

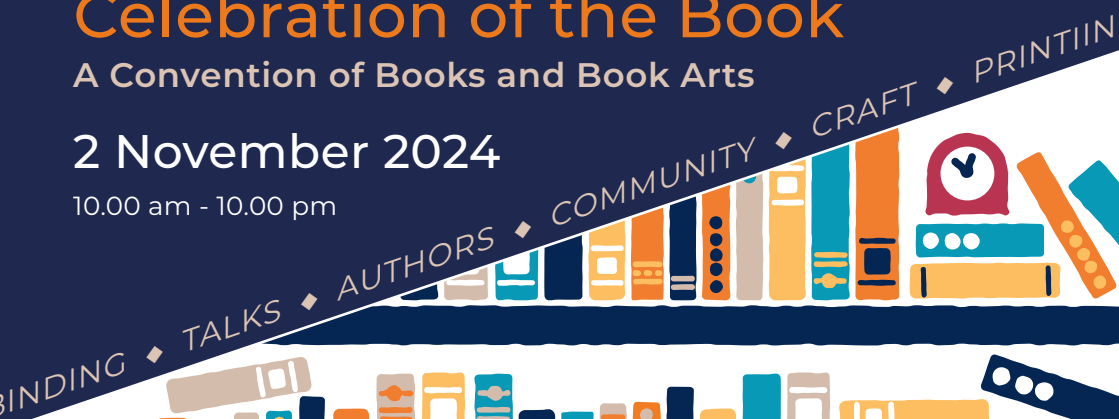
CLEVEDON LITFEST

Celebration of the Book

A Convention of Books and Book Arts

2 November 2024

10.00 am - 10.00 pm



Clevedon Community Centre

Princes Hall, 2 Princes Rd, Clevedon BS21 7SZ

clevedonlitfest.org.uk



Welcome to Clevedon Litfest's **Celebration of the Book 2024**. This year, we decided to do things a little differently by moving Celebration of the Book from being part of our Summer Festival to its own date in November.

We wanted to allow Celebration of the Book to grow but keep its **grassroots, community** spirit, so we invited **local** authors and creatives to tell us what they wanted to talk about, share or contribute. The response was huge and resulted in this exciting programme featuring more than 40 participants.

We've got craft and writing workshops, readings, music, and an eclectic mix of talks celebrating our **theme of books and book arts**.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our funders and sponsors, our venue partners, Clevedon Community Centre and Clevedon Friends' Meeting House, and our small but mighty army of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has made this event come alive.

DAY PASSES - £15

All talks, panels, and readings are included in the day pass.

Visit the **BOX OFFICE** to collect your **WRISTBAND**.

Evening only passes are also available (£10). Workshops are ticketed separately.

VENUES

Not only is Celebration of the Book is taking over the whole ground floor of Clevedon Community Centre, we've spilled over into a second venue! Here's what you can find where:

1 – CLEVEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

📍 2 Princes Rd, Clevedon, BS21 7SZ

Princes Hall – Market, Evening Headline Speaker

Prescott Bar – Market, Evening Entertainment

Rooms 1 & 2 – Talks, Panels, Readings

2 – CLEVEDON FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE

📍 15 Albert Rd, Clevedon, BS21 7RP

Room 3 – Craft Workshops

Room 4 – Writing Workshops



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OUR HEADLINE GUESTS

BREAKING THE DEAD SILENCE

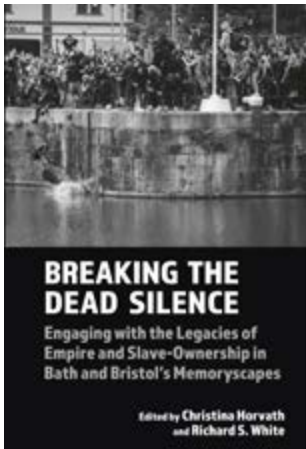
Richard White & Christina Horvath

7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

 Princes Hall



DAY or EVENING



In the wake of the toppling of the Colston statue in Bristol in 2020, Dr Christina Horvath and Richard S. White explore the legacies of empire and slave ownership in Bath and Bristol's memoriscapes.

Their new book, *Breaking the Dead Silence* brings together diverse and distinctive voices. Timely commentaries, insights and experiences in the memoriscape enriching and transforming an uncomfortable heritage through empathy and creativity. Multiple perspectives from academics, artists, activists and heritage professionals, contribute ideas and strategies towards re-telling obscured stories and getting unheard voices heard.

In this talk Richard discusses his journey from conversations on foot with individuals face to face in the intensity of the moment through to the co-editing of a book. From a walk in Bath's Sydney Gardens to a chapter in a book, collaborating with University of Bath academic Dr Christina Horvath and multiple and diverse authors, co-authoring and co-editing. What happens to live ideas and feelings when translated to the page? Christina and contributor Mark Steeds will also be speaking.

This talk was arranged in collaboration with Bristol Radical History Group.

FACILITIES



BOX OFFICE / HELP DESK

The Box Office is located in the foyer of Princes Hall.



REFRESHMENTS

Squirrels Café at the Community Centre will be open from **10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**, offering hot and cold drinks, lunches, cakes and snacks.

The Bar will be open all day.



ACCESS

All rooms are ground floor, and both venues are wheelchair accessible. Please ask a volunteer if you need assistance.



TOILETS

Both venues have accessible toilets. Toilets at Princes Hall are located near the entrance.

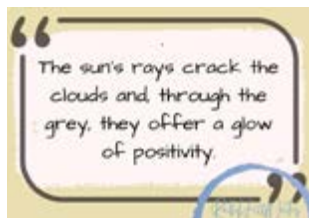
#WALKING WORDS WRITING WORKSHOP

Ruth Hill*

10.00 p.m. - 12.00 p.m.

📍 Meet at Room 2 (Clevedon Community Centre)

👤 £15



Whether you're a regular writer, haven't picked up a pen since school, or are somewhere between the two, join local writer Ruth Hill for a seasonal look at nature. Ruth is writer in residence at Found Outdoors CiC and has spent many hours walking in and writing about the wonderful world around us.

Through conversation and objects she brings to the workshop, and if we are lucky with the weather a wander in the beautiful Clevedon surroundings, Ruth will guide you to really look at nature. You will explore the sights, scents, sounds and feelings of Autumn and to find ways to put it all into words.

INTRODUCTION TO CASEBINDING

Fi Harris

10.00 p.m. - 12.00 p.m.

📍 Room 3 (Friends Meeting House)

👤 £35



Make a hardcover for an A5 pre-made text block using coloured book cloth and decorative papers. Attach with endpapers and take away your unique journal. This workshop covers all the essential bookbinding skills of making a case cover and "casing in" your book.

Fi Harris

📷 @feltbyfi

Fi Harris is a felt-maker, print-maker, bookbinder and creative experimenter. She plays with textiles, textures and techniques in her North Somerset studio. She also loves to pass on her knowledge and enthusiasm for craft & making via workshops.

TETRA PAK DRYPOINT ETCHING

Print [Works] Weston*

13.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

📍 Room 3 (Friends Meeting House)

👤 £35



Try your hand at printmaking using the traditional techniques of dry point etching combined with a very modern medium - Tetra Pak cartons! The process involves scribing an image of your choice, i.e. a book character, illustration or photo, inking up the Tetra Pak plate and passing it through a press with paper to produce an etching. This is a fun but messy process, gloves and aprons will be provided but would suggest wearing old clothes just in case!

* Find this tutor's bio in the traders list.

WORKSHOPS

WRITING AND PUBLISHING A NOVEL

Gareth L. Powell

1.30 p.m. - 3.20 p.m.

📍 Room 4 (Friends Meeting House)

🎟 £15



Gareth L. Powell

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Author of 20+ books, including novels, novellas, short fiction collections, and *About Writing*, his guide for aspiring authors. He has twice won the British Science Fiction Association Award for Best Novel and has become one of the most shortlisted authors in the award's 50-year history.

Are you writing or thinking of writing a novel? In this small group session, award-winning novelist Gareth L Powell draws on his experiences from his 20 year career to answer all your questions about writing and publishing as well as giving an insight into his own process.

POETRY X ART

Suzannah V. Evans†

4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

📍 Room 4 (Friends Meeting House)

🎟 £15



How might image and word fit together? What can we achieve by writing poetry about art? How might paintings, sculptures, and other artworks open up new ways of thinking about memory and experience?

This workshop will take us into the imaginative space of the gallery, where we will craft poems based on visual stimulation. We will experiment with the encounter between visual and verbal, focusing on close looking and translating works of art into exciting poems. By the end, you will have a fresh perspective on poetry and art, as well as a selection of drafts and further ideas for writing.

COLLAGE POETRY

Chloe Vlahos†

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

📍 Room 3 (Friends Meeting House)

🎟 £10



If you've always wanted to get into crafting your own poems but don't know where to start, this workshop is for you! By using magazines and newspapers to fuel creative inspiration, you can finally banish the blank page blues: collage poetry lets the words find you, rather than the other way round. Resources will be provided.

† Find this tutor's bio in the talks, panels and readings section.

BOOK & MAKERS MARKET

10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

📍 Princes Hall & Prescott Bar (Clevedon Community Centre)

🆓 FREE ENTRY

The heart of Celebration of the Book continues to be our Book and Makers Market where you can meet local authors and crafters, shop for unique gifts and connect with community groups like literacy charity Read Easy and Clevedon Community Bookshop.

LIST OF TRADERS AND EXHIBITORS

AA Abbott

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Author of psychological thrillers about women finding strength in the face of danger.

Ali Bacon

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Author of contemporary and historical fiction usually with a Scottish flavour. Winner of the Bristol Short Story Competition local writer prize 2019 with *Within these Walls*.

Alison Knight (writing as May Ellis)

boldwoodbooks.com/contributor/may-ellis [f / alison.knight.942](https://www.facebook.com/alison.knight.942)

Alison Knight had six novels published by small publishers before joining Boldwood Books. As May Ellis, she writes the popular Clarks Factory Girls series about workers at Clarks in Street during the First World War. She also runs creative writing workshops and retreats.

Ana Salote

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Ana is part of a global collective of Thrutopian writers who aim to chart imaginative pathways to futures we'd be proud to leave to our children. *Oy Yew*, is the first book in Ana's MG fantasy trilogy.

Anne Parsons

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Anne's passion about children learning to read at a young age inspired her books. She has been a Governor at a local primary school and regularly helps children with their reading.

Barry Faulkner

[✉ @crimewriter1](https://www.instagram.com/crimewriter1)

Amazon Best Selling Indie Author of the DCS Palmer Detective books, Ben Nevis thrillers and 10 true crime factual books.

BOOK ARTS EXHIBITION

CLEVEDON ARTISTS' BOOKS AND GUESTS

10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

📍 Princes Hall

🆓 FREE

Clevedon Artists' Books is a collective of book artists founded by Stephanie Fitch and Carol Wood and represented at Celebration of the Book by Sian Scott.

Their exhibition of artist's books and creative bindings features work by members of the group and other book artists attending the convention.



BOOK & MAKERS MARKET

Bob Fairbrother

Author of a new climate / crime thriller set in the near future, Bob is appearing at Celebration of the Book as part of his launch tour.

Bristol Radical History Group

brh.org.uk [✉ @BrisRadHis](#) [📷 @bristolradicalhistory](#)

Historians, researchers and publishers with a passion for uncovering and celebrating the hidden history of Bristol. Their books and talks often focus on themes of slavery and activism.

Caroline Smith

Artists and silk painter. Caroline will have a selection of originals, prints and cards for sale.

Cathey Webb and Zelda Velika

booksbycathey.weebly.com [📷 @catheywebb / @zeldavelika](#)



Book artists using traditional relief-printing processes, mostly letterpress and lino to create small pieces of artwork that you can hold in your hand.

Zelda Velika's work is an eclectic mixture of books, badges, and prints. She creates using print, text, and her mind to produce one off works which are there to entertain.

Cathey Webb's work is inspired by quotes from books, phrases that spring to mind, memory, small observations, the structure of books and all things book-related.

Clare Rogers



clarerogersartist.blogspot.co.uk [f /ClareRogersArtist](#) [📷 @clare_rogers2](#)

Maker of handmade books that explore emotional connections to nature, objects, people, events or places, complimented by her drawing and printmaking practices, and photography. Clare enjoys exploring the sequence of patterns and visual qualities found in text. Her books are unique one-offs or small multiples.

Clevedon Civic Society

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Founded in 1970, Clevedon Civic Society campaigns for the protection and preservation of Clevedon's landmarks, environment and public amenities, as well as preserving historical records and educating the local community about our beautiful town.

Clevedon Community Bookshop Cooperative

clevedoncommunitybookshop.coop



Community owned and run bookshop. Purveyors of new and used books, cards, notebooks, gift vouchers, cloth bags and more. The shop on Copse Rd has hosted literary events, story reading for children, creative writing courses, poetry reading sessions. At Celebration of the Book they will be offering a gift wrapping service.

Clevedon Library

Find out about services and facilities at Clevedon's Library.

Clevedon Litfest presents the Art of Doris Hatt

Art prints. Proceeds go to support Clevedon Litfest.

Colleen MacMahon

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Devon based author, actress and painter. Colleen's vivid imagination, coupled with her fascination for 'what if...' scenarios, has taken her novel writing into the realm of speculative fiction. Her debut novel, *My Name is Ten*, was published in 2022.

Corinne Welch

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Self-employed designer/illustrator living and working in Bristol. Maker of small editions of tiny illustrated books using traditional bookbinding techniques. Corinne has taken part in many collaborative book art projects from all around the world.

BOOK & MAKERS MARKET

Dave Wynne-Jones

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Author of mountaineering non-fiction books and poetry, including *4000m Climbing the Highest Mountains of the Alps*, *An Expedition Handbook* and *The Way Taken*. He is a regular performer at spoken word events at various Bristol venues. He's still climbing.

David John

harrietseternaltears.co.uk

Author of *Harriet's Eternal Tears*, a true story about a family at war. Profits from the book are going to the military mental health charity Combat Stress.

Dawn Patricia Bolton

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Many of Dawn's ideas for her novels were inspired by her history course and cases she taught in university. She writes romantic suspense/crime novels (as Toni Bolton), paranormal and dark fantasy (as Anne Allen) and historical romance (as Alexie Bolton).

Elizabeth Delo

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Author of award winning debut novel *Becoming Liz Taylor*. Elizabeth also runs writing classes and has worked as a freelance editor.

Fanny Garstang

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Author of historical fiction, fantasy and romance.

Frederick Petford

Author of three historical crime novels set in a Cotswold village at the end of the Great War. The backdrop to all three stories is the impact of the war on a remote community.

Gillian Marshall

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Author of children's picture books about a frog called Tad. Illustrated by Gill's sister, Julie Pearce. Tad and his friends have jumped off the pages onto mugs, jigsaws, hats, t-shirts and bags ... they sure do get around!

Isabel White & Paul Truan

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Clevedon based poets. Paul's debut collection *In the Shadows* was published in 2024.

Jackie Hales

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Jackie's 2024 novel, *Nana Boo*, follows her 2022 début, *Shadows of Time*. She has been writing since childhood and has had multiple pieces of poetry, memoir, flash and micro-fiction published.

James Witts

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Clevedon based sports writer who specialises in cycling. He's written three books for Bloomsbury – *The Science of the Tour de France*, *Training Secrets of the World's Greatest Footballers* and, his most recent, *Riding with the Rocketmen*.

Jane Duffus

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Author of six books, including two in the popular *The Women Who Built Bristol* series. Jane is a popular speaker on the topic of women who have been hidden from history.

Jemma Houkes (Book on a Hook)

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Creator of handmade miniature books and vinyls in a variety of styles, including earrings, key rings, necklaces, and more. Every product is lovingly handmade by Jemma. This year, we're excited to introduce new accessories, including tote bags, stickers and magnetic bookmarks!

Just Write! Bristol

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A group of Bristol Writers who support each other and the local writing community

Kev F Sutherland

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Comic book writer and artist Kev F Sutherland has drawn comics for everyone from *Beano* to *Marvel*, *Doctor Who* to *Viz*, *Red Dwarf* to *The Dandy*. His first three graphic novels came out in 2020, followed by his latest, *Richard The Third*, in 2023

BOOK & MAKERS MARKET

Martin Tracey

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Multi-functional author of both fiction and non-fiction. He has written the introductions to each of the photobook series *Duran Duran En Scene*, and is currently writing the authorised biographies of all-girl band FUZZBOX and the late, great Robin George.

Mary Georgina de Grey (Suzanne McConaghy)

marygeorginadegreyauthor.com

Mary's stories feature strong young women determined to make their way in the world - and there's a love story at the centre of each one. The various countries where she lived and worked, or even just visited, have had great impact on her writing.

North Somerset LGBT+ Forum

nslgbtforum.com

Charity selling donated radical books to aid fundraising.

Peter Gibbs & Nigel Heath

peterspoetry.co.uk

Authors of poetry and travel journalism.

Peter Williams (writing as Charlie Summer)

[f /charlie.summer.50552](#)

Author crime thrillers and of children's books featuring Harry the Donkey.

Print [works] Weston

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Makers space run by Claire and Tracey, whose aim is to bring printmaking and associated art practices to the community. They run workshops, and offer open access working and personal tuition in screen print, lino print, dry point etching, collagraph, cyanotype and monoprint.

READ EASY

readeasy.org.uk/groups/northsomerset/ [f /readeasynoso](#) [@ @ readeasyns](#)

DROP IN AND CHAT

3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

[📍](#) Squirrels Restaurant

[🆓](#) FREE



Literacy charity Read Easy will be at Celebration of the Book all day in the Market Hall. If you'd like to sit down for a cuppa and a chat, one of their team will be in Squirrel's Cafe in the afternoon.

Richard Collis

amazon.co.uk/stores/Richard-Collis/author

Author of *Pool*, a story of growing up, about choosing love or responsibility, but ultimately about the power of Nature.

Richard Frost

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Author of two novellas, the Eastwood Story series, and three faith-related non-fiction books. Richard views all his writing as being about words to which readers can relate their own lives.

Richard Owen Collins & Matthew Broadhead

matthewbroadhead.com

Richard and Matthew are investigative journalists, using writing and photography to tell an important story.

Ruth Hill

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Ruth Hill is a writer, theatre maker, and educator. She is resident writer at Found Outdoors CiC.

Tim Kindberg

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Tim Kindberg is a writer and digital creative. His future-set novel *Vampires of Avonmouth* explores the intersections between software, the supernatural and consciousness through the struggles of a detective plagued by an actual inner demon.

Trevor Stubbs

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Author of YA fiction set around the universe but chiefly in the UK. Trevor is a 'retired' Anglican vicar who spend most of his time in youth work.

ROOM 1

Clevedon Community Centre

DAY PASS

10.20 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. PANEL

THE HIDDEN HALF: WRITING WOMEN'S HISTORY

Historical fiction author Alison Knight (writing as May Ellis) joins women's history authors Jane Duffus and Felice Hardy to discuss the fascinating stories of the women in their books and why such stories risk being lost or obscured.

Alison Knight (writing as May Ellis)* **Jane Duffus***

Felice Hardy

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Journalist and author Felice has written about subjects ranging from travel and food to sports and fashion. She has co-written more than 20 travel guidebooks and hosts a podcast called Action Packed Travel.

11.20 p.m. - 13.00 p.m. TALK

FROM GENERATION X AND BEYOND: WRITING COMPELLING BIOGRAPHIES OF 80S POP STARS

Great music is timeless and the associated stories transcend generations. Join Martin Tracey on a journey through the subject matters, hooks and pitfalls of 80s pop star biographies.

Martin Tracey*

12:00 noon - 12:20 p.m. TALK

ADHD: A MODERN LEXICON



Merlin Goldman discusses his latest book, written following his ADHD diagnosis. *ADHD: A Modern Lexicon* is an easy to read but authoritative description of ADHD through the lens of popular terminology and provides some advice on living as an ADHDer.

Merlin Goldman

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Writer, screen writer and film maker. Author of the acclaimed screen writer's guide *Want Do Get: A Screenwriter's Manual*. Merlin has been shortlisted for the Pears Film Fund (twice).

12.30 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. READINGS

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS: YA READINGS

Four authors of YA and teen fiction share excerpts from their books.

Ana Salote*

Colleen McMahon*

Richard Collis*

Trevor Stubbs*

1.20 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. BOOK LAUNCH

NANA BOO

Following her successful debut in 2022 with *Shadows of Time*, Clevedon author Jackie Meekums-Hales launches her new novel, *Nana Boo*.

Jackie Hales*

* Find this author's bio in the traders list.

TALKS, PANELS & READINGS

2:10 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.

TALK

CUNNING FOLK: LIFE IN THE ERA OF PRACTICAL MAGIC



Author and historian Tabitha Stanmore shares her insights into the Medieval world of everyday magic, as explored in her new book *Cunning Folk: Life in the Era of Practical Magic*. Published in 2024, this book for general readers is based on her PhD thesis research.

Tabitha Stanmore

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[IG @TabithaStanmore](https://www.instagram.com/TabithaStanmore)

Dr. Tabitha Stanmore is a specialist in English magic and witchcraft between the fourteenth to seventeenth centuries with a particular interest in the role that the supernatural played in everyday life, culture and politics. She is currently a postdoctoral researcher on the Leverhulme-funded Seven County Witch Hunt Project.

2.50 p.m. - 3.20 p.m.

PANEL

COPS AND ROBBERS: WRITERS OF POLICE PROCEDURAL CRIME

Two authors writing police procedural fiction from very different perspectives share their experiences.

Barry Faulkner*

Bryan J Mason

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Bryan J Mason worked as a forensic investigator for over thirty years. He is now a full-time writer, specialising in black comedy crime. His latest novel, *An Old Tin Can*, is the first in a new series based in Northern Ireland during the Troubles.

3.40 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

PANEL / WORKSHOP

CRIME WRITING MASTERCLASS



What makes a great crime novel? In this session, psychologist Heather J Reed and journalist Jason Mann will examine the key elements of the craft of crime writing and talk about the approach they take with their own novels. It will be a light-hearted interactive session with the audience having the opportunity to ask questions and to take part in a fun 'first line' competition with signed copies of Heather and Jason's novels as prizes.

Heather J Reed

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H J Reed lives and writes in Bristol, where she graduated with a PhD in psychology and began a long career lecturing in psychology and criminology. She is able to follow her lifelong passion and write crime fiction full time.

Jason Mann (writing as J.H.Mann)

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Jason Mann is a Westcountry journalist and novelist who writes thrillers set on Cornwall's wild Atlantic coast. Most of his novels are inspired by real-life events. He is a shore-based volunteer for the RNLI.

* Find this author's bio in the traders list.

TALKS, PANELS & READINGS

4.50 p.m. - 5.10 p.m. TALK

HOW TO WIN THE TOUR DE FRANCE



This talk will uncover the training and nutritional strategies that propel these super-human cyclists to Paris over three long, hot weeks every July. Just what does it take physically to ride over 3,500km, conquering several mountain ranges along the way?

James Witts*

5.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. READINGS

EXPLORING THE EDGES

Readings from four authors whose work explores deeper topics.

Carolyn Lewis

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Author and creative writing tutor. *Some Sort of Twilight* is a collection of Carolyn's prize-winning short stories, and her debut novel will soon be published by Watermark Press.

Elizabeth Delo*

Judy Darley

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Fiction writer and journalist Judy specialises in writing about travel, the arts and anything that catches her eye and fires her imagination. She has an unquenchable fascination with the fallibilities of the human mind.

Melanie Greenwood

f /MJ Greenwood

Former regional and national journalist and magazine editor. Melanie came across a true story that gripped her and became the basis of her novel, *The Blue Hour*.

ROOM 2

📍 Clevedon Community Centre

🎫 DAY PASS

10.30 a.m. - 10.50 a.m. TALK

THE SCIENCE LOVER'S GUIDE TO LONDON

The Science Lover's Guide to London outlines places associated with groundbreaking scientific discoveries and with scientists. Rachael's talk will include how the guidebook was researched and developed.

Rachel Rowe

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A writer and journalist with a passion for travel, Rachel's bylines include National Geographic, Fodor's and BV Magazine. She is Cornish but has lived and worked in London, visiting frequently.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, the #WalkingWords workshop will take place in Room 2 and the above talk will move to Room 4 at The Friends' Meeting House.

* Find this author's bio in the traders list.

TALKS, PANELS & READINGS

12.20 p.m. - 12.50 p.m. READINGS

LOVE, LAUGHTER, TEARS AND JOY: FICTION & POETRY

Authors of comedy, romance and drama gather to share readings from their work.

Maureen Morrison (writing a Maureen Finnigan)

Maureen has been writing short stories and poetry since she was 9 years old. She recently published her debut novel *Chasing Rainbows* and the sequel, *Rainbow's End*.

Richard Frost*

Rosemary Dun (also writing as Rosie Parker) rosemarydun.co.uk @rosemarydun

Author and part-time tutor in creative writing at The Open University. Her most recent book, *Only Hummingbirds Fly Backwards*, inspired by her brother's motorcycle accident in the late 1980s, has been described as "a poignant tale of heartbreak, love and loss".

Suzannah V. Evans

 @SuzannahVEvans

Poet and creative writing teacher based in Bristol. She is the author of *Brightwork* and *Marine Objects / Some Language* and holds a PhD in modern poetry from Durham University.

1.10 p.m. - 1.40 p.m. PANEL

IN THE SHADOW OF THE GREAT WAR

Frederick Petford and David John talk about their journeys into writing stories set during and after WWI. What about that conflict continues to draw authors to write new stories set in and around those years, and how do such stories keep memory alive?

David John*

Frederick Petford*

2.00 p.m. - 2.40 p.m. PANEL

TWISTING THE KNIFE: WOMEN WRITING SUSPENSE

More and more crime fiction and thrillers are being written and read by women. Four established authors of the genre gather round to discuss the enduring attraction of murder and intrigue, and why women authors are so good at twisting the knife.

A. A. Abbott*

Dawn Patricia Boulton*

Helena Dixon

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A Black Country girl transplanted to Brixham in Devon. Winner of The Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010. She now writes historical 1930's and 1940's set cozy crime.

Jane Shemilt

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Internationally published best-selling author of six psychological thrillers. Following a career in General Practice Jane completed an MA in Creative Writing. *Daughter* was a Sunday times top 5 best seller and was the fastest selling debut of 2014.

* Find this author's bio in the traders list.

TALKS, PANELS & READINGS

3.00 p.m. - 3.20 p.m. TALK

WRITING NEWSLETTERS

With the growth of online newsletter services growing exponentially across the online spheres, there has been no better time to start publishing your writing online. Learn about how to get started and the wide range of content categories that you could explore.

Chloe Vlahos

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Writer, photographer and filmmaker whose work is primarily concerned with longing, memory, and place. She developed a keen interest for that which occupies the 'in-between' space within language and landscapes. Chloe is currently working on her first novel.

3.40 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. TALK

THE COST OF PUTTING THINGS RIGHT

Chemicals known as PCBs were banned in the 1980s. There are 18 known PCB dump sites in the UK. Most of them are in Wales. For the last year and a half, writer Richard Owen Collins and photographer Matthew Broadhead have investigated. This is the story they've uncovered.

Richard Owen Collins*

4.10 p.m. - 4.40 p.m. READINGS

CONCENTRATED IMAGINATIVE AWARENESS: POETRY

A group of prolific and experienced poets share readings of some of their favourite pieces.

Dave Wynne-Jones*

Helen Sheppard

helensheppard.bigcartel.com

Helen's family connections to care influenced her to become a nurse and midwife. Her collection Fontanelle is her 'take' on the complexities and joys of care, duty, burnout and friendships.

Michael Loader

Poet and storyteller. Michael's recent collection, *Sleeping with the Moon* explores connections to nature and night.

5.00 p.m. - 5.20 p.m. TALK

HOW THE ARCHIE SERIES WAS CREATED

Anne Parsons will recount how she became a children's author and storyteller, creating the Archie series for children aged 6-9 years, stories about a young Airedale Terrier who dreams of becoming a national jumping champion.

Anne Parsons*

5.40 p.m. - 6.10 p.m. TALK

WHAT MAKES A GOOD ROMANCE?

This talk takes a look at how to go about writing romance. How are characters, dialogue, the love scenes, etc. treated in the romance genre?

Mary Georgina De Grey (Suzanne McConaghy)*

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EVENING SESSIONS

"QUITE WEIRD" – STORYTELLING, MUSIC & OPEN MIC

Just Write Bristol*

8.15 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

📍 Prescott Bar

🎫 DAY or EVENING PASS



Join members of Just Write Bristol after dark for readings from their newly published *Quite Weird* short story anthology, with songs from writer and musician Dawn Kelly.

Register on the day for an open mic slot (5 minutes maximum) to share something you consider quite weird.

MURDER, THE AI WROTE

Tim Kindberg*

8.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m.

📍 Room 2 (Clevedon Community Centre)

🎫 DAY or EVENING PASS



Murder, the AI wrote. Some claim that soon AIs will do much of our writing and our artwork for us. Sceptics (including this author and computer scientist) think that AI will only ever produce a combination of the bizarre and the banal, because AIs know nothing about life as we live it, and are incapable of creativity as we humans would understand. (I say "we" - you are a human reading this... aren't you?)

Come along to hear a basic explanation of how AI works, and to join a conversation about all things AI and literature.

VOLUNTEERS

Concentrating so much into one day required us to mobilise a small but mighty army of volunteers. Thank you to all of those who donated their time...

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| Annie Robinson | Gill Marshall | Laura Durrant | Rosemary Baragranath |
| Beverley Moore | Gillian O'Connell | Liz Billingham | Sarah Morris |
| Carol Price | Grace Hewson | Maggie Morris | Sharon Adam |
| Chloe Vlahos | Isabel White | Mark Fenton | Sharon Wilkins |
| Christie | Jan Grimshaw | Nicky Stokes | Stew McCabe |
| Colleen MacMahon | Jane Cutler | Paul Truan | Stuart Miller |
| Dave Wynne-Jones | Jayne Linington | Pete Floyd | Sue Ascott |
| Diana Sims | Jo Cheetham | Rachel James | Tony Carrington |
| Ed Spangler | Judy Darley | Rich Jeffery | Tracey McCrum |
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