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WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL!



The Appledore Book Festival has seen a year of change including the appointment of a new Festival Director, and we are delighted to have Jane Beaton now on board. Our Box Office has relocated to the Maritime Museum after David and Jenny at Docton Court decided the time had come to step down from the role, having been involved since the very beginning. We are very grateful to them both, and for their ongoing support.

Once again, we are holding events in the village, Kingsley School, and the fields at Skern to enable us to enjoy the greatest flexibility. And this year's Fringe features our first ever Family Day, fun, interactive, and educational children's events which are free. We hope it will become a regular feature.

Despite really strong ticket sales, 2022 was a challenging year financially for the charity, and yet again the contribution from AppleFactors, Friends, grant-makers and sponsors proved absolutely crucial to our survival. The Festival only happens thanks to the hard work put in by over 100 volunteers who give so much of their time to it, and then to the Charlotte Aitken Trust Schools' Week which follows on. We rely on countless people from across the community to put on such a fabulous Festival each year, one celebrated by authors and audiences alike. Thank you all.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new at this year's Festival: have a wonderful time!

*Richard Cable*

Chair of Trustees

**Tickets for this year's festival will be on sale from the following dates:**

**Applefactors' priority booking from Saturday 15 July**

**Friends' priority booking from Saturday 22 July**

**General public booking from Saturday 29 July**

## CELEBRATING THE APPLEDORE FROCK: THE GANSEY

**10.30am-11.30am**

Community Hall **£8**

**Josie Sims** of the **Appledore Knitting Group** will talk about the history of the Appledore Gansey and give demonstrations of how to knit this very special garment. This Fisherman's Guernsey, otherwise known as a Gansey or Frock, is a navy-blue sweater made of worsted wool which makes it almost waterproof. Though widely worn by fishermen throughout the U.K. slight variations identify the Gansey as being from Appledore. Why not enter our competition to knit your very own gansey?

Photo credit: Appledore Maritime Museum



## CHURCHYARD WALK

**10.30am-12pm**

Meet outside St. Mary's Hall **£8**

Ship-owners and shipwrights, mariners and merchants, sailors and lifeboatmen – they are all buried at St. Mary's churchyard. But what are the stories behind these monuments? Local historian **David Carter** will lead small groups around the churchyard looking at a random sample of some of the people who ended up here. In researching this walk, some amazing tales and extraordinary facts were uncovered. Let David astonish you with their stories.

Sorry, no dogs.



## 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.

Please note: We regret that the Gallery does not have disabled access.



## THE MYSTERY AND MAGIC OF THE 'APPLEDORE MYRTLE'

**12.15pm-1.15pm**

Community Hall **£8**

Illustrated talk with local plant writer **Pete Yeo** about Myrtle Groves, Streets and Cottages. How did such exotic place names originate, and is there an ancient maritime thread to this mystery? North Devon, with its rich seafaring past, has a significant share, at the heart of which may root the so-called 'Appledore Myrtle'. Whether this is a unique form of the Mediterranean myrtle, or not, this special plant's story is fascinating, holding clues to this mystery.



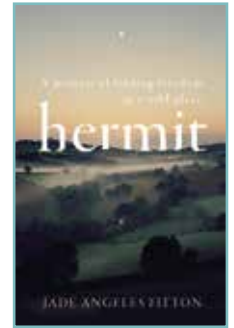
## JADE ANGELES FITTON: THE POWER OF SOLITUDE

**2pm-3pm**

Community Hall **£10**

Faced with an uncertain future after a destructive relationship ends, writer and journalist **Jade** returns to her childhood roots, finding comfort in the solitude offered along the North Devon coast.

With the help of the salted cliffs and damp forested footpaths, she discovers the power of being alone and rebuilds her life. Even when she does find love again, and marries, she spends many months on Lundy, lured by its myths and legends, its beauty, and its isolation. Her island stories will form a large part of this inspirational talk, as she celebrates solitude in the natural world.



## SHARON WRIGHT: MOTHER OF THE BRONTËS - MRS BRONTË & THE ILFRACOMBE SHIPWRECK

**3.15pm-4.15pm**

Community Hall **£10**

How did a gentlewoman from Penzance end up marrying a poor Irish curate, **Patrick Brontë**, in Yorkshire and play such a leading part in literary history? What role did Ilfracombe fishermen play in her incredible story? Who was the mysterious mother of genius?

For 200 years **Maria Branwell's** contribution to the success of her daughters – **Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë** – was largely overlooked. In her groundbreaking biography, author and journalist **Sharon Wright** reveals an astonishing life full of scandal and sorrow, passion and adventure.



## APPLEDORE SKETCH WALK

**4pm-5.30pm**

Outside St Mary's Hall **£18**

Join local artist and illustrator, **Clare Willcocks**, to explore Appledore through watercolour sketches. Take a gentle stroll and stop to capture various scenes under Clare's guidance. This is a tutored session with all abilities welcome. All materials will be provided.



Friday evening speaker to  
be announced shortly.

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[appledorebookfestival.co.uk](http://appledorebookfestival.co.uk)



### ART EXHIBITION

10am\* St Mary's Hall **FREE**  
(Open 16th-24th Sept exc 21st Sept)

The New Atlantic Wave Art Exhibition returns to the Festival, after its very successful first year.



Come to see works by over 30 local artists and makers - everything from seascapes to abstracts. Experience the extraordinary talent of the New Atlantic Wave of North Devon artists.

The collective, promoted by not-for-profit organisation Art Makers, has artists and makers working across a wide range of mediums from acrylic and oils to eco-printing and sculpture. All share a passion for the beauty and drama of our contemporary coastal setting. Organised by ArtMakers and part of Devon Open Studios. Preview the works online in the virtual gallery from 15 September at [www.artmakers.uk](http://www.artmakers.uk)

\* Closing times will vary throughout the festival depending on what is going on at St Mary's Church or Hall. The exhibition will close 30 minutes after the last event in St Mary's Church or Hall.

### APPLEDORE ART TRAIL

Runs throughout (16th-24th Sept) **FREE**

We are pleased to introduce an Appledore Art Trail – featuring other artists and makers that are tucked away in the heart of the village of Appledore, featuring:

The **Appledore Gallery** on Market Street - a small collective of three local artists with very different and distinct styles: Mary Wilkinson, Zoe Hyde and Josie Ross;

The **Appledore Craft Company** on Bude Street, houses a thriving cooperative showcasing the members', locally produced work;

**Sandy Brown's Museum & Gallery** on New Quay Street to see this world leading ceramic artist's works in progress and continuous evolving exhibition of artworks, many of which are for sale.



Please check individual opening times on their websites.

### ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

We are delighted to introduce **Clare Willcocks** as the Festival's Artist in Residence for 2023. 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 running watercolour workshops.

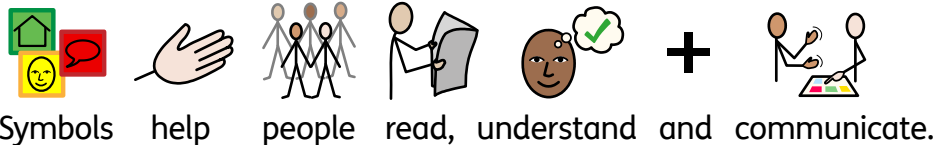


### 2023 APPLEDORE BOOK FESTIVAL ART PRIZE WINNER

**Karen French** won the Festival Programme Cover Art Competition with her original artwork, 'Between the Burrows'. This fabulous artwork which now adorns our front cover will be on display at this year's Festival, and will be auctioned at the end of the 10 days, with profits being shared between the artist and the Festival's charity. To find out more about her visit [www.combetoons.com](http://www.combetoons.com)



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# FAMILY FUN DAY

10.30am-3pm Registration at ABF Gazebo on Appledore Quay

### Join us for a Family Trail Blaze through Appledore Village

Pick-up your free Trail Sheet on the Quayside, opposite The Seagate, and see how many activities you can do!

#### Choose from a range of fun activities including:

- Potato Printing
- Biscuit Decorating
- Lego Workshop
- Puzzles & Quizzes
- Drama & Improvisation
- Face Painting
- Storytelling & Poetry

and much, much more

**FREE GIFT FOR EACH CHILD THAT COMPLETES THE TRAIL\*** FULL DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE

With thanks to all the local businesses and charities taking part including: Appledore Book Shop (Prizes), Appledore Chocolate Shop, The Champ, Appledore Crafters, The Appledore Craft Company, The Appledore Gallery, The Appledore Gift Shop, Hockings Ice Cream, Johns of Appledore, Appledore Library, AMHT, Market Street Kitchen, SS Freshspring, The Yard & Uncle Wainwrights



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### Plus! DRAWING WITH JONNY LAMBERT:

Bear & Bird: Find a Footprint

10.30am-11am and 11.30am-12noon Baptist Church **FREE**

Draw your favourite animal and colour in a poster with popular artist, Jonny Lambert, as he leads young readers through a woodland trail in this latest adventure of Bear and his best friend Bird.



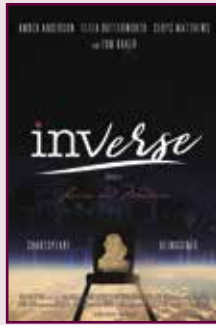
The **Burton Art Gallery & Museum** will be bringing along their **Art Box** to the Appledore Quay on Saturday 16th September for our Family Fun Day. The converted horse box, which tours North Devon during the Summer months, provides free arts and crafts activities to children and families.

**LAUNCH OF TRADITIONAL CLINKER-BOAT BUILD****10am-10.30am (ongoing to 24 September)** Appledore Quay **FREE**

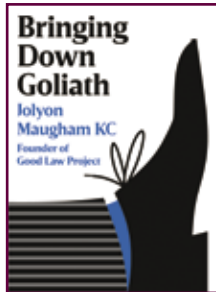
Ever fancied building your own boat? Something like the traditional fishing boats that once plied the River Torridge at Appledore? Well now's your chance to see how a dream could come true. Traditional boat builders may call on years of expertise, but a team from the **SS Freshspring**, a historic steamship based in Bideford, will show you how even a first timer can create their very own clinker-built boat. During the Festival, they'll be on Appledore Quay, using modern methods to build a traditional work boat. Pop down and say hello and perhaps be inspired to build your own.

**CHURCHYARD WALK** - See page 4 for details**10am-11.30am****Meet outside St. Mary's Hall £8****SHAKESPEARE REIMAGINED: CELEBRATING 400 YEARS OF SHAKESPEARE'S FIRST FOLIO****12.30pm-1.30pm**St Mary's Church **FREE ENTRY**

To mark the 400th anniversary of the publication of Shakespeare's first folio, InVerse Films presents a series of five film shorts celebrating some of the bard's most famous words. Voiced by an all-star cast including **Tom Baker**, **Eliza Butterworth** and **Cerys Matthews**, and created by award-winning filmmaker **Jack Jewers**, each film is performed against a contemporary backdrop from the Ukrainian war zone to the edge of space showing that Shakespeare's words have never been more relevant. The films, which are each between 1-3 mins long, will be shown on a loop at various times during the Festival. [Inversefilms.co.uk](http://Inversefilms.co.uk)

**JOLYON MAUGHAM: BRINGING DOWN GOLIATH****2.15pm-3.15pm**St Mary's Church **£10**

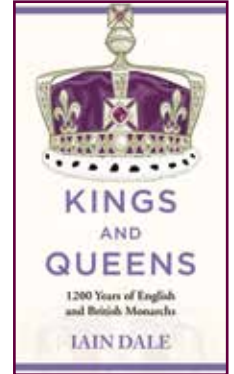
How can the law work better for us all? Too often it seems our legal system only works for those with money and power. **Jolyon Maugham KC**, founder of the Good Law Project in 2017, believes that the law can also put power into the hands of ordinary people. The legal campaign group has brought a series of landmark cases, including successfully reversing Boris Johnson's unlawful suspension of Parliament, and shining light into corners the establishment would rather keep dark. **Maugham** reveals the story behind some of these high-profile cases and offers a bold new vision of how the law can be made to work for all people fighting against injustice.

**MEET THE LOCAL AUTHORS****11am to 5pm on Saturday 16 September** at St Mary's Hall**11am to 5pm on Saturday 23 September** at Skern

Come and meet some of the talented authors we have in North Devon, who are known collectively as **Literary Fusion**. On both Saturdays at the festival these authors 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 so you can take away, browse at your leisure, and select your next read. There will also be an opportunity to purchase copies of their books on the day.

**IAIN DALE: KINGS & QUEENS - 1,200 YEARS OF ENGLISH AND BRITISH MONARCHS****4pm-5pm**St Mary's Church **£10**

How much do you know about the British monarchy? You may know about **Queen Victoria**, **Edward VIII** and **Elizabeth II**, and probably know that **William the Conqueror** beat **King Harold** at the Battle of Hastings, and that **Henry VIII** had six wives, but what else? From **Alfred the Great** to **Charles III**, author and broadcaster, **Iain Dale**, takes us through 1,200 years of British history. With the help of leading historians, politicians, and journalists **Dale** considers why the British monarchy has survived when so many others have failed. He will be joined on stage by contributors, historians **Annie Whitehead** and **Paula Lofting**, and politician **Sir Robert Buckland MP**.

Kindly sponsored by *D Scott Financial Ltd***DR JAMES GREENWOOD: FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS****5.45pm-6.45pm**St Mary's Church **£10**

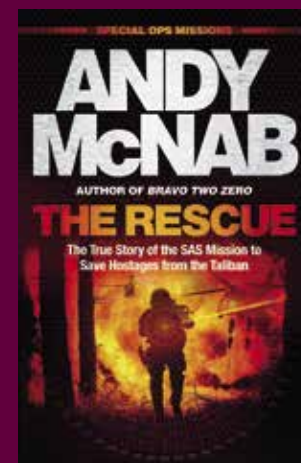
The resident vet on BBC's *Morning Live* offers a fascinating insight into the world of veterinary medicine. From pulling lambs on a hilltop farm as a child and having stick insects crawling out of his school uniform in class, animals have been part of James' life for as long as he can remember.

With warmth and humour he describes the highs and lows of life as a West Country vet, and how it's the animals themselves that have helped him through challenging times, including the loss of his beloved, one-eyed Labrador, Oliver, who appeared regularly alongside him on TV.

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**Andy McNab** served in the Special Air Service (SAS) for 10 years and worked on both covert and overt special operations worldwide. During the first Gulf War he commanded Bravo Two Zero, a patrol that, in the words of his commanding officer, 'will remain in regimental history for ever' and for which he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in 1991.

His book based on his experiences was published in 1993 and became an instant bestseller. Since then McNab has written more than 30 books including 21 novels featuring ex-SAS officer Nick Stone. McNab will be discussing the second book in his bestselling Special Ops series, *The Rescue: The True Story of the SAS Mission to Save Hostages from the Taliban*, the thrilling retelling of a real-life hostage rescue mission. He will also introduce *Shadow State*, the first in a fast-paced gripping new fiction series set in the dark world of cryptocurrency and cyber warfare.



**THE APPLEDORE WALK**

**10am-11.30am** Meet at Docton Court **£8**

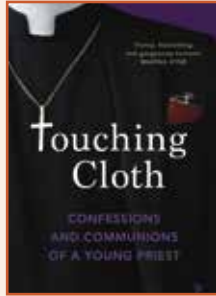
Who were the people that shaped the character of Appledore? This guided walk will be of interest to anyone who wants to know more about Appledore's past. Local historian **David Carter** will walk with you through some of our ancient streets and byways on this fascinating tour. The walk will finish at the St Mary's Churchyard. **Sorry, no dogs.**



**REV. FERGUS BUTLER-GALLIE: CONFESSIONS AND COMMUNIONS OF A YOUNG PRIEST**

**1.30pm-2.30pm** St Mary's Church **£10**

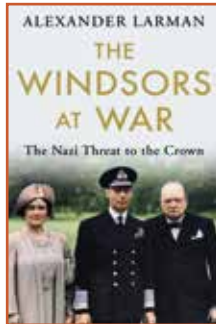
A laugh-out-loud memoir of what it means to be a young priest in the twenty-first century. Following the pattern of the church year this is a wonderfully witty record of the everyday tribulations of clerical life. With stories from his ministries in Liverpool and London this a love letter to the **Church of England** at its best, and the amazing variety of people who keep it going. Funny and moving in equal measure.



**ALEXANDER LARMAN: THE WINDSORS AT WAR – THE NAZI THREAT TO THE CROWN**

**3.15pm-4.15pm** St Mary's Church **£10**

As the threat of World War loomed the British monarchy was in turmoil. **Edward VIII** had just abdicated to marry his mistress, **Wallis Simpson**; his unprepared younger brother had become king. The newly created **Duke of Windsor** was showing increasing, and worrying, interest in the expansionist plans of Hitler, threatening the whole future of the Royal Family. Using previously unpublished and, often sensational, archive material and letters the author uncovers the compelling story of how the Royal Family united to help the country through the conflict of war, and the monarchy to survive.



**NATURE CONNECTION WALK**

**2.15pm-3.45pm** Meet and end points: The Glorious Oyster, Instow Sandhills **£8**

Expect a few metaphorical rabbit and worm holes as **Pete Yeo** explores the deeper meanings of 'nature connection' with the help of new and ancient insights from the realms of science and spirituality.



**AL FRESCO SEAFOOD FEAST**

**4pm-6pm** Glorious Oyster, Instow **£30**

Following last year's popular and well received seafood supper, the funky 'Glorious Oyster' in Instow are doing it again! Join us for a multi-course al fresco seafood feast, including foraged local ingredients. Soft drinks, wine and beer will be available to buy.

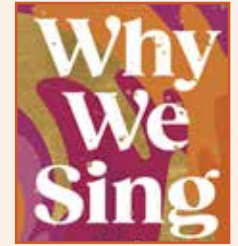


**JULIA HOLLANDER: WHY WE SING**

**5pm-6pm** St Mary's Church **£10 (£5 if bought with choir tickets)**

A celebration of the way song inspires and heals us, from the cradle to the grave. Through personal anecdote and scientific fact-finding, singing therapist, teacher and performer, **Julia Hollander** considers singing's importance to our wellbeing, charting its extraordinary influence on all aspects of our spiritual, emotional and physical lives.

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**BUY TICKETS FOR WHY WE SING AND MILITARY LADIES CHOIR AND SAVE £5**



**CHIVENOR MILITARY LADIES CHOIR**

**6.45pm-8.15pm** St Mary's Church **Adult £18, Under 18 £12**

Who better to celebrate the power of song than the **Chivenor Military Ladies Choir**?

Since 2011 the choir has been supporting ladies in the military community, creating strong bonds between both serving and retired members of the military family.

They will make a welcome return to the Festival with a new selection of songs, as well as some old favourites including their number 1 hit, *Wherever You Are*.

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**SPACE DETECTIVES: OUR PLACE IN SPACE**

**8.30pm-10pm** Royal North Devon Golf Club **£12**

Run by Jo from **Space Detectives**, a Fellow of The Royal Astronomical Society, ESERO-UK Space Ambassador and EP Advisor at Spaceport Cornwall.

This journey will investigate some of our planetary neighbours and explore what is beyond our Solar System and how we fit into the wider Cosmos. Using practical demos, this is a fun and visual talk, to inspire everyone to "look up" and be amazed by our Universe. Guided **stargazing** will follow using high end telescopic equipment. Featuring a gallery by award-winning **Astrophotographer, Pete Richardson**.

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**COFFEE MORNING WITH VERONICA HENRY:  
30 DAYS IN PARIS**

**10.30am-12noon** The Yard **£12 to include Coffee & Patisserie**

Start the week in the company of local author, **Veronica Henry**, as she talks about her career in writing and her brilliant new book over coffee and a patisserie. A former scriptwriter for *The Archers*, *Heartbeat* and *Holby City*, **Veronica** has written more than 20 novels including her latest uplifting romance.

Years ago, Juliet left a piece of her heart in Paris. Now separated from her husband she makes a return trip, determined at last to put pen to paper and write her own story. But Juliet has secrets and first she must confront the past.

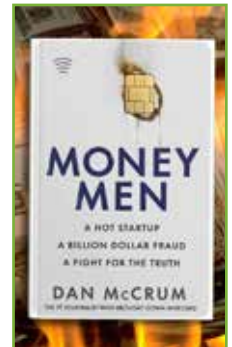


**DAN McCRUM: MONEY MEN - A HOT START-UP, A BILLION DOLLAR FRAUD, A FIGHT FOR THE TRUTH**

**10.45am-11.45am** St Mary's Church **£10**

Award winning journalist **Dan McCrum** tells the astonishing inside story of *Wirecard's* multi-billion-dollar fraud. The hot new tech company had come from nowhere to overtake other industry giants on the stock market, but was it too good to be true? As **McCrum** dug deeper, he encountered a story, stranger and more dangerous than he ever imagined. As he investigated, shadowy figures were following him, lawyers were sending ominous letters to his boss, and he was named as the prime suspect in a criminal inquiry. The race was on to prove his suspicions and clear his name.

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**SANDY BROWN: PLAY WITH CLAY WORKSHOP**

**12noon-5pm** Sandy Brown's Studio **£75 (max 6 attendees)**

Immerse yourself in a full afternoon clay 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.



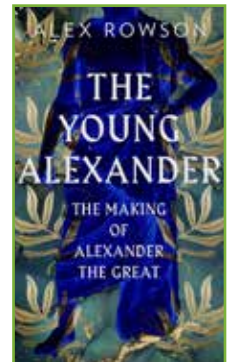
**ALEX ROWSON: THE YOUNG ALEXANDER – THE MAKING OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT**

**12.30pm-1.30pm** St Mary's Church **£10**

*Alexander the Great* is one of the most important figures of the ancient world. King of Macedon at 20, within 10 years he controlled one of the largest empires in history stretching from Greece to India. But his early years have been largely a mystery – until now.

Drawing on the latest archaeological discoveries, **Alex Rowson**, a writer, and award-winning TV documentary maker, based in Bideford, sheds new light on Alexander's formative years including his relationship with his parents, his education by Aristotle, and his strict military training that served him so well.

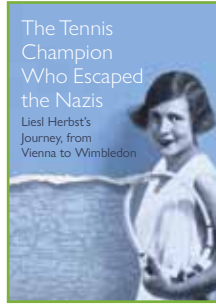
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**FELICE HARDY: THE TENNIS CHAMPION WHO ESCAPED THE NAZIS**

**2.15pm-3.15pm** St Mary's Church **£10**

Felice Hardy tells the dramatic true story of how her mother and grandparents escaped to London from Nazi-occupied Vienna. Her grandmother, **Liesl Herbtz**, was a tennis champion in Austria, until forced to stop competing because of her Jewish heritage. Liesl resumed her tennis career qualifying for Wimbledon in 1939, (beating Tim Henman's grandmother along the way). She continued to play after the war, and was joined by Felice's mother, also a talented tennis player. They remain the only mother and daughter to have played doubles together at Wimbledon.



**ELIZABETH-JANE BURNETT: TWELVE WORDS FOR MOSS**

**4pm-5pm** St Mary's Hall **£10**

Celebrating the unsung hero of the plant world with a unique blend of poetry, nature writing and memoir. As she recovers from her grief at her father's death, author and poet **Elizabeth-Jane Burnett** makes an immersive journey across British wetlands from Somerset to County Tyrone, uncovering the hidden vibrancy and beauty of these overlooked places. She draws inspiration from the resilience and beauty of moss and the deeply symbiotic relationship which we share with nature. A moving tale of recovery and reconnection that will long stay in the memory.



**VIP RECEPTION**

**6pm-6.45pm** Kingsley School Theatre, Bideford **£22**  
includes wine, nibbles & ticket for **Jeremy Bowen**

Join us for a glass of wine, nibbles and great music prior to Jeremy Bowen's talk in this exclusive event for Friends and AppleFactors.  
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*Glasses kindly sponsored by Dartington Glass*



**JEREMY BOWEN: IN CONVERSATION - ON THE FRONT LINE**

**7pm-8pm** Kingsley School Theatre, Bideford **£15**



From Bosnia to Libya, Iraq to Ukraine the BBC's acclaimed international editor, **Jeremy Bowen**, has been reporting from the front line for almost four decades.

He will be talking about his extraordinary life and in particular the Middle East, as he takes us on a journey through its history and explains its complex past and its troubled present.

With his deep understanding of the political, cultural and religious differences between countries as diverse as Erdogan's Turkey, Assad's Syria and Netanyahu's Israel and his long experience of covering events in the region, **Bowen** offers readers a gripping and invaluable guide to the modern Middle East, how it came to be and what its future might hold.

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**ON BOARD THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION**

**8.30pm-10pm** Royal North Devon Golf Club **£12**

Come with Jo from **Space Detectives**, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, an ESERO-UK Space Ambassador and EP Advisor Spaceport Cornwall, on a journey onboard the International Space Station - to see the life and work of astronauts in space. Jo will highlight the importance of space research and its benefits, both in space exploration and to us here on Earth. Guided **stargazing** will follow using high end telescopic equipment. Featuring a gallery by award-winning **Astrophotographer, Pete Richardson**.

\*In the event of poor weather a "virtual" night sky tour exploring ancient myths/legends of the stars/constellations will take place instead.

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**TALK: RIOT, REBELLION AND RELIGION IN 15TH CENTURY APPLEDORE: DAVID CARTER**

**10am-11am** Community Hall **£8**

What happened in Appledore and Northam back in the 15th century? Not much, if the quantity of records is anything to go by. However, local historian **David Carter** recently discovered a couple of references to interesting events which give a unique view of life in the 1420s.

These events have echoes which can still be seen today, and one of them leads to an amazing 600th anniversary which is happening this year. David's presentations have been a part of the Appledore Book Festival for many years now, and this one certainly won't disappoint.



**TALK: BARNSTAPLE'S GOLDEN AGE: DR TODD GRAY**

**11.30am-12.30pm** Community Hall **£8**

**Dr Todd Gray MBE** makes a welcome return to the festival, where he will be talking about recent discoveries in Barnstaple's history.

Todd's book '**Barnstaple 1640-1670**' focuses on a period in which North Devon prospered on the sales of its pottery and woollen cloth to markets throughout Europe. These 17th century endeavours fundamentally changed the town and produced extraordinary ornamental plasterwork.

Todd is a historian who has published widely on Devon. He is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Exeter and in 2016 was given the Freedom of Exeter for his contribution to the study of local history.



**FILMS FROM THE TORRIDGE**

**1pm-2pm** Community Hall **£4**

From the launch of Appledore's first motor-powered lifeboat in 1922, to the building of the new Torridge Bridge, this collection of film snippets will show various activities which have been immortalised on film around Appledore and in the Torridge estuary. Along the way, we take a trip on the **Kathleen and May**, join in with **Regattas**, celebrate a **Royal Jubilee**, ending up with an unusual order to a hotel room in 1974.



**TALK: THE SECRET LIFE OF CAROLINE HART: NICK ARNOLD**

**2.30pm-3.30pm** Community Hall **£8**

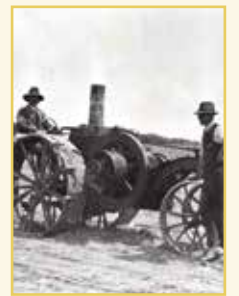
In the Edwardian era the world's best-selling novelist sold twenty million books. Her adoring American fans knew her as **Caroline Hart**. But Caroline WASN'T even a woman - she was a pipe-smoking Northam Town Councillor complete with moustache. How did this happen? Today the story of **Charles Garvice** is almost forgotten - but it deserves to be told for a new generation. Join Festival Patron and author **Nick Arnold** as he reveals the astounding truth about the most famous author you've never heard of.



**TALK: FIRST WORLD WAR IN NORTH DEVON: PETER CHRISTIE**

**4pm-5pm** Community Hall **£8**

We have all read about the battles and battlefields of Europe during the First World War - including the Somme and Passchendaele - but what was happening in North Devon during 1914-18? **Peter Christie's** latest talk looks at the 'Home Front' in this area and how both men, women and children were affected by the 'War to end all Wars'. The presentation is based on years of research and will feature many previously unseen illustrations and documents.



### AFTERNOON TEA WITH AMANDA PROWSE

**2.45pm-4.45pm** Upstairs at The Royal George  
**£19.95 includes Cream Tea (Glass of prosecco available on the day for £5)**

Prepare to be entertained by international bestselling author, **Amanda Prowse**. An Army wife, who only started writing, aged 40, her first book was published by the Royal British Legion, with every penny going to the charity. She was taken on by a major publisher and 29 books later Amanda has become one of the UK's most prolific writers of bestselling contemporary fiction. She is a regular panellist on daytime programmes, including *The Jeremy Vine Show* on Channel 5, and is a passionate champion of libraries and The Reading Agency. Her latest book, *All Good Things*, is a captivating drama of family life, full of her trademark wit and humour.

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### INTRODUCTION TO SOURDOUGH

**4pm-6pm** The Appledore Bakery & Bread Café, Bideford **£20**

**Joe Riley**, co-founder and lead baker of **The Appledore Bakery**, will teach 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 - finished off with tasting the bakery's wonderful output. Flour, water, salt, sea air and time are the only ingredients you'll find in The Appledore Bakery's now legendary loaves, bagels and rock cakes. Participants will be able to take away their own sourdough starter.



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### MARC MORRIS: THE ANGLO-SAXONS – THE BEGINNINGS OF ENGLAND

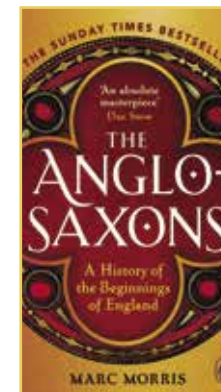
**5.45pm -6.45pm** St Mary's Church **£12**

*"An absolute masterpiece" Dan Snow*

Since the Norman Conquest, the English have looked back to the Anglo-Saxon era with nostalgia. As a result, the period between 450 and 1066, when England first came into being, has always tended to be regarded as a golden age.

Its Kings were elected, and its Church was more pristine. Women had better rights than they did later, and people in general enjoyed greater freedom. But how much of this is true, and how much of it is the product of wishful thinking?

**Marc Morris** examines the history behind these and other claims, sifts the contemporary evidence, and asks whether the reality bears any resemblance to the legend.



### A GIN EVENING WITH WICKED WOLF

**7.30pm-9.30pm** St. Mary's Hall **£25 includes gin & nibbles**

Launched in 2015, the multi-award winning gin distillery based on Exmoor, **Wicked Wolf**, will host this taster evening and explain the distillation process. There will be an opportunity to sample a number of handcrafted gins, each made from botanicals blended on the banks of the River Lyn. At the end of the evening each guest can choose their favourite gin to be served with tonic and garnish.

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### LISA JEWELL: NONE OF THIS IS TRUE

**7.30pm-8.30pm** St Mary's Church **£12**

**Lisa Jewell** has sold over 10 million copies worldwide and is the Sunday Times bestselling author of titles such as *The Girls*, *Then She Was Gone*, *The Family Upstairs* and *The Family Remains*. Her latest novel, *None of This is True*, is another nail-biting psychological thriller, full of mystery and suspense.

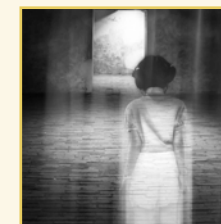
Celebrating her 45th birthday at her local pub, podcaster **Alix Summers** meets **Josie Fair**, who is also celebrating her 45th birthday, and about to make great changes in her life. Alix invites her to be interviewed on her podcast. But when Alix starts digging she realises Josie is hiding some very dark secrets, and Alix must work out exactly what she has done before it's too late.



### 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.



## BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE FISHING FOLK OF APPLEDORE

**10am-11am** Appledore Fish Dock **£8**

Hear from **Nathan Townsend**, founder and owner of **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.



## SHOW & TELL BY LOCAL SEAFARING CHARITIES

**11am-5.30pm** Social Club **FREE**

Following the success of the Show & Tell at last year's first Seafaring Day, a number of local seafaring charities will be joining us to tell you about their work and perhaps pass on some tales of derring-do! Appledore has many seafaring heroes and even some villains! Charities taking part in this expanded Show & Tell include **North Devon Maritime Museum, RNLI Appledore, Appledore Maritime Heritage Trust, Way of the Wharves, Steamship Freshspring Trust** and **North Devon Fishermen's Association**.



## WOOL INTO WINE; POTS INTO TOBACCO: JOHN BRADBEER

**11.30am-12.30pm** Community Hall **£8**

'Wool into Wine; Pots into Tobacco' event will look at North Devon's maritime trade in the 17th Century. During this time, Appledore, supplied ships and crews for the merchants of Barnstaple and Bideford - much the same as the 19th century. **John Bradbeer's** talk will cover the production of woollen cloth and its export to Iberia, with return cargoes. He will delve into how North Devon serviced the colonies of Maryland and Virginia by providing everything from shoes and pottery to millstones, all of which were traded for tobacco.






## ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB

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## WOMEN OF APPLEDORE: AMANDA GRATTON

**1pm-2pm** Community Hall **£8**

Appledore has a proud maritime history of sailors and ship builders focussing almost exclusively on stories of men across the centuries. Women were certainly also working hard to maintain the homes and families of their menfolk, but how did they do that and what were their lives like? **Amanda Gratton** from the Maritime Museum will tell us the stories of some of the women, possibly for the first time. Models and artefacts at the Maritime Museum give a picture of Appledore's rich maritime heritage.



## TALK: APPLEDORE SHIPBUILDING PRESENT & FUTURE WITH HARLAND & WOLFF: TOM HART

**2.30pm-3.30pm** Community Hall **£8**

Following his sell-out talk at last year's festival, Harland & Wolff's General Manager at Appledore, **Tom Hart**, will share an update on progress made at the Appledore shipyard over the last year and the Group's vision for the future. This will include how Harland & Wolff is bringing back shipbuilding skills and embracing new technology at its historic Torridge shipyard.



## TALK: APPLEDORE CLEAN MARITIME INNOVATION CENTRE: CHRIS FULLER

**4pm-5pm** Community Hall **£8**

In January 2023 **Torridge District Council's** proposed Appledore Clean Maritime Innovation Centre at Middle Dock was awarded the largest ever funding deal for northern Devon, £15.6m from the Levelling Up Fund. **Chris Fuller**, TDC's Economic Development Officer, will outline plans to establish the area as a global-leading research and development destination for innovation in clean maritime technology and support industries. Bringing university partners and sector-leading businesses to Bideford Bay, the session will explore how the centre could inspire the next generation of local scientists, engineers, computer programmers and marine ecologists.



## SEAFARING SUPPER

**8pm-10.30pm** 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.

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**SARAH BEENY: THE SIMPLE LIFE - HOW I FOUND HOME**

**5.30pm-6.30pm** Main Tent at Skern **£12**

TV presenter Sarah Beeny is known to millions through her property programmes including *Property Ladder*, *Beeny's Restoration Nightmare*, and her most recent Channel 4 series, *New Life in the Country*.

*The Simple Life* follows Sarah and her family – husband Graham and their four sons - as they move from London to create the perfect home in Somerset and live a simpler life. She will be sharing her experiences, and the many challenges along the way, covering everything from parenting to friendships, work/life balance to the environment.

She will also talk about her 2020 cancer diagnosis and treatment, and the importance of home to well-being.



**LIVE MUSIC & BAR AT SKERN**

See website for details of performers and timings.  
Festival music kindly sponsored by Viva Violins!



**SUZANNE HEYWOOD: WAVEWALKER - BREAKING FREE**

**7.15pm-8.15pm** Main Tent at Skern **£12**

At the age of seven Suzanne Heywood was taken out of school by her parents to sail around the world on their yacht, Wavewalker. It was meant to be an adventure but ended up being a nightmare that lasted 10 long years. Suzanne endured terrifying storms, shipwrecks, emergency hospitalisations, isolation, and very limited schooling. As she grew older, she became increasingly frustrated, longing for education and stability. Amazingly, through correspondence courses and sheer determination she earned a place at Oxford University. This is her remarkable story.

*"Grippingly vivid and pacy"; The Times*  
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**GHOST WALK WITH TERRY BAILEY - See page 19 for details**

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

**PLANTS FOR PEACE WALK**

**10am-11.30am** Meet at Docton Court **£8**

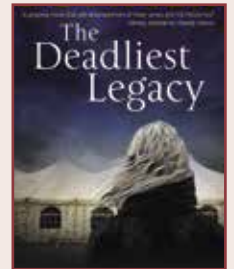
Celebrating the International Day of Peace, this guided walk will explore a selection of plants associated with peacefulness. Some will be familiar, some less so; all will have fascinating tales to tell as they appear around the streets and gardens of old Appledore. Local environmentalist Pete Yeo will guide you around Appledore for what promises to be a very peaceful walk. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the charity Peace Direct, to support grassroots peace builders in the conflict hotspots of the world. Finishes at the Appledore War Memorial.



**HILARY BONNER: THE DEADLIEST LEGACY**

**10.30am-11.30am** St Mary's Hall **£10**

An Agatha Christie-style whodunnit set during the Appledore Book Festival! When international bestselling author Delia Day accepts an invitation to speak at a prestigious book festival, she expects to be engaging with fans, and visiting local sights. She doesn't expect what happens next: a death, right there on the festival's main stage. DCI David Vogel is called in to investigate.



**WORKSHOP: POSTCARDS FROM THE FRINGE: MICHAEL HUNTER**

**12 noon-1.30pm** St Mary's Hall **£10**

Make an Appledore Book Festival postcard at this fun and easy to follow creative workshop. Join, Michael Hunter, a North Devon poet, naturalist and author of 'beachcombing' for his return to the Festival with a poetry writing and postcard design workshop. Michael will use a variety of poetic techniques and styles and suggest seaside and coastal prompts and resources to stimulate imaginations. Writing and drawing materials will be provided with a couple of blank cards for you to adorn that can be taken away as souvenirs.



**WORKSHOP: PERFORMANCE POETRY: JONATHAN MASON**

**2pm-3.30pm** St Mary's Hall **£10**

If you enjoy writing and reading poetry but have never had the confidence to "perform", then this is the event for you. Award-winning performance poet, Jonathan Mason, will guide the participants through a range of activities designed to lift the written words off the page and into the hearts and minds of the audience.

**MASTERCLASS: SELF-PUBLISHING**

**4pm-5.30pm** St Mary's Hall **£8**

This panel discussion will cover all aspects from using a self-publishing agency to doing a one-off project or running a magazine. The Masterclass will be a panel discussion led by Phil Parker of Artmakers alongside Olli Tooley, Editor and owner of Blue Poppy Publishing, Mark King, Editor and publisher of 'The Point Croyde' and Deborah Last - artist and creator of '365 A Daily Painting Odyssey'.



**COUNTESS OF CARNARVON:**  
THE EARL AND THE PHAROAH - FROM  
THE REAL DOWNTON ABBEY TO THE  
DISCOVERY OF TUTANKHAMUN

**10.30am-11.30am** Main Tent at Skern **£12**

The discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter 100 years ago was one of the most astonishing archaeological finds of the century. Not only did it reveal the boy pharaoh's preserved remains but thousands of finely crafted objects including the iconic gold mask. It changed our understanding of Ancient Egyptian civilization.

With the help of fresh material from the family archives at Highclere House (the location for Downton Abbey), Fiona, Countess of Carnarvon, reveals the true story of how the 5th Earl became front-page news around the world.

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**EMILY SCOTT: TIME AND TIDE – RECIPES AND  
STORIES FROM MY COASTAL KITCHEN**

**12.15pm-1.15pm** Main Tent at Skern **£12 includes treats**

*'A beautiful and soul-comforting book'* Stanley Tucci

Chef and restaurateur, Emily Scott, is passionate about food and loves nothing more than bringing people together around a table. She opened her own restaurant at Watergate Bay in North Cornwall in 2021 and cooked for Royalty and world leaders at the G7 summit just months later.

Her book is filled with stories from her life beside the sea, and her favourite recipes that reflect the ebbs and flow of daily life, from rise and shine pancakes and smoothies, to lazy Sunday lunches of local fish and sweet treats, to 'on the go' recipes for beach days, salty swims and sunsets by the sea.

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**HELEN CZERSKI: BLUE MACHINE – HOW THE  
OCEAN SHAPES OUR WORLD**

**2pm-3pm** Main Tent at Skern **£12**

All the Earth's ocean, from the equator to the poles, is a single engine powered by sunlight – a blue machine. Drawing on years of experience at the forefront of marine science, Helen Czerski captures the magnitude and subtlety of this complex force, showing us the thrilling extent to which we are at the mercy of this great engine. Timely and accessible the book explores what the ocean does, why it works, and the many ways it has influenced animals, weather and human history and culture.

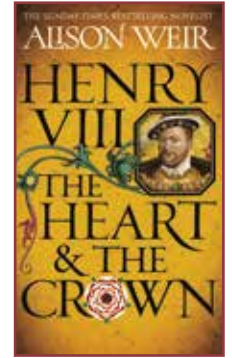


**ALISON WEIR:**  
HENRY VIII - THE HEART AND THE CROWN

**3.45pm-4.45pm** Main Tent at Skern **£12**

Historian Alison Weir makes a welcome return to Appledore to discuss her latest novel. In grand royal palaces, Prince Harry grows up dreaming of knights and chivalry – and the golden age of kings that awaits his older brother. But Arthur's untimely death sees Harry crowned King Henry of England. As his power and influence extends, so commences a lifelong battle between head and heart, love and duty. Henry rules by divine right, yet his prayers for a son go unanswered. The future of his great dynasty depends on an heir. And the crown weighs heavy on a king with all but his one true desire.

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**JAMES HOLLAND: THE SAVAGE STORM  
- THE BRUTAL BATTLE FOR ITALY 1943**

**5.30pm-6.30pm** Main Tent at Skern **£12**

Historian James Holland takes a fresh look at the crucial first months of the Italian campaign in WWII, explaining why it took place, the wider context in which it was fought and the constraints and prime issues affecting both sides.

He will look at the conditions in which the campaign was fought and what it was like for those involved, whether Allied or German troops or Italian civilians.

As he will explain, the campaign was particularly brutal, the scale of destruction immense, and the trauma for all those caught up, truly terrible. An eye-opening talk about the devastating nature of war in Europe.



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

**5.45pm-7.15pm** Small Tent at Skern **£25 includes wine & nibbles**

We are delighted to welcome 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 Spain. 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. She is well-known from her many appearances on TV and radio, including BBC1's *Saturday Kitchen*. [www.susyatkings.co.uk](http://www.susyatkings.co.uk)

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**GAVIN ESLER:**  
BRITAIN IS BETTER THAN THIS - WHY A GREAT COUNTRY IS FAILING US ALL

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

An urgent and timely exploration of a British political system in peril and what we must do to save it.

For centuries, British identity has been shaped by ideas of exceptionalism and grandeur. Yet its democracy appears to be failing, and its economy and international standing declining.

Drawing on events such as the MP expenses scandal, Brexit, 'Partygate', and the short-lived premiership of Liz Truss, **Esler** sheds light on a culture of lies, mistrust and corruption in core institutions.

On a more positive note, he will offer practical solutions to solving some of the issues, and asks the question: what can we do to build a better future?



**WHOSE FESTIVAL IS IT ANYWAY?**

**7.30pm-10pm** Social Club **£5**

All the work of the authors, artists, performers, volunteers, and our Festival Director would be for nothing without our Festival audience. This is a chance to dip your creative toes into "The Arts" and become part of the Festival Fringe. Join us for improvisation, comedy, poetry and performance with **Michael Hunter, Jonathan Mason, plus special guests**. YOU, the audience, can suggest scenarios, start a conversation, or put forward lines to poetry or song – and for the brave, join us on stage.



	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	PRICE
FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER	10.30am	Celebrating the Appledore Frock: The Gansey	Community Hall	£8
	10.30am	Churchyard Walk	Outside St Mary's Hall	£8
	11am	Sandy Brown Gallery Tour	Sandy Brown's Studio	FREE
	12.15pm	The Mystery & Magic of the Appledore Myrtle	Community Hall	£8
	2pm	Jade Angeles Fitton: The Power of Solitude	Community Hall	£10
	3.15pm	Sharon Wright: Mother of the Brontës - Mrs Brontë & the Ilfracombe Shipwreck	Community Hall	£10
	4pm	Appledore Sketch Walk	Outside St Mary's Hall	£18
	7pm	Speaker to be Announced		
SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER	10am	Art Exhibition	St Mary's Hall	FREE
	10am	Appledore Art Trail	Throughout Appledore	FREE
	10am	Launch of Traditional Clinker-Boat Build	On Appledore Quay	FREE
	10am	Churchyard Walk	Outside St Mary's Hall	£8
	10.30am	Family Fun Day	On Appledore Quay	FREE
	12.30pm	Shakespeare Reimagined: Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare's 1st Folio	St Mary's Church	FREE
	2.15pm	Jolyon Maugham: Bringing Down Goliath	St Mary's Church	£10
	4pm	Iain Dale: Kings & Queens - 1,200 Years of English & British Monarchs	St Mary's Church	£10
	5.45pm	Dr James Greenwood: For the Love of Animals	St Mary's Church	£10
	7.30pm	Andy McNab: The Rescue	St Mary's Church	£15
SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER	10am	The Appledore Walk	Meet at Docton Court	£8
	1.30pm	Rev. Fergus Butler-Gallie: Confessions & Communion of a Young Priest	St Mary's Church	£10
	2.15pm	Nature Connection Walk	Meet at Glorious Oyster	£8
	3.15pm	Alexander Larman: The Windors at War - The Nazi threat to the Crown	St Mary's Church	£10
	4pm	Al Fresco Seafood Feast	The Glorious Oyster	£30
	5pm	Julia Hollander: Why We Sing	St Mary's Church	£10
	6.45pm	Chivenor Military Ladies Choir	St Mary's Church	£18
	8.30pm	Space Detectives: Our Place in Space	Royal North Devon Golf Club	£12

More fantastic authors to be added to the line-up, so visit [appledorebookfestival.co.uk](http://appledorebookfestival.co.uk) regularly to make sure you don't miss out!

# WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	PRICE
MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER	10.30am	Coffee Morning with Veronica Henry: 30 Days in Paris	The Yard	£12
	10.45am	Dan McCrum: Money Men - A Hot Start-up, A Billion Dollar Fraud, A Fight for the Truth	St Mary's Church	£10
	12 Noon	Sandy Brown: Play with Clay Workshop (Max. 6 Persons)	Sandy Brown's Studio	£75
	12.30pm	Alex Rowson: The Young Alexander - The Making of Alexander the Great	St Mary's Church	£10
	2.15pm	Felice Hardy: The Tennis Champion Who Escaped The Nazis	St Mary's Church	£10
	4pm	Elizabeth-Jane Burnett: Twelve Words For Moss	St Mary's Hall	£10
	6pm	VIP Reception (Price includes ticket for Jeremy Bowen Event)	Kingsley School Library	£22
	7pm	Jeremy Bowen: In Conversation - On The Front Line	Kingsley School Theatre	£15
	8.30pm	Space Detectives: On Board The International Space Station	Royal North Devon Golf Club	£12
TUESDAY 19 SEPT	10am	Talk: Riot, Rebellion & Religion in 15th Century Appledore: David Carter	Community Hall	£8
	11.30am	Talk: Barnstaple's Golden Age: Dr Todd Gray	Community Hall	£8
	1pm	Films from the Torridge	Community Hall	£4
	2.30pm	Talk: The Secret Life Of Caroline Hart: Nick Arnold	Community Hall	£8
	4pm	Talk: First World War in North Devon: Peter Christie	Community Hall	£8
	2.45pm	Afternoon Tea with Amanda Prouse, includes Cream Tea (Sorry no disabled access)	Upstairs at the Royal George	£19.95
	4pm	Introduction to Sourdough	The Appledore Bakery & Bread Café	£20
	5.45pm	Marc Morris: The Anglo-Saxons - The Beginnings Of England	St Mary's Church	£12
	7.30pm	A Gin Evening with Wicked Wolf	St Mary's Hall	£25
7.30pm	Lisa Jewell: None Of This Is True	St Mary's Church	£12	
8.30pm	A Ghost Walk	Meet outside the Flame Factory	£8	
WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER	10am	Behind The Scenes With The Fishing Folk Of Appledore	Appledore Fish Dock	£8
	11am	Show & Tell: By Local Seafaring Charities	Social Club	FREE
	11.30am	Wool Into Wine: Pots Into Tobacco - John Bradbeer	Community Hall	£8
	1pm	Women of Appledore: Amanda Gratton	Community Hall	£8
	2.30pm	Appledore Shipbuilding Present & Future With Harland & Wolff: Tom Hart	Community Hall	£8
	4pm	Appledore Clean Maritime Innovation Centre: Chris Fuller	Community Hall	£8
	5.30pm	Sarah Beeny: The Simple Life: How I Found Home	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	7.15pm	Suzanne Heywood: Wavewalker - Breaking Free	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	8pm	Seafaring Supper	The Beaver Inn	£35
	8.30pm	A Ghost Walk	Meet outside the Flame Factory	£8

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	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	PRICE
THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	10am	Plants For Peace Walk	Meet at Docton Court	£8
	10.30am	Hilary Bonner: The Deadliest Legacy	St Mary's Hall	£10
	10.30am	Countess of Carnarvon: The Earl & The Pharaoh From The Real Downton Abbey To The Discovery Of Tutankhamun	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	12 Noon	Workshop: Postcards From The Fringe: Michael Hunter	St Mary's Hall	£10
	12.15pm	Emily Scott : Time & Tide - Recipes & Stories From My Coastal Kitchen	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	2pm	Helen Czerski: Blue Machine - How The Ocean Shape Our World	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	2pm	Workshop: Performance Poetry: Jonathan Mason	St Mary's Hall	£10
	3.45pm	Alison Weir: Henry VIII - The Heart & The Crown	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	4pm	Masterclass: Self-Publishing	St Mary's Hall	£8
	5.30pm	James Holland: The Savage Storm - The Brutal For Italy 1943	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	5.45pm	Wine Tasting With Susy Atkins: An Introduction To The Wines Of Spain	Small Tent at Skern	£25
7.30pm	Gavin Esler: Britain Is Better Than This - Why A Great Country Is Failing Us All	Main Tent at Skern	£15	
7.30pm	Whose Festival Is It Anyway?	Social Club	£5	
FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER	9.30am	Walk On The Wild Side	Meet at the Lifeboat Station	£8
	10.30am	Illustration Workshop: Introduction To Pen & Ink: Rosie Burns	St Mary's Hall	£35
	10.45am	Jonathan Kennedy: Pathogenesis - How Germs Made History	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	11.30am	The Irsha Walk	Meet outside St Mary's Hall	£8
	12.30pm	Catherine Ashton: And then What? - Inside Stories Of 21st Century Diplomacy	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	2pm	Wine Tasting With Susy Atkins: An Introduction To The Wines Of Chile	Small Tent at Skern	£25
	2pm	Masterclass: The Wonderful World Of Graphic Novels	Community Hall	£12 Students FREE
	2.15pm	Alexander McCall Smith: Celebrating 25Years Of The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	4pm	Louise Minchin: Fearless - Adventures With Extraordinary Women	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	5.45pm	Val McDermid: 1989	Main Tent at Skern	£15
6pm	Sip 'N' Paint	St Mary's Hall	£25	
7.30pm	Martin O'Neill: On Days Like These	Main Tent at Skern	£15	

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	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	PRICE
SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER	AM	Crabbing Competition: Appledore Pirates - Check The Website For Start Time	Meet opposite Johns of Appledore	£4 per Team
	10am	Mixed Media Workshop: Sharon Gale	St Mary's Hall	£30
	10.30am	Ben Hoare: Discover Nature's Treasures	Small Tent at Skern	£4
	10.45am	Alice Sherwood: Authenticity - Reclaiming Reality In A Counterfeit Culture	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	12 Noon	Brendan Kearney: Fish	Small Tent at Skern	FREE
	12.30pm	Luke Harding: Invasion - Russia's Bloody War & Ukraine's Fight For Survival	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	2.15pm	Alan Lee: Bringing Tolkien To Life	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	4pm	S J Parris & Charles Cumming: Spies & Lies - Writing To Thrill	Main Tent at Skern	£12
7pm	Speaker to be Announced			
SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER	10am	Sunday Brunch With The Authors	Main Tent at Skern	£25
	11am	A Photographic Friendship: James Ravilious - Chris Chapman & Richard Westcott	St Mary's Hall	£8
	11.30am	Walk On The Wild Side	Meet at the Lifeboat Station	£8
	12.30am	Manjeet Mann: Whirly Twirly Me	Small Tent at Skern	FREE
	1.30pm	Joseph Coelho: Ten-Word Tiny Tales	Main Tent at Skern	Adults £8 Under 12s £4
	2pm	The Ultimate Showdown: Battle Of Northam Talk & Walk: Nick Arnold	Start at Small Tent at Skern	£10
	3.15pm	Ann Cleeves: The Raging Storm - In Conversation With Stephanie Merritt	Main Tent at Skern	£12
	5pm	Scotty Mills: Never Give In - The 12 Commando Rules For Life	Main Tent at Skern	£12



## WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

9.30am-11am

Meet at 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.



## INTRODUCTION TO PEN AND INK ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP: ROSIE BURNS

10.30am-12.30pm St. Mary's Hall **£35 (£10 on the day for Materials)**

Learn the process and techniques for pen & ink and pen & wash illustration, in this 2-hour introductory workshop. Rosie trained initially as an Archaeological illustrator and went on to qualify as a secondary Art & Design teacher.



## THE IRSHA WALK

11.30am-1pm

Meet outside St Mary's Hall **£8**

A history walk focussed on West Appledore or 'Irsha' as it is known locally. Appledore expert **David Carter** will delve into the history of this ancient street. His detailed knowledge guarantees a fascinating tour through the old courts, opes and drangs. This walk finishes at the Lifeboat Station. **Sorry, no dogs.**



## MASTERCLASS: THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF GRAPHIC NOVELS

2pm-3.30pm

Community Hall **£12 Adult £5 Students**

Experience the visual wonder of art and illustration, with the storytelling craft and diverse characters of prose text. Led by **Phil Parker** of ArtMakers, the panel will include: **Karrie Fransman**, creator of the graphic novel, *Death of the Artist*, and numerous experimental comics; **John Hurford**, a Devon artist, who has contributed to many publications as well as 80 book covers and album covers; and **Dave McKean** who created his first graphic novel in 1987 with Neil Gaiman, and has worked with the Rolling Stones, designed the launch of Sony Playstation and exhibited in international galleries.



## SIP 'N' PAINT

6pm-8.15pm

St Mary's Hall **£25**

Join artist and illustrator, **Clare Willcocks**, to 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 - all abilities welcome, even beginners! All materials provided.



More fantastic authors to be added to the line-up, so visit [appledorebookfestival.co.uk](http://appledorebookfestival.co.uk) regularly to make sure you don't miss out!



## DR JONATHAN KENNEDY: PATHOGENESIS – HOW GERMS MADE HISTORY

10.45am-11.45am Main Tent at Skern £12

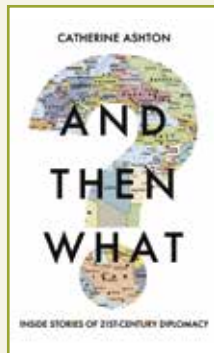
From the dawn of humanity to the Industrial Revolution and beyond, Dr Kennedy's authoritative and revelatory account of how infectious diseases have fundamentally altered the course of human history makes for jaw-dropping reading. From how an Indonesian volcano helped cause the Black Death, setting Europe on the road to capitalism, to why the Industrial Revolution led to the birth of the modern welfare state, Dr Kennedy explores the startling intimacy of our relationship with germs and shows how they have been responsible for some of the seismic revolutions of the past 50,000 years.



## CATHERINE ASHTON: AND THEN WHAT? INSIDE STORIES OF 21ST-CENTURY DIPLOMACY

12.30pm-1.30pm Main Tent at Skern £12

Catherine Ashton was the EU's first High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security, (2009 to 2014), representing the views of 28 nations during one of the most turbulent periods in living memory. From Russia's invasion of Crimea to the Iran nuclear negotiations, she led the EU's response, and encountered many international leaders including Vladimir Putin, Hillary Clinton, Nicolas Sarkozy and David Cameron. Here she lifts the lid on modern-day diplomacy and explains how many of today's crises, including the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, stem from this period, offering crucial insight into contemporary international relations.



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

2pm-3.30pm Small Tent at Skern £25  
includes wine & nibbles

We are delighted to welcome award-winning wine and drinks writer and broadcaster, Susy Atkins, to host a second wine tasting, this one dedicated to the wines of Chile. 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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## ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH: CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE NO 1 LADIES' DETECTIVE AGENCY

2.15pm-3.15pm Main Tent at Skern £12

International bestselling author Alexander McCall Smith is one of our most prolific and best-loved authors. His most famous creation, Mma Precious Ramotswe, the only female private detective in Botswana, has been delighting readers for more than a quarter of a century with her gentle wit and wisdom.

*The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, and the series of 22 books that followed, have sold over 25 million copies, been translated into 46 languages and made McCall Smith a household name.

Today he will be speaking about the enduring appeal of Mma Ramotswe, his life as a writer, and his latest collection of poetry, dedicated to love and kindness, *I Think of You*.

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**LOUISE MINCHIN: FEARLESS - ADVENTURES  
WITH EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN**

4pm-5pm

Main Tent at Skern £12

Be inspired by the intrepid, brave and trailblazing women who are breaking down barriers, smashing records and challenging stereotypes, as Louise Minchin, much-loved TV presenter, journalist, author and athlete, shares their incredible stories. From free diving under the ice in Finland with the first female to swim a mile in the Antarctic Circle, to cycling across Argentina with one of the world's most famous endurance runners, from swimming in shark-infested waters off Alcatraz, to exploring the caves deep under Somerset. Louise joined women of all backgrounds, ages and body-shapes, doing remarkable things, to find out what drives them, testing her own resilience along the way.

Louise Minchin presented BBC Breakfast for two decades. She took up triathlon at the age of 45 and has competed for the GB Team in World and European Championship for her age-group. She is the host of the top-rated podcasts, Push Your Peak and Her Spirit. Louise is Chair of the 2023 judging panel for the prestigious Women's Prize for Fiction. Throughout her career, she has used her profile and voice to champion women's stories and to push for change, raising awareness of the menopause, mental health, women's safety and more.

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### VAL McDERMID: 1989

5.45pm-6.45pm Main Tent at Skern £15

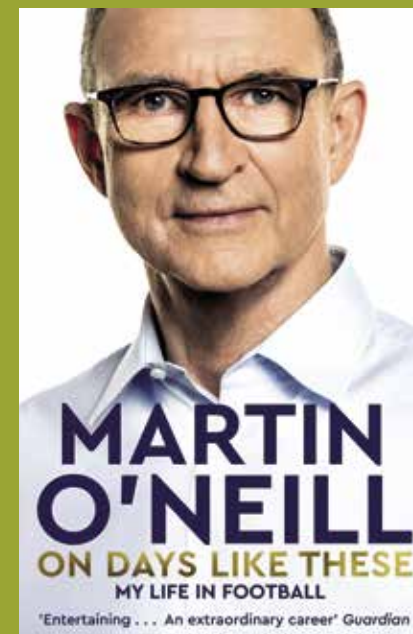
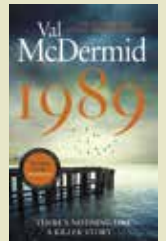
International bestselling crime writer Val McDermid makes a welcome return to the Festival to discuss her latest pulse-racing thriller, 1989, the second story featuring journalist Allie Burns.

Set a decade on from the first novel it finds the world on the brink of revolution. When Allie stumbles on a story that shocks her to the core, she is determined to investigate.

Elsewhere, a ticking clock begins the countdown to a murder. As Allie begins to connect the dots, she must risk her freedom, and her life, to expose the truth.

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### MARTIN O'NEILL: ON DAYS LIKE THESE

7.30pm-8.30pm Main Tent at Skern £15

Join us for an entertaining evening with football legend Martin O'Neill as he talks about his life. Brought up in Northern Ireland during The Troubles, he studied law at Belfast University until Nottingham Forest came calling.

He became a key part of Brian Clough's hugely successful team that won back-to-back Europeans Cups in 1979 and 1980. He represented Northern Ireland over 60 times, playing alongside George Best and captaining the side at the 1982 World Cup. As a manager he took Leicester City to two League Cups, Celtic to seven trophies, and the Republic of Ireland to the 2016 European Championship.

One of the game's most respected and astute voices we are delighted to welcome him to Appledore.

An event not to be missed!

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The Burton Art Gallery & Museum will be at Skern with their Art Box on Saturday 23rd September providing free arts and crafts activities to children and families.

### CRABBING COMPETITION: APPLEDORE PIRATES

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

Join us for the annual festival crabbing competition. Using only line and bait, your team has one hour to catch your three largest crabs. All proceeds raised support local community initiatives. You can register and pay for your team on the morning at the Quay. **Please check online for start time.** Happy crabbing!



### MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOP: WITH SHARON GALE

**10am-12noon** St Mary's Hall **£30**

Join artist and designer Sharon Gale from QUIETBRITISHACCENT (QbA) for a mixed media workshop creating artworks from antique book pages. All materials provided.



### BEN HOARE: DISCOVER NATURE'S TREASURES

**10.30am-11.30am** Small Tent at Skern **£4**

Join **Ben** for a walk of discovery as he takes you on a short walk along the coast to find some of nature's treasures. He will show you how to look out for signs of local wildlife, reveal fascinating facts about our natural world, and encourage young minds to explore, uncover and learn about the world around us. Many of the items will feature in Ben's stunning book, *Nature's Treasures*, where you can learn more about 100 items that make our planet so wonderful and intriguing. **Ben** will be joined on the walk by local expert, **Martin Unwin**.

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### BRENDAN KEARNEY: FISH

**12noon-12.45pm** Small Tent at Skern **Free Event (Ages 5 and under)**

Author and illustrator **Brendan Kearney** will read from his latest story featuring Finn and his dog, Skip. Finn wants to catch a tasty fish for his dinner but all he seems to find is crazy rubbish. This charming tale introduces young children to the problems of pollution in our seas and the importance of recycling. Young artists will be able to draw along with Brendan as he shows you how to draw some fishy pictures.

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### ALICE SHERWOOD: AUTHENTICITY - RECLAIMING REALITY IN A COUNTERFEIT CULTURE

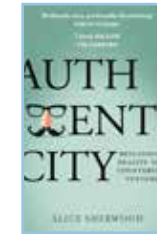
**10.45am-11.45am** Main Tent at Skern **£12**

We live in an age when the pursuit of authenticity - from living our 'best life' to eating artisan food - matters more and more, but where the forces of inauthenticity seem to be taking over.

Counterfeits and conspiracy theories are everywhere, and we no longer know whether we are talking to a person or a machine. In her witty and thought-provoking book **Alice Sherwood** argues that although our counterfeit culture is shaped by powerful forces of evolution, economics, and technology, it's not too late to fight back and reclaim reality.

Along the way she introduces us to some of the world's greatest imposters and deceivers, and the foot soldiers working to take down today's conspiracies and cons. You'll never think about deception and reality in the same way again.

*'Wide-ranging, witty and fresh.... A stimulating read. Authentic fun'*  
**Financial Times**



### LUKE HARDING: INVASION - RUSSIA'S BLOODY WAR AND UKRAINE'S FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

**12.30pm-1.30pm** Main Tent at Skern **£12**

For months, the omens had pointed in one scarcely believable direction: Russia was about to invade Ukraine. And yet, the world was stunned by the epochal scale of the assault that began in February 2022. It was an attempt by one nation to devour another. The Kremlin wanted nothing less than a new world order. With stories from the ground during the build-up and early months of war, the grim reality of an ongoing conflict, and analysis of what is driving Putin's strategy, this compelling account by the Foreign Correspondent of the Guardian, who spent four years in Russia, makes for essential reading.

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## ALAN LEE: BRINGING TOLKIEN TO LIFE

2.15pm-3.15pm

Main Tent at Skern £12

Academy award-winning illustrator, Alan Lee, will give us a rare insight into his work on the books and films of J R R Tolkien, including the latest posthumously published novel, *The Fall of Númenor*. In this illustrated talk he will discuss his work, how he brings Tolkien's fantasy novels to life, and working with director, Peter Jackson, on *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, a role that brought Lee his Oscar.

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## S J PARRIS & CHARLES CUMMING: SPIES AND LIES – WRITING TO THRILL

4pm-5pm

Main Tent at Skern £12

Sunday Times bestselling authors SJ Parris and Charles Cumming discuss our eternal fascination with spies and espionage, and their latest thrilling novels.

*Alchemy*, Parris's compelling new title featuring the 16th century spy, Giordano Bruno, and set in the court of the Holy Roman Emperor, sees Bruno track down a murderer as elusive as the elixir of life itself.

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**SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH THE AUTHORS**

**10am-1pm** Main Tent at Skern **£25 includes Brunch & a Goody Bag**

Three leading fiction writers – **Deborah Moggach**, **Libby Page** and **Georgina Moore** - join us for a morning of 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.

**DEBORAH MOGGACH:**

**The Black Dress**

*'Infused with wisdom and joy'* **The Times**

From the Sunday Times bestselling author of 20 novels including *Tulip Fever*, *The Carer* and *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, comes this delightful, funny and tender story about the unexpected twists and pleasures of life. When Pru's husband walks out she's left to contemplate her future. She's missing not so much him but the life they had together. In a daze she goes to a friend's funeral and finds herself at the wrong funeral. But, everyone has been so welcoming, and she thinks, why not go to another? So, she does. After all what harm can it do?



**LIBBY PAGE:**

**The Vintage Shop of Second Chances**

*'Hot buttered-toast-and-tea feelgood fiction'* **The Times**

Is it ever too late to start again? In this uplifting tale of second chances from the author of *The Lido* and *The 24-Hour Café* three women in search of a new beginning form an unlikely friendship. At its heart is a vintage clothes shop nestled among the streets of Frome which helps heal the pain of grief for one, sparks memories of the past for another, and unlocks the secrets of her birth for a third.



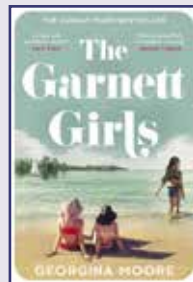
**GEORGINA MOORE: The Garnett Girls**

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Can children can ever be free of the mistakes of their parents? Margo and Richard's love-affair was all encompassing – but, ultimately, doomed. When Richard walked out, Margo locked herself away, refusing to speak of her painful past, leaving their three daughters to run wild. But her silence is keeping each of the girls from finding happiness, and for one there's the added burden of a secret that could shake the family to its core. A captivating debut novel, set largely on the Isle of Wight.

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**WALK ON THE WILD SIDE** - See page 31 for details

**11.30am-1pm** Meet at Lifeboat Station **£8**

**A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIENDSHIP: JAMES RAVILIOUS**

**THE TALK IS BY CHRIS CHAPMAN AND RICHARD WESTCOTT**

**11am-12pm** St Mary's Hall **£8**

Fifty years ago, **James Ravilious** (1939-1999), son of the distinguished artist **Eric Ravilious**, was appointed resident photographer at the Beaford Centre. He created a unique picture of life and landscape in the local communities of North Devon during the 1970s and 1980s, contributing more than 75,000 photographs to the Beaford Archive. Today, he is viewed as a documentary photographer of major significance. In this illustrated talk **Richard Westcott** and **Chris Chapman**, who both worked alongside **James Ravilious**, will talk about their friendship with **James Ravilious** and the making of the book, *A Photographic Friendship*.



**MANJEET MANN: WHIRLY TWIRLY ME**

**12.30pm-1pm** Small Tent at Skern **Free event**



Some days are good days. Some days are bad days. And some days are whirly twirly days, where the strops have you in a flop and everything is TOO MUCH. But what if you weren't just angry?

Award-winning author, **Manjeet Mann**, helps young readers identify their feelings and embrace their own whirly twirly days.

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**JOSEPH COELHO: TEN-WORD TINY TALES**

**1.30pm-2.30pm** Main Tent at Skern **£8 adults, £4 under 12**



*'The Fisherman's catch is full of astronaut suits and skeletons'*

Is it possible to spin a tale using just ten words? It most certainly is!

In this entertaining event, designed to spark the imagination, performance poet and author, **Joseph Coelho**, brings us stories of underwater worlds, demon hamsters, bears in outer space, and portals to places unknown... all in just ten words!

In his latest book, **Ten-Word Tiny Tales**, the current **Waterstones Children's Laureate** pairs each of these stories with a brilliant illustration, creating space to unleash young minds, and inspire stories of their own.

Perfect for budding young writers, and some older ones too!

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**THE ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN:  
BATTLE OF NORTHAM TALK & WALK**

**2pm-4.30pm** Start and end Small Tent at Skern **£10**

Everyone knows the Battle of Hastings, but what started in 1066 ended here in Northam Parish. Join Festival patron **Nick Arnold** for an all-new talk and guided walk over Northam's very own battlefield. Find out what really happened in the ultimate showdown in June 1069, then see the Norman killing fields for yourself. Appledore will never seem the same again! With latest analysis and news - Nick will convince you that history isn't what it used to be. Approx. 2-mile walk.



**ANN CLEEVES: THE RAGING STORM IN CONVERSATION WITH STEPHANIE MERRITT**

**3.15pm-4.15pm** Main Tent at Skern **£12**

The number one bestselling author and creator of *Vera* and *Shetland* returns with another captivating novel, set on the North Devon coast, and featuring **Detective Matthew Venn**.

When a local legend arrives during a gale, the residents of Greystone, are delighted to have a celebrity in their midst. But when his body is discovered in a boat anchored off the coast DI Venn must revisit the village of his childhood and investigate, little realising that his own life might be in danger.

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# THE CHARLOTTE AITKEN TRUST SCHOOLS' WEEK

25-29 SEPTEMBER 2023

*As one of the largest schools' outreach programmes in the UK, our aim is to delight and inspire the readers & writers of the future.*

Thanks to the support received from The Charlotte Aitken Trust and other charitable organisations, our Schools Week grew phenomenally in 2022. It was an outstanding success with 24 authors, visiting 70 nurseries, primaries, secondaries, special schools and libraries and presenting over 200 events all in the space of just one week! Throughout the week over 7000 young people of all abilities from nursery to sixth form were enthused and challenged by nationally and internationally renowned authors.

The 2023 programme is almost complete and yet again we will be exciting and encouraging students by bringing top quality poets and authors into our schools, providing the opportunity for each child to meet a real-life author. At the end of September our team

of volunteer stewards will be negotiating Devon's winding roads to deliver authors to venues from Ilfracombe, Lynton and Combe Martin in the north, Holsworthy in the south, Chulmleigh, North & South Molton in the East and Hartland in the west.

Building on the 2022 success of providing bundles of free books to schools with low literacy rates, we will be providing free books for many children to take home this year. Our special thanks go to The Charlotte Aitken Trust, Rotary clubs of Barnstaple, Bideford & Torrington, Ilfracombe Round Table, Spectris, Fullabrook CIC, The Norman Family Trust, Travel Chapter, FOAL and local councillors, who have funded this initiative and enabled us to subsidise all events this year.

"It is a pleasure to be involved with the Appledore Book Festival's Schools' Outreach Programme. This week-long programme is helping to inspire the readers and writers of the future"

**Tanya Landman,**  
Patron, Carnegie Medal Winner, and Author of books for children & young adults



For all the up-to-date information on Schools' Week, including all the visiting authors, please visit [appledorebookfestival.co.uk](http://appledorebookfestival.co.uk).

## FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

Being a Friend of the Appledore Book Festival has some great benefits.

### It offers you:

- An advance copy of the festival programme and notifications of forthcoming events;
- Priority advance booking - 1 week ahead of general public sales;
- Invitations to exclusive Friends' events and pop up events;
- Discounts on books bought at the Waterstones Festival Book Shop;
- Discount on food at The Yard, Appledore, during the Festival (Mon-Thurs) excludes drinks;
- Discount on annual subscription to Coast Magazine;
- Regular newsletters.

Like so many literary festivals, the past few years have been difficult. As a charity, we need your support to help secure the festival for future generations to enjoy and being a Friend is a great way to support the festival.

**Annual membership is just £25.**

## GIFT VOUCHER AND GIFT MEMBERSHIP

Another way to support the festival is to buy gift vouchers or Friends' gift membership for your friends and family.

Gift vouchers can be redeemed against event tickets and pop-up events and have an 18-month expiry date. Alternatively, they can be used to purchase Friends membership.

Both gift vouchers and gift membership are another great way to support the festival.

For more information about membership and gift vouchers visit our website or visit our Box Office.



Please visit [appledorebookfestival.co.uk](http://appledorebookfestival.co.uk) for more information

## APPLEFACTORS

Are you interested in becoming a benefactor of the festival?

If so, we have recently launched our AppleFactors scheme. Being an AppleFactor has many benefits:

- A Festival pass offering access to all events including VIP receptions (reservation required\*);
- Automatic Friends' Membership – including all Friends' benefits;
- Priority advance booking, for any additional seats, one week ahead of Friends' booking and two weeks ahead of the general public sales; \*\*
- Preferred seating at all events you attend;
- Invitations to launch parties and VIP author events;
- Signed copies of a minimum of three books by authors appearing at the festival.

We will seek additional opportunities to acknowledge our AppleFactors' generosity such as official photographs at the festival and meet and greets with trustees and patrons.

**AppleFactors subscriptions start from £1,000.**

For more details, please see the website or speak to a member of the Festival team.

\* No benefits are transferable, and events whilst free for the benefactor must still be prebooked. Photo ID may be required at the venue.

\*\* Priority reservations to include up to 3 additional paid for guests. Additional reservations subject to seating availability once the advance window has closed.

## THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS

The work of creating and delivering our fabulous book festival goes on year round: no sooner does one end, than the planning for the next begins! There are significant costs associated with putting on such an event, and as a charity we rely so much each year on our wonderful supporters.

Thanks to everyone who came last year, our event sponsors, and all who took out Friends memberships and made other contributions, 2022 was a great success. Because of you we are able to not only hold this year's festival but also support local causes and hold our annual Schools Week.

We'd also like to thank the wonderful team at Vertu Motors plc for driving our authors to and from Tiverton Parkway station and providing such a first-class chauffeur service. Thanks also to Terry Mathews for his wonderful collection of photography. And special recognition for the grant-makers who support the festival and in particular to The Charlotte Aitken Trust - further details on our website.

And finally, we thank Paula & Rod Littlewood, Mrs Graham Fuller & Peter Smith for their great generosity in becoming the first members of AppleFactors, our benefactors' scheme. Again further details on the website.

## OUR PATRONS

We are so grateful to our Patrons who give up their valuable time to advise and support the festival. Their input is greatly appreciated and we are delighted that most of them will be joining us this year. Our thanks go to: **Nick Arnold, Ann Cleeves, Andy Cooper, Tanya Landman, Judi Spiers, Sarah Stein, Jeremy Vine and Richard Wolfenden-Brown.**

## TRUSTEES AND FESTIVAL TEAM

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

### TRUSTEES

Richard Cable  
(Chair of Trustees)  
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## VOLUNTEERS

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 success of the festival.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all this year's Festival sponsors ...



Thanks also to: Bruce Wake Charitable Trust for improving disabled access at Skern

# BOOKING YOUR TICKETS & USEFUL INFO

TICKET

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Book your tickets easily online at [appledorebookfestival.co.uk](http://appledorebookfestival.co.uk)

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Visit our information office\* at:

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For further information you can call

**01237 734 730**

*(please note ticket bookings cannot be made over the phone)*

Scan the **QR code** to take you to our website - to book tickets, check for any updates to events or for more information.



## USEFUL INFORMATION

See website for FAQs and further information including details of Parking, How to Get to Venues, Disability Access and Conditions of Booking [appledorebookfestival.co.uk](http://appledorebookfestival.co.uk)

## WATERSTONES FESTIVAL BOOKSHOP

Waterstones Barnstaple will have a pop-up bookshop in St Mary's Hall (Fri-Tues) and at Skern (Wed-Sun) 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.

The opinions expressed by the authors are their own and do not reflect those of the Appledore Book Festival.

All information is correct at the time of going to press. The Appledore Book Festival reserves the right to change event details at any time.

Any updates will be shown on our website [appledorebookfestival.co.uk](http://appledorebookfestival.co.uk).



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Saturday 23rd September  
09:30am



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In addition to the food concession outlets that will be available during our Marquee events, there are many wonderful **places to eat & drink** in Appledore. We do recommend you book to avoid disappointment.

- Appledore Social Club**, New Quay Street
- Flame Factory**, The Quay
- Hockings Ice Cream Van**, The Quay
- Johns of Appledore**, The Quay
- Market Street Café**, Market Street
- Serene Skye**, The Quay
- Sylvester's Fish and Chips**, Meeting Street
- The Beaver Inn**, Irsha Street
- The Champ**, Market Street
- The Coffee Cabin**, The Quay
- The Royal**, Market Street
- The Royal George**, Irsha Street
- The Royal Plaice**, Market Street
- The Seagate**, The Quay
- The Yard**, Market Street

*Please visit their websites for more information.*

We also have some amazing **local shops** selling books, art, food, crafts, gifts and so much more!

- Appledore Antiques**, Marine Parade
- Appledore Bookshop**, Bude Street
- Appledore Chocolate Shop**, Market Street
- Appledore Crafts Company**, Bude Street
- Docton Court Gallery**, Myrtle Street
- Johns of Appledore**, The Quay
- Number 20**, Market Street
- Quay Gift Shop**, The Quay
- Raspberry Rings Glass Studio**, 1 Victoria Crescent, Irsha Street
- RNLI Lifeboat Station**, Irsha Street
- Sandpipers**, Market Street
- The Appledore Gallery**, Market Street
- The Devon and Cornwall Fish Company**, Fish Dock, Hubbastone Road
- The Shop in the Garden**, Market Street Cafe Garden
- Uncle Wainwright's**, The Quay

Look out for food concessions at Skern and by the Community Hall on selected dates (see website for details)

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| <b>The Cheeky Camper</b>               | Hot & cold drinks, croissants & cakes                     |
| <b>The Garden Box</b>                  | Soups, vegetarian wraps & salads                          |
| <b>Skern</b>                           | Hot & cold drink, bacon baps, afternoon teas, beer & wine |
| <b>Taste of the Wild Pizza Company</b> | Pizzas & Paella can be pre-ordered.                       |

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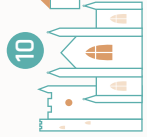


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Meeting Street

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The Quay

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1 Baptist Church

2 Community Hall/Social Club

3 Kingsley School

4 Library

5 Maritime Museum (Box Office)

6 Market Street Kitchen

7 Royal North Devon Golf Club

8 Sandy Brown Museum & Gallery

9 Skern Lodge

10 St Mary's Church

11 St Mary's Hall

12 The Beaver Inn

13 The Bethel

14 The Coffee Cabin

15 The Royal George

16 The Seagate

17 The Yard

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