

CLEVEDON LITFEST

Summer Festival

5–9 June 2024

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IN CONVERSATION WITH JULIA BRADBURY

Julia Bradbury

Wed 5 June 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm  Curzon Cinema - 46 Old Church Rd, BS21 6NN  £15



Join us for the opening event of [Clevedon LitFest 2024](#) as Pauline Cox (nutritionist, author and co-owner of Sow & Arrow) hosts an evening of conversation with TV presenter and author, Julia Bradbury.

A charismatic speaker, Julia will be discussing her Sunday Times Bestseller *Walk Yourself Happy: Find your path to health and healing in nature*.

The profound impact of nature has helped Julia survive breast cancer and overcome infertility; it balances the soul and acts as a confidante and therapist. Discussing the elemental link between our physical and mental health and the natural world – through science-backed information, practical tips and Julia's own story – we explore the importance of building nature into your everyday life, so you eat well, sleep better and move more.

Signed copies of *Walk Yourself Happy* are available to order at the online checkout when you buy your ticket. Both Julia and Pauline will be available to sign books at the event.

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FESTIVAL BOOKSHOP PARTNER BOOKS ON THE HILL

Mon - Sat 9.30 am - 5.00 pm  20 Hill Rd, Clevedon, BS21 7NZ

Clevedon LitFest is delighted to partner with Books on the Hill as our festival bookshop.

Books by many of our wonderful speakers will be available to buy at events, or from the shop on Hill Road, throughout the festival.

<http://www.booksonthehill.co.uk>

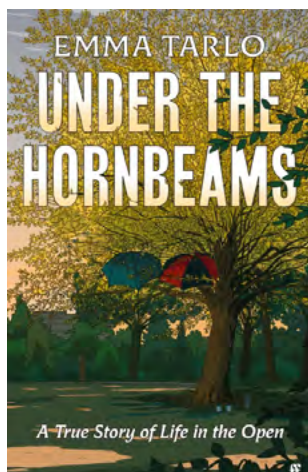


UNDER THE HORNBEAMS

Emma Tarlo

Thu 6 June 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

📍 Books on the Hill - 20 Hill Rd, BS21 7NZ 🎟 £5



Emma Tarlo, anthropologist, writer and curator, and Emeritus Professor at Goldsmiths University, London, talks about her book, *Under the Hornbeams*.

Described as a unique, life-affirming story of her friendship with two men living in Regents Park, the book follows the seasons where Emma meets the community of people, dogs and birds that gravitate to Nick and Pascal, and she discovers the precarious networking of giving and receiving that exists undetected in London streets.

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WILD VISIONS, UNTAMED MYTH

Katy Cawkwell & Lucy Lill

Fri 7 June 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm

📍 Theatre Shop - Queens Square, BS21 6HX 🎟 £10-15



A double helping of ancient myth that sets the women firmly centre stage. Plunge into the wild world of the goddess Artemis where a moonlit path leads to transformation, and meet Cassandra, blessed with the power to see the future, cursed with never being believed.

Epic tales of women taking their power whatever the consequences. Created and performed by storytellers Katy Cawkwell & Lucy Lill.

Sponsored by **Elanthy**.

Suitable for ages 14+

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“Wow! What a brilliant, feminist take on these old stories!”

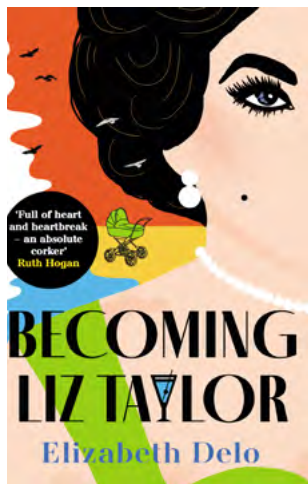
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TALKING ABOUT BECOMING ELIZABETH TAYLOR

Elizabeth Delo

Fri 7 June 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm

📍 Books on the Hill - 20 Hill Rd, BS21 7NZ 🎟 £5



Becoming Liz Taylor was the winner of best English language debut at the Festival du Premier Roman in Chambéry, France. Set in the present and in the 1970s, it is a vivid and touching depiction of love, loss and bereavement – thought-provoking, moving fiction for fans of Rachel Joyce, Emma Healey and Ruth Hogan.

Having worked as a school teacher for many years and having written fiction in her spare time, in 2020 Elizabeth Delo studied for a MA in Creative Writing at Bath Spa University, graduating with distinction, where she wrote her debut novel.

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POETRY & SHORT STORY COMPETITIONS 2024

Closing Date Mon 12 August

See website for full terms and conditions

Following on from the huge success of our 2023 writing competitions, Clevedon LitFest once again invites you to send in your short stories and poems.

Categories: Poetry (submit up to three poems of up to 40 lines), Short Story (submit one story of up to 500 words).

£5 per entry for writers aged 19+

Prizes £100/£75/£50, plus £50 for a North Somerset author, if not a prize winner.

Writers aged 14-18 can enter for free. Prizes £75/£50/£25.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)


CHILDREN'S COMIC ART MASTERCLASS

Kev Sutherland - Workshop

Sat 8 June 9.30 am - 11.30 am  St John's Hall - St John's Rd, BS21 7XJ  £7

Kev F invented the superhero Captain Clevedon and writes/draws for *Beano*, *Dr Who* and *Marvel Comics*. He also makes graphic novels adapted from Shakespeare.

Kev F will teach you how easy it is! After the end of the Comic Art Masterclass, everyone goes away with a comic containing a strip by everyone in the class plus an individual caricature by Kev F. Learn everything he knows and you could leave school and steal his job.

Ages 7 - 12

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THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SUPREMACY

Dwight Turner

Sat 8 June 11.00 am - 12.30 pm  Curzon Cinema - 46 Old Church Rd, BS21 6NN  £10

Dwight Turner, psychotherapist and dynamic speaker, will be exploring 'polarities in the age of Trump and Sunak'; looking at the world we live within right now, with political challenges, conflicts in many countries, and the rise of the popular right. Increasing political polarisation can lead to splits in communities, families and within ourselves. Dwight will suggest ways that we can start to realign these splits, find empathy and reconnect.

Dwight speaks on issues of race, difference and intersectionality at national and international conferences and runs workshops for universities, charities and private organisations. He is course leader of Humanistic Counselling & Psychotherapy at University of Brighton, research supervisor at their Doctoral College, and a practising psychotherapist.

Publications include: *The Psychology of Supremacy* (2023), *Intersections of Privilege and Otherness in Counselling and Psychotherapy* (2021).

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WRITING AWARD-WINNING SHORT STORIES

Keza O'Neill & Julie Davies

Sat 8 June 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm  St John's Hall - St John's Rd, BS21 7XJ  £5

Join us as Clevedon writer Judy Darley interviews Keza O'Neill, whose story *Lucky Strike* was placed third in the 2023 Bristol Short Story Prize awards, and Julie Davies, winner of the inaugural Clevedon LitFest short story competition in 2023.

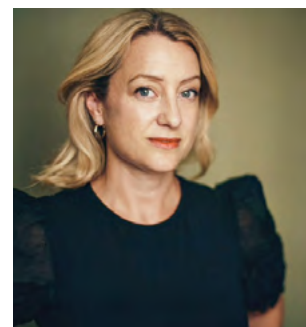
Keza is fascinated by the connections between people and places. *Lucky Strike* was praised for its commentary on coastal town gentrification. Her writing has been longlisted for the Bath Short Story Award, CWA Debut Dagger, and the Lucy Cavendish Prize.

Julie is a member of Clevedon Writers Meet. She writes flash fiction, short stories, and poetry, and is currently working on her first novel. In June 2022 she came second in the Winchester Festival *I Am Writing* Flash Fiction Competition.

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A CONVERSATION ABOUT MORAL INJURIES

Christie Watson

Sat 8 June 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm  St John's Hall - St John's Rd, BS21 7XJ  £10

An interview with Sunday Times best-selling and award-winning author, Christie Watson, professor of medical humanities at the University of East Anglia, who worked as an NHS nurse for 20 years.

Her latest novel is a gripping psychological drama that asks when you are trained to save the lives of others, how far will you go to save your own? *Moral Injuries* is currently being developed as a television series.

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"No one writes about the drama of medicine like Christie Watson"

– DR G FRANCIS

HIGH CAUCASUS: ON FOOT THROUGH RUSSIA'S HIGHEST MOUNTAINS **Tom Parfitt**Sat 8 June 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm  St John's Hall - St John's Rd, BS21 7XJ  £10

Tom Parfitt lived in Moscow for 20 years, working as a correspondent for The Guardian, The Telegraph and The Times. In 2008, he received a Royal Geographical Society award to complete a 1,000 mile walk through Russia's Caucasus region, from Sochi on the Black Sea to Derbent on the Caspian. On the way, Tom crossed through seven Russian republics, including Chechnya and Dagestan, and made side trips over the Caucasus mountains into breakaway regions of Georgia backed by Moscow.

The story of his extraordinary journey is told in his book, *High Caucasus: A Mountain Quest in Russia's Haunted Hinterland*, published by Headline in 2023.

GET TICKETS**THE HOME CHILD****Liz Berry & Ruth Angel**Sat 8 June 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm  Theatre Shop - Queens Square, BS21 6HX  £15

Performing with fiddle player Ruth Angell, Liz Berry weaves her unique magic with extracts from her spellbinding verse novel. *The Home Child* tells her great aunt's personal and at times harrowing story as one of thousands of orphaned children sent to Canada over more than half a century to work as indentured labourers and domestic servants.

Winner of The Writers' Prize 2024, *The Home Child* has been adapted for Radio 4, and lauded in *The Guardian*, *Times*, *Telegraph* and *Radio Times*. Forward Prize winner Liz is a frequent speaker at festivals across the UK.

GET TICKETS**THE RIFF CORNER CLF TAKEOVER – LATE NIGHT OPEN MIC STORYTELLING**Sat 8 June 9.30 pm - midnight  The Riff Corner - 17 Old Church Rd, BS21 6LU  FREE DROP IN

The literary festivities continue into the night at Clevedon's live entertainment hotspot. Grab a nightcap and settle in – but be warned, these are no bedtime stories!

Local authors and poets gather to share their most enthralling fiction. Tales of the weird, the thought-provoking and the sensational.

Hosted by Paul Truan.

Follows on from live music playing 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

Want to read? Bring your short stories, excerpts and poetry and register on the door from 9.00 pm. All genres and levels of experience welcome.

Adults only.

THE GEOLOGY OF CLEVEDON PIER**Stephen Sparks**Sun 9 June 11.00 am - 12.00 pm  Pier Porthole Room - The Beach, BS21 7QN  £8

Clevedon Beach displays remarkable geology, with rocks that tell the story of 140 million years of Earth history from the end of the Devonian to the end of the Triassic Periods.

This fascinating illustrated talk will be presented by Professor Sparks, Emeritus Professor of Geology at the University of Bristol.

GET TICKETS*Prebooking essential* - tickets will not be available on the door.**POETRY ON THE HILL - OPEN MIC WITH SPECIAL GUEST****Melanie Branton**Sun 9 June 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm  Kabbala Studio - 87 Hill Rd, BS21 7PN  FREE TICKETED

Gather for a Sunday afternoon treat as local poets and authors join special guest Melanie Branton for poetry readings in a relaxed and welcoming space.

Melanie Branton, from Bristol, has appeared at Womad and poetry nights from Plymouth to Newcastle. Currently touring *The Full English* (a show telling our language's story, from gangs of gung-ho Anglo-Saxons to Covidiot), she also writes about everything from mental health to the menopause.

Hosted by Paul Truan.

Want to read? Pre-book your spot when you register for your free ticket. All genres and levels of experience welcome.

GET TICKETS**SAVE ME FROM THE WAVES: AN ADVENTURE FROM SEA TO SUMMIT** **Jessica Hepburn**Sun 9 June 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm  St Peter's Church Hall - 1 Alexandra Rd, BS21 7QE  £10

Jessica Hepburn is an award-winning author and adventure activist who inspires people to live big and bravely when life doesn't go to plan. A self-confessed 'unlikely athlete', she became the first woman in the world to complete 'The Sea Street Summit Challenge' – swim the English Channel, run the London marathon and summit Mount Everest.

She is the author of three books. Her latest – *Save Me from the Waves* – charts her journey to the top of the world fuelled by listening to every episode of her favourite radio show, *Desert Island Discs*.

Already gaining accolades, it was named Stanfords' 'Book of the Month'.

GET TICKETS**LIVE MUSIC AT CLEVEDON COMMUNITY BANDSTAND**Sun 9 June 5.00 pm - 9.00 pm  Bandstand - Elton Rd, BS21 7EH  FREE DROP IN

Enjoy a gin cocktail and watch the sunset as we gather around Clevedon's iconic community bandstand for an evening of live music on the seafront. Headlined by Afro jazz group Helele, and featuring Kora master Sunto Susso and local legend Jonah Hitchens.

MUSIC LINE UP

Helele

7.00 pm

Afro jazz dance music led by Alphonse Touna



Alphonse, originally from Cameroon, is a master percussionist who plays the balafon (African marimba). Helele, known for their infectious rhythms, have supported well known artists such as Hugh Masekela, and performed at major venues including Glastonbury, Marlborough Jazz Festival and London's South Bank Centre.

Suntu Susso

6.00 pm

Multi instrumentalist and Kora master



Can you imagine a summer evening by Clevedon Bandstand soaking in the beautiful music of the kora, an enchanting 22-stringed harp that originates from the Mandinka people of West Africa?

Suntu Susso is from a renowned kora-playing family going back some 700 years. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy life-affirming, healing music from a rich cultural tradition in a very iconic setting.

Jonah Hitchens

5.00 pm

Vibrant soul, funk and jazz



Jonah Hitchens will kick off our programme. Now a Clevedon legend, the seriously talented Jonah travels with his band across the UK, playing in top venues like Ronnie Scott's. Settle in, relax and bring your dancing shoes!

FOOD & DRINK AT THE BANDSTAND

Sun 9 June 2.00 pm - 9.00 pm

A selection of traders will extend the festive atmosphere. Look out for The Clevedon Distillery with gin/cocktails/soft drinks.

Follow the Bandstand on social media for trader updates.

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FOUR REASONS

Michael Loader & Isabel White

Thu 20 June 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

 Theatre Shop - Queens Square, BS21 6HX

 £15

Additional dates: Thu 19 September, Thu 19 December



Clevedon LitFest presents four evenings of spoken word and music celebrating the seasons. Spearheaded by storyteller Michael Loader and poet Isabel White, each evening will showcase wordsmiths, musicians and singer/songwriters that delve into, discover and deliver familiar and unknown treasures. For our evening celebrating Midsummer, our featured artist will be Tom Veck.

<https://www.theatreshop.org.uk/shows>

FESTIVAL TIMETABLE

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

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