide appeal.



TERRY BAILEY: GHOST WALK - See page 21 for details

8.30pm-10pm Meet outside the Flame Factory **£8**

MEET THE AUTHOR: CLARE CHAMBERS: SHY CREATURES
In Conversation with Susan Sandon

10.45am-11.45am Main Tent at Skern **£12**

Award-winning writer Clare Chambers is the author of ten novels including the runaway bestseller, *Small Pleasures*. Her latest book, *Shy Creatures*, is a beautifully written, life-affirming story of love, family and the transformative power of kindness. Set in London in 1964, the story centres on Helen, an art therapist in a psychiatric hospital where she has been having a love affair with a charismatic, married doctor. When a mute man, shut away for years, enters their world Helen is determined to uncover his story.



ALWYN MARRIAGE: POSSIBLY A POMEGRANATE – CELEBRATING WOMANKIND

12noon-1pm St Mary's Hall **£8**

Devon-based poet and author Alwyn Marriage presents her most recent collection of poetry celebrating womankind. From childhood to old age these accessible poems provide a sensitive observation of the many natures of women, and an appreciation of their achievements, great and small.



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CAROL KLEIN: HORTOBIOGRAPHY

12.30pm-1.30pm Main Tent at Skern **£15**

Carol Klein is one of Britain's best loved horticulturists, and for decades gardening has been at the heart of her extraordinary life. In her long-awaited memoir Klein tells the story of the people, places and plants that have shaped her world.

From her childhood adventures in Manchester to her first experiments in 'plantswomanship' at her Devon home, Glebe Cottage, to finding an entirely unexpected career as one of Britain's most beloved television presenters. Carol Klein has been a permanent presenter of BBC2's *Gardeners' World* since 2005 and has both exhibited and presented at the Chelsea Flower Show.



WORKSHOP: GEORGIE STEWART - ILLUSTRATING YOUR FIRST BOOK COVER

2pm-3.30pm St Mary's Hall **£15**

Join illustrator Georgie Stewart in this masterclass for creating your first illustrated book cover. Georgie will be sharing the various covers she has designed, as well as insights into the publishing industry and tips on how to illustrate for different audiences and markets. You'll be discussing what makes a successful book cover, and looking to the work of other illustrators for inspiration.



KIT YATES: HOW TO EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED – THE SCIENCE OF MAKING SMART PREDICTIONS

2.15pm-3.15pm Main Tent at Skern **£12**

Waterstones Best Popular Science Book of 2023

Since the dawn of human civilisation we have been trying to make predictions about what's in store for us. For just as long, we have been getting it wrong. From religious oracles to weather forecasters, and from politicians to economists, we are subjected to poor predictions all the time.

Mathematician **Kit Yates** will teach you how and why predictions go wrong, help you to spot phony forecasts and give you a better chance of getting your own predictions correct. As entertaining as it is eye-opening.

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WINE TASTING WITH SUSY ATKINS: THE WINES OF REGIONAL FRANCE

3pm-4.30pm Waterstones Tent at Skern **£28 Includes wine & nibbles**

Award-winning wine and drinks writer and broadcaster, and Devon resident, **Susy Atkins**, hosts an afternoon of wine tasting dedicated to regional French wines. **Susy** is the long-standing weekly wine columnist for *telegraph.co.uk* and the drinks editor of *Delicious magazine*, as well as contributing to many other publications.

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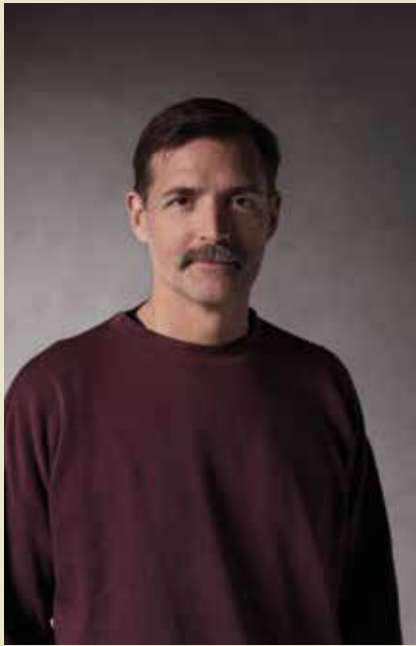
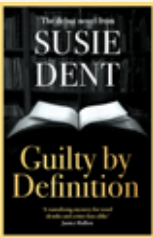
SUSIE DENT: GUILTY BY DEFINITION

4pm-5pm Main Tent at Skern **£16**

Countdown's resident word expert, **Susie Dent**, the Queen of Dictionary Corner, joins us to share her love of words and language, and to discuss her debut novel, a murder mystery set in an office of lexicographers.

When a letter arrives that hints of secrets and lies and a link to her missing sister, editor Martha Thornhill must pull apart the clues and unravel the secrets of the past. But, someone is determined to stop her.

Guilty by Definition is an entertaining puzzle of a story that's perfect for word-sleuths and crime-fans.



PATRICK GRANT: LESS – HOW HAVING FEWER, BETTER THINGS CAN MAKE US HAPPIER
In Conversation with Emma Marston

5.45pm-6.45pm Main Tent at Skern **£16**

The popular *Great British Sewing Bee* judge, **Patrick Grant**, has spent two decades working in the fashion industry. He is passionate about clothes but despairing of a broken global system.

In this illuminating talk **Grant** will discuss his personal journey in the clothing industry and explain why we should all rethink our relationship with clothes, stop believing price and quantity are all that matter, start buying local, and learn to live with less. He says it could make us happier, too.

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DR BENJI WATERHOUSE: YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MAD TO WORK HERE – A PSYCHIATRIST'S LIFE

7.30pm-8.30pm Main Tent at Skern **£15**

'Honest, funny, saddening and uplifting' Jo Brand

'Very funny and deeply sympathetic' Henry Marsh

Dr Benji Waterhouse is a front-line NHS doctor specialising in psychiatry. He is also a stand-up comedian who performs to sell-out audiences at the Edinburgh Festival.

In his eye-opening and darkly comic memoir **Dr Benji** unlocks the doors to the psych ward to provide a fly-on-the-padded-wall account of medicine's most mysterious and controversial speciality.

Humane, hilarious and heart-breaking in equal measures.

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PETE YEO: PLANTS FOR PEACE WALK

10am-11.30am Meet at Docton Court/Ends at Church War Memorial £8

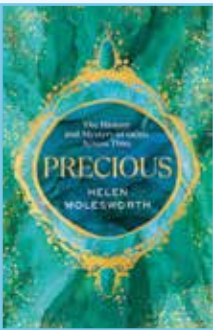
Join local plant writer **Pete Yeo** on a guided walk celebrating the *International Day of Peace* and meeting plants associated with this State of Being. Peace has many expressions, and the plant choice will reflect this. Let Pete bring you fascinating tales about these plants as he guides you round the streets and gardens of old Appledore. A donation from sales will be made to Peace Direct. Sorry, no dogs.



HELEN MOLESWORTH: PRECIOUS – THE HISTORY AND MYSTERY OF GEMS ACROSS TIME

10.45am-11.45am Main Tent at Skern £12

Emerald, ruby, sapphire, diamond, pearl, jade. These jewels are among the most precious, and coveted, treasures on the planet. They adorn kings and queens, the rich and famous, and many a newly-wed's hand. Even wars have been fought over them. World-renowned gemmologist, **Helen Molesworth**, reveals their remarkable stories from their origins to the saleroom, providing a sparkling new way of exploring the history of humanity. Kindly sponsored by *Wanderlust Life*



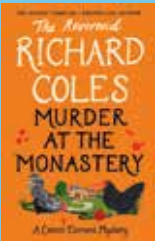
LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE See page 8 for details

11am to 5pm Waterstones Tent at Skern FREE



THE REVEREND RICHARD COLES: MURDER AT THE MONASTERY In Conversation with Jeremy Vine 12.30pm-1.30pm Main Tent at Skern £16

Bestselling author and all-round national treasure the **Rev. Richard Coles** returns to Appledore to discuss his latest murder-mystery novel featuring Canon Clement. *Murder at the Monastery* sees the Canon seeking sanctuary at the monastery where he was a novice. But the monastery doesn't allow the break he needs, for tensions are building there too. When a mysterious death occurs, and the Canon suspects murder, he sets out to investigate. Kindly sponsored by *Samuels Solicitors* Photo credit: *Natalie Dawkins*



MASTERCLASS: HOW TO SELF-PUBLISH

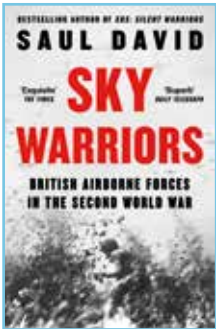
2.00pm-3.30pm St Mary's Hall £8

A panel discussion covering all aspects of self-publishing from using an agency, to publishing one-off projects or running a magazine or newsletter. The Masterclass will be led by **Phil Parker** of Artmakers with contributions from **Olli Tooley**, editor and owner of Blue Poppy Publishing; **Mark King**, editor and publisher of *The Point* Croyde; and local artist and children's book author & illustrator, **Lesley Anne Cornish**.

SAUL DAVID: SKY WARRIORS - BRITISH AIRBORNE FORCES IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

2.15pm-3.15pm Main Tent at Skern £12

The legendary '*Red Devils*' were among the finest combat troops of the War. Created in 1940 they began as a single parachute battalion of 500 men and grew into three 10,000-strong airborne divisions, each composed of parachutists and glider-borne troops. Wearing their maroon berets, they served with distinction in every major theatre of the conflict – including North Africa, Sicily, mainland Europe and the Far East. Bestselling historian **Saul David** draws on multiple archives and interviews with participants, to reveal a complete picture of the pivotal role they played. Kindly sponsored by *Philip Milton Plc*



SARAH RAINSFORD: GOODBYE TO RUSSIA

4pm-5pm Main Tent at Skern £15

'Quite simply the best and most powerful book I've read this year' **David Peace** The extraordinary story of how Vladimir Putin changed Russia so deeply that he was able to launch the biggest conflict in Europe since the Second World War. BBC foreign correspondent **Sarah Rainsford** reported from Putin's Russia for two decades until her expulsion as a supposed 'security threat' in 2021. She has witnessed first-hand the devastating impact his rule has had on his own people, and those of neighbouring Ukraine. In her book she charts Russia's slide from democracy, and looks at the people who have dared to resist and paid with their lives, including Boris Nemtsov and Alexei Navalny. Kindly sponsored by *The Pickwell Foundation*



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JEREMY VINE: THE 100 WORST RADIO BLUNDERS

5.45pm-6.45pm

Main Tent at Skern £15

Festival patron **Jeremy Vine** reminds us that radio is not risk-free – in fact all broadcasting is built around danger. The danger is that something goes wrong; the hope is that everything goes right. In the tension between these two very different outcomes sits the presenter, every one of whom has a list of at least 100 occasions where the worst possible thing happened.

Jeremy will get through as much of his list as he can. Guaranteed to give you a laugh even if it's raining.

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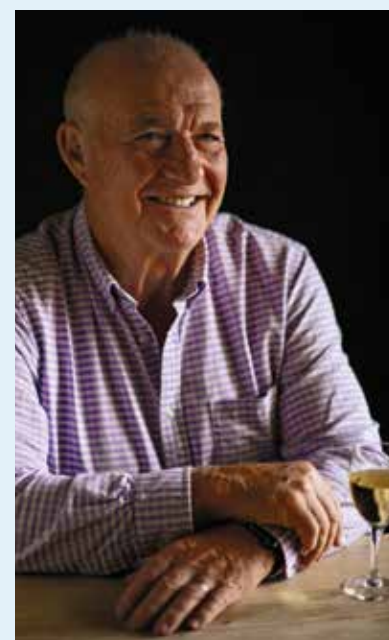


VIP RECEPTION

6.45pm-7.30pm Waterstones Tent at Skern £25
Includes wine, canapés & ticket for Rick Stein

Join us for a glass of wine, canapés and great music prior to **Rick Stein's** talk in this exclusive event for Friends and AppleFactors.

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RICK STEIN: FOOD STORIES In Conversation with Stephanie Merritt

7.45pm-8.45pm

Main Tent at Skern £16

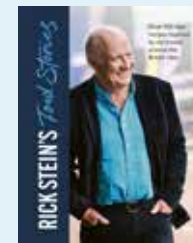
Join celebrity chef **Rick Stein** as he takes you on a journey through Britain's joyous and ever-changing food scene. **Rick** reflects on the nation's evolving palate during his more than 55 years as a chef as classic British dishes have been influenced by the food and flavours of many different cultures.

Rick's new book *Rick Stein's Food Stories* is a glorious collection of over 100 new classic recipes that celebrate the flavours, ingredients, and stories of modern Britain.

Rick will also introduce us to some talented food heroes from all over the country, including food growers and producers, and rebellious young chefs.

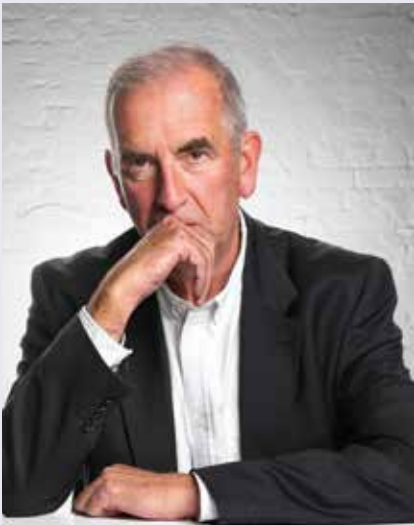
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MARTIN UNWIN: WALK ON THE WILD SIDE - See page 10 for details

9am-11am Meet at Skern, outside Waterstones Tent £8



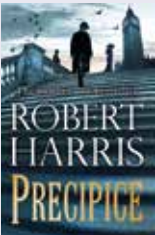
ROBERT HARRIS: PRECIPICE
In Conversation with Jeremy Vine

10am-11am Main Tent at Skern £12
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From the number one bestselling author of *Fatherland*, *Enigma*, *Act of Oblivion* and a dozen other titles, comes another page-turning thriller seamlessly weaving fact and fiction.

Prime Minister, H. H. Asquith, embarks on an affair with a woman half his age, writing to her obsessively, sharing the most sensitive matters of state. But when secret documents are leaked what was a sexual intrigue becomes a matter of national security that will alter the course of political history.

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WORKSHOP: GRETA STODDART -
HOW MIGHT POEMS TRANSFORM EXPERIENCE?

11am-12.30pm St Mary's Hall £15

'It's a writer's job to find a way of translating experiences that are hard to express.' David Shariatmadari
Join award-winning poet **Greta Stoddart** as she helps you put pen to paper in this illuminating workshop. Drawing on what we have lived, and using exercises and close readings of poems, she will explore new ways of moving experience towards the unfamiliar or revelatory that might create the beginnings of a poem. Suitable for all levels.

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SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH THE AUTHORS

Hosted by Veronica Henry

11.30am-2.30pm Main Tent at Skern £26 includes Brunch & a Goody Bag

Three leading fiction writers – **Louise Candlish**, **Jennie Godfrey** and **Fiona Williams** – join us for some lively, entertaining chat, with a delicious brunch included. It's the perfect chance to meet the authors, hear what inspires them, and share the joy of reading with like-minded people, all in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

LOUISE CANDLISH:
OUR HOLIDAY

Award-winning author **Louise Candlish** has written 16 novels including *Our House*, which was adapted for TV. Her latest book, *Our Holiday*, is set in a coastal community where two couples have bought holiday homes. They plan lazy days at the beach and evenings sipping rosé but a group of locals have other ideas. They will stop at nothing to make the second-home owners pay for their holiday. By the end of the summer, marriages will be torn apart, friendships shattered, and someone will have lost their life. But, who is responsible? Another gripping twisty thriller that will leave you guessing until the end.



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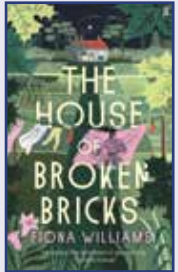
JENNIE GODFREY:
THE LIST OF SUSPICIOUS THINGS

A tender and heartwarming coming-of-age debut novel of friendship, family and community, set in the Yorkshire Ripper-era of the 1980s. Best friends Miv and Sharon embark on solving the mystery of the disappearing women in a bid to prevent Miv's family moving South 'because of the murders'. But their search for the truth reveals more secrets in their neighbourhood, within their families - and between each other - than they ever thought possible. Born in Yorkshire, **Jennie Godfrey** now lives in Somerset.



FIONA WILLIAMS:
THE HOUSE OF BROKEN BRICKS

When Tess and Richard move to Somerset with their 'rainbow' twin boys, Max and Sonny, it's meant to be the start of a new life. But events go tragically wrong. Tess yearns for the comforting chaos as it once was but instead she stands alone and absorbs the quiet, while Richard fights to get his winter crops planted rather than deal with the discussion he cannot bear to have. Can they seal the cracks and start to heal their fractured world? A beautifully written debut that traces a broken family's path back from grief and heartache written with compassion and warmth. Originally from South London **Fiona Williams** lives in Exeter where she is studying for a PhD in Creative Writing.



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CELIA IMRIE: MEET ME AT RAINBOW CORNER In Conversation with Stephanie Merritt

3.15pm-4.15pm Main Tent at Skern **£16**

An entertaining afternoon with award-winning actress and author **Celia Imrie**, star of such classic films as *Calendar Girls*, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *Bridget Jones's Diary* and soon to be seen in Richard Osman's *The Thursday Murder Club*, and a familiar face from her many stage and TV appearances.

She will be talking about her long and distinguished life in acting and her latest novel, *Meet Me at Rainbow Corner*, inspired by the resilience and camaraderie of women during the Second World War. Together with **Fidelis Morgan**, the book's researcher, and with the help of letters and photos from the time, she will delve into the back ground of her heart-warming novel, where a group of courageous women find themselves working alongside GI soldiers, forging bonds that transcend borders and defying the ravages of war.

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PHILIPPA LANGLEY: PRINCES IN THE TOWER – HAS THE MYSTERY BEEN SOLVED? In Conversation with Martin Kemp

5pm-6pm Main Tent at Skern **£12**

Philippa Langley took the world by storm when she discovered the grave of **King Richard III** in a Leicester car park in 2012. The rediscovery and reburial of the last Plantagenet was watched by an estimated global audience of over 366 million.

Now, she has turned her attention to the fate of the Princes in the Tower – a mystery that has fascinated and divided opinion for over 500 years. Did Richard III murder his nephews to take the crown? Or, did the boys survive and later challenge for the throne? **Langley** presents remarkable new evidence that she has uncovered that re-writes history and could bring an end to the centuries old debate.

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ART EXHIBITION

10am onwards* St Mary's Hall **FREE**

From Saturday 14th September
Limited artwork on display 14-17 Sept
Enlarged exhibition opens 20-22 Sept
(Additional artwork viewable on the ArtMakers & Festival websites)

The New Atlantic Wave Art Exhibition returns to the Festival for another successful year. Come to see works by over 30 local artists and makers – everything from landscapes and seascapes to abstracts and portraits.

Experience the extraordinary talent of the New Atlantic Wave of north Devon artists. The collective, promoted by not-for-profit organisation ArtMakers has artists and makers working across a wide range of mediums from acrylic and oils to eco-printing, sculpture and jewellery. All share a passion for the beauty and drama of our unique coastal setting.

Preview ALL works online in ArtMakers' virtual gallery from Friday 13 September at www.artmakers.uk/exhibition

*Closing times will vary throughout the Festival depending on the events at St. Mary's Church or Hall. The exhibition will close at 4.30pm or approx. 30 minutes after the last event in St. Mary's Church or Hall.

ArtMakers would like to thank all sponsors who have made this exhibition possible.



"No Woman No Cry" by Eilean Eland

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

We are delighted to welcome back Clare Willcocks as the Festival's Artist in Residence for 2024.

Clare is a Northam based artist and illustrator whose practice includes live event illustration, fine art oil and watercolour painting, and teaching workshops. Clare will be live painting at events throughout the Festival and hosting a Sip 'n' Paint event - see page 30.

Her creations will also be available to buy.

To find out more visit www.clarewillcocks.co.uk



2024 APPLEDORE BOOK FESTIVAL ART PRIZE WINNER



Georgie Stewart, an illustrator artist based in Devon, has won this year's Art Prize. Her beautiful artwork, shown in full alongside, will be on display at this year's Festival and will be auctioned at the end of the 10 days. Profits will be shared between the artist & the Festival's charity.

Georgie's artworks combine her distinctive use of vivid colours with a natural drawing style. She lives on the North Devon coast, where she spends most of her time in her garden shed studio, drawing inspiration from her surroundings.

Georgie is represented worldwide by IllustrationX, and her work has been featured in British Vogue. Her creative portfolio has included collaborations with prominent brands such as Apple, Crown Paints, Soho Press and Travel + Leisure magazine. Georgie will be running a workshop on illustrating a book cover during the Festival - see page 32.

To find out more visit www.georgiestewart.com



SANDY BROWN GALLERY TOUR

11am-5pm

Sandy Brown Studio **FREE**

You are welcome to visit **Sandy Brown's** studio next to the Community Hall. There you will see a range of Sandy's work including *Temple*, a large-scale installation originally commissioned for an exhibition held in the grounds of Chatsworth House. Envisioned as a non-denominational space for quiet contemplation, the piece consists of over 5,200 hand-painted ceramic tiles and stands over 6 metres tall. Open both Fridays. *Please note: We regret that the Gallery does not have disabled access.*



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Sat 27 July (10am – 12pm) Wed 31 July (10am – 12pm) Thurs 1 August (6pm – 8pm)

Then every Saturday until Saturday 7 Sept (10am – 12pm)

During the Festival there will be a Box Office/Information Desk in St. Mary's Hall and at Skern

WATERSTONES FESTIVAL BOOKSHOP

Waterstones Barnstaple will have a pop-up bookshop in St Mary's Hall (Sat 14 -Tues 17 Sept) and at Skern (Wed 18 -Sun 22 Sept) offering a selection of books from Festival authors and bestselling titles. For most events there will be an opportunity to have a book signed by the author after their talk.



SKERN SITE

The field at Skern can be slippery and uneven in places. Please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and come dressed for the weather conditions. It can get chilly, especially in the evenings. Disabled parking is available close to the Main Tent entrance. Skern is a no smoking site. Sorry, no dogs allowed in the tents.

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Paula Littlewood

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Please visit appledorebookfestival.co.uk for more information



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OUR THANKS GO TO: Nick Arnold - Ann Cleaves - Andy Cooper - Tanya Landman - Judi Spiers - Sarah Stein - Jeremy Vine and Richard Wolfenden-Brown.

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A huge thank you to all the many volunteers who help to set up and steward the events. They give their time free of charge and their help and support is invaluable to the Festival's success.

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The Festival wouldn't happen without the amazing Trustees and Festival Team who work throughout the year to plan and deliver our events for our community and visitors.

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WEDNESDAY 18 - SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

At Skern, a wide variety of Food & Drinks will be prepared and served by: Skern Catering Van - The Cheeky Camper - The Garden Box Hocking's Ice Cream - Max & Mike's Street Food & More ...

(Please note not all outlets on site each day)

Check the website for details, including opening times
appledorebookfestival.co.uk/festival-food-and-drink

As well as these concessions there are many wonderful places to eat & drink in Appledore including:

Flame Factory - Johns of Appledore - Market Street Café
Sylvester's Fish & Chips - The Beaver Inn - The Champ
The Coffee Cabin - The Royal - The Royal George
The Royal Plaice - The Seagate - The Yard

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Bideford
Innsway

Appledre
Primary
School



- 1 Baptist Church
- 2 Community Hall/The Club Rooms
- 3 Kingsley School
- 4 Library
- 5 Maritime Museum
- 6 Market Street Kitchen
- 7 Sandy Brown Museum & Gallery
- 8 Skern Lodge
- 9 St Mary's Church

- 10 St Mary's Hall
(Information Desk & Box Office)
- 11 The Beaver Inn
- 12 The Coffee Cabin
- 13 The Champ
- 14 The Flame Factory
- 15 The Royal George
- 16 The Seagate
- 17 The Yard

Northam Burrows

Appledre
Lifeboat
Station



Torridge Road



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Irsha Street



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Public Toilets



Churchfields
Car Park



Meeting Street

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Bude Street

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Myrtle Street



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The Quay

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