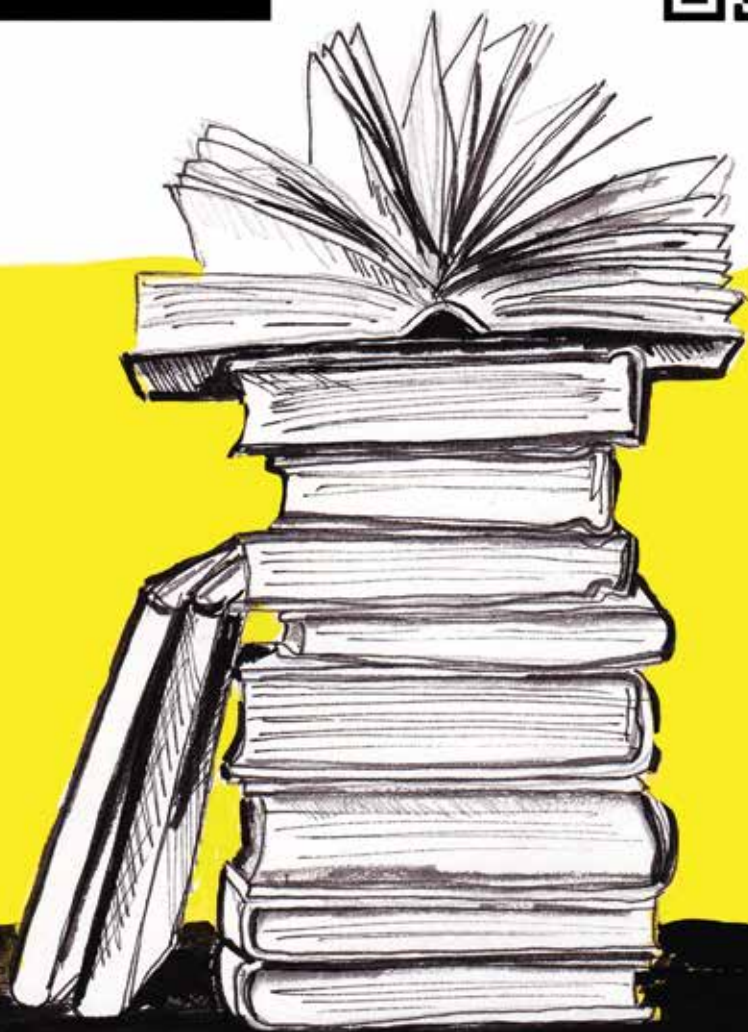


FARNHAM LITERARY
FESTIVAL



1-10 MARCH 2024

 **Farnham**
Town Council



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Welcome to the 2024 Farnham Literary Festival where we are celebrating literature in all its forms!

Join us this year from 1 to 10 March and immerse yourself in the world of books, spoken word, film, creative writing, podcasting and more. Farnham Town Council has arranged over 40 events in venues across Farnham so there really is something for everyone.

Be ready to be inspired by our amazing line-up of guest speakers which includes Hugh Bonneville who will share stories from his memoir *Playing Under the Piano*. You will also have the chance to hear from local and internationally renowned authors such as Ava Glass, Jack Jewers, Suzanne Goldring and Alison Weir.

The festival opens on Friday 1 March with a 60-minute conversation between Jack Jewers and actor and writer Bob Cryer. Bob will give an entertaining insight into the life of his comedy legend father Barry Cryer and will share material unique to the Cryer family.

As well as being a celebration of literature, the festival also honours Farnham's heritage with great use being made of our wonderful community hubs, interesting buildings and the places where people go to enjoy books.

Throughout the festival, we are delighted to be offering a programme for local schools which has been arranged in partnership with the Blue Bear Bookshop.

Whether you are a seasoned literary festivalgoer or a first-timer, come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of author talks, panels and readings. Take part in workshops to improve your writing and reading skills, learn how to self-publish and enjoy a range of



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activities for children at Farnham Library. You can see the full programme and ticket information in this guide and on the festival website at www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk.

I would like to give special thanks to our festival partners and venues which are hosting events. These include Blue Bear bookshop, Farnham Library, Farnham Maltings, Farnham Castle, Frensham Heights School, Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity, Oxfam Books and Music, St Andrew's Church, Waterstones Farnham, The Wheatsheaf, St Mark's Church, The Vineyard Centre and the University for the Creative Arts.

I hope you take the opportunity to enjoy the world of literature at the Farnham Literary Festival and I look forward to sharing the experience with you.

**Councillor Kika Mirylees,
Farnham Town Council**



Some images from last year's festival

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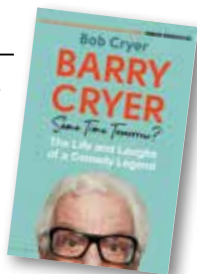
FREE EVENT



MARCH 1 St Andrew's Church 7.30pm - 8.30pm £ B 📺

Bob Cryer

In conversation with Jack Jewers, Bob Cryer will be giving us an entertaining insight into the life of a comedy legend - his father Barry Cryer. Bob shares a range of material - including family photos, memorabilia and interviews with friends and colleagues - as well as Bob's own personal reflections on living and working with a comedy icon.



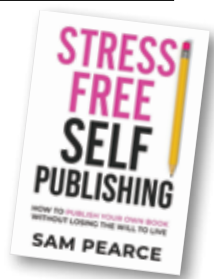
AUTHOR TALK



MARCH 2 Farnham Town Hall 10am - 12pm £ B

Workshop: How to Self-Publish a Book That Sells with Sam Pearce

Sam Pearce is the founder of SWATT Books, a self-publishing consultancy that helps independent authors to publish professionally, and credibly, whilst retaining 100% of their rights, royalties, and ownership. After this workshop, you will have the blueprint that Sam has used to publish over 250 titles.



WORKSHOP



MARCH 2 Farnham Library 11am - 12pm £ B 🧑🏻🧑🏻

Creative Writing: Character Development Session with Marissa Noelle (11 - 16 yrs)

Character development session: Learn how to create engaging and 3D characters that leap off the page. Give them flaws! Give them problems! Give them backstory! And make your readers fall in love with them. These are just a few of the tips and techniques author Marisa Noelle will share to help you craft a story with characters that leap off the page.

WRITING WORKSHOP



MARCH 2 Oxfam Books & Music 11am - 3pm 📖 📺

Free Book Valuations

Do you have a book that you think might be of value? Ever wondered how books are priced for sale or what makes a book valuable? Come along to the Oxfam bookshop with your books and meet our expert, Stephen Dick, who will carry out a valuation for you. No need to reserve a slot, just turn up between 11am and 3pm.

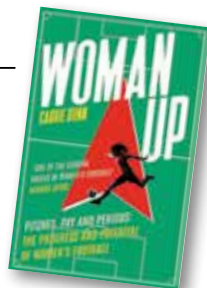
BOOK VALUATIONS



AUTHOR TALK

MARCH 2 Farnham Town Hall 2.30pm - 3.30pm £ B 📱
Carrie Dunn on *Woman Up*

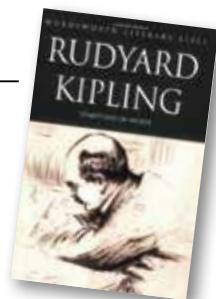
Sportswriter Carrie Dunn will talk about the long history of women's football and the subversive women who blazed a trail, right through to its glorious present, looking to its exciting future and exploring the challenges its players still face, whether that's pitches, pay or periods.



PERFORMANCE

MARCH 2 Farnham Town Hall 5pm - 6pm £ B
Rudyard Kipling - *Something of Myself*

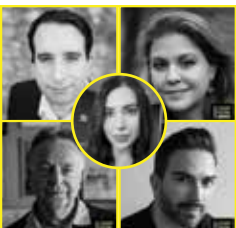
Performed by Jonathan Jones, Rudyard Kipling - '*Something of Myself*' is a one-man play covering the main events of Kipling's life, interspersed with dramatic readings of his poetry. It is delivered in the first-person and covers his childhood, his marriage to an American and the loss of his son John in the Great War.



SHOWCASE & PERFORMANCE

MARCH 2 Blue Bear Bookshop 6pm - 8.30pm £ B 📱
Open Mic and Poetry Evening

Come along to Blue Bear Bookshop and join us for a drink and share your poetry, songs, or writings in our beautiful, cosy, and supportive environment. Hosted by Ray Pool. Due to limited capacity, please book your free ticket online or in Blue Bear Bookshop.



PANEL DISCUSSION

MARCH 2 Farnham Town Hall 7.30pm - 8.30pm £ B 📱
Writing Spies in the Shadow of Bond This event is sponsored by Moonflower Books (all ticket holders to receive a free cocktail).



Ava Glass, Greg Mosse, Jack Jewers, and Tim Glistler are four bestselling authors who have written about spies operating in every kind of setting - from the historical to a future dystopia. Join them to talk about the enduring lure of spy fiction - past, present, and future. The event will be hosted by Frankie Pellatt of the Read and Buried podcast.

3rd March



WRITING WORKSHOP

MARCH 3 Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity 10.30am - 12pm £ B
How to Foster a Love of Writing - Practical Strategies to Support Struggling or Reluctant Writers

Led by Claire Harvey, this talk will provide attendees with simple, practical strategies, resources and activities that could be used to help improve the writing development of a weaker writer and encourage even the most reluctant writer to start writing and sharing all their wonderful ideas.



PANEL DISCUSSION

MARCH 3 Oxfam Books & Music 3pm - 4.30pm £ B
Let's Talk About the War

Louise Morrish, Suzanne Goldring and Gill Thompson, examine why WW1 and WW2 continue to provide such endlessly fascinating material. This lively discussion, compered by writer Libby Morgan, will ask why readers eagerly consume novels set during these challenging periods of hardship and resilience.



MARCH 3 Blue Bear Bookshop 4pm - 7.30pm £ B 📺
Movie Night: Slumdog Millionaire (15+)

Based on the book Q&A by Vikas Swarup, The Blue Bear Bookshop will be showing Slumdog Millionaire, directed by Danny Boyle. Copies of the book will be available to purchase on the night. The ticket includes entrance to watch, plus snacks themed around the movie and one free soft drink. The film starts @ 5pm - a short intermission will be held during the movie.



FILM SCREENING

MARCH 3 The Vineyard Centre 7pm - 9pm £ B
I AM MARK

I AM MARK, a daring new staging of Mark's Gospel. A sell out show from the Edinburgh Fringe, in this dynamic new, word-for-word, solo performance, directed by Lisa Gilmour, Stefan Smart brings us the story of Mark from the Bible as it was originally narrated. *I AM MARK* is the resulting full-bodied drama, with its characters and nuances brought startlingly to life.






PERFORMANCE





CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

MARCH 4 Farnham Library 10.30am - 11am   
Children's Storytime with Cara Matheson (and Scout!) (2 - 5 yrs)

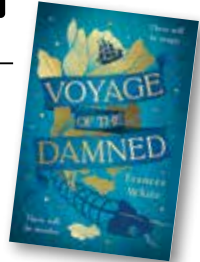
We welcome Cara and her therapy dog, Scout, to join us at Storytime. *Finding Floss*: it's not just a bright and beautiful celebration of the bond between a child and their pet, but also a clever way to deliver important messages to children about what to do if they ever get lost.



AUTHOR TALK

MARCH 4 University for the Creative Arts 6pm - 7pm  
In Conversation with Frances White

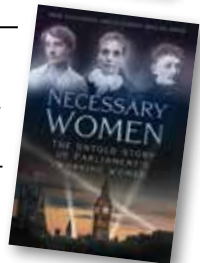
Join Frances White as she discusses her debut novel *Voyage of the Damned*. If Agatha Christie wrote fantasy, this would be it! Frances will explain why her favourite things to write include: hard characters who are secretly soft, soft characters who are secretly tough, folklore and real-world history colliding, and absolutely anything about revolutions.




AUTHOR TALK

MARCH 4 Farnham Town Hall 7.30pm - 8.30pm   
Dr Mari Takayanagi - Necessary Women: The Untold Story of Parliament's Working Women

Women have always worked in Parliament and many also lived onsite, their personal lives played out and amplified amongst the Victorian gothic grandeur of the Palace of Westminster. This talk by Dr Mari Takayanagi will explore some of their stories and their contribution to Parliamentary culture.



FILM SCREENING

MARCH 5 Farnham Maltings 2.30pm and 7.30pm   
Film Maltings: *The Peasants*

Using an advanced oil painting animation technique, *The Peasants* is a visually thrilling rendering of Władysław Reymont's Nobel Prize-winning tale from the directors of *Loving Vincent*.



Director: DK Welchman, Hugh Welchman. **Cast:** Kamila Urzedowska, Robert Gulaczyk, Miroslaw Baka. Spoken in Polish with English subtitles.

5th March



FREE




SHOWCASE

MARCH 5 Farnham Town Hall 3pm - 4pm  
Tea Party to launch the Writing Memories Book from Members of the Sunflower Café

Tea Party at the Farnham Town Hall to launch the *Writing Memories* book from members of the Sunflower Café. Last year a Writing Memories project was initiated as part of the Farnham Literary Festival as a joint venture between Right at Home care agency, the Farnham Herald and the Parish of Badshot Lea and Hale.



WRITING WORKSHOP

MARCH 5 Farnham Maltings 6pm - 9pm   
Writing as Mindful Practice

Explore how the twin practices of reading and writing foster both gratitude and mindfulness, and how the process begins with simply noticing. Use simple tools and techniques to create unique pieces of writing which reflect what happens when we slow down and take notice. Led by trained therapist and prize-winning novelist, Joanna Barnard.



PODCASTING Q&A

MARCH 5 Farnham Town Hall 7.30pm - 8.30pm   
The Labours of Hercule: Poirot, Podcasting and More

Join the hosts of *The Labours of Hercule*, the ultimate podcast for fans of the iconic TV show Agatha Christie's Poirot, for a conversation about how they got into podcasting, the magic of murder mysteries, the perfection of Poirot and a whole lot more. Since launching in 2022, it has featured interviews with special guests including David Suchet, Hugh Fraser, Pauline Moran, and Philip Jackson.



FREE

LOCAL AUTHOR
SHOWCASE EVENING

MARCH 5 Farnham Library 7.30pm - 9pm  
Local Author Showcase Evening

Come along to meet local authors, Helen Snape, Joanne Watson, Lucy Weldon, Jane Hennigan and Chris and Denise Arthey as they share their journey and their books with you. Moving around to hear each author giving a short talk, you will get to discover some new books and support local authors. There will be an opportunity to talk to the authors and buy their books.



MARCH 6 Farnham Castle 10am - 4pm £ B 📱
History Day at Farnham Castle with Alison Weir and Louise Morrish

Listen to two author talks by Louise Morrish and Alison Weir, enjoy lunch, visit the Keep, and walk Farnham Castle's Grounds and Gardens.

- ★ 10am Castle Gates Open
- ★ 11am Great Hall. Louise Morrish - *Secret Women: The Female Agents of the S.O.E*
- ★ 12:30-2pm: Lunch served between the Library and Lantern Hall
- ★ 2.15pm: Great Hall. Alison Weir - *Six Tudor Queens: The Wives of Henry VIII*
- ★ 4pm: Castle Gates Close

Dr Alison Weir is the top-selling female historian (and the fifth-best-selling historian overall) in the UK and has sold over 3 million books worldwide

and done over a thousand events.

Louise Morrish is passionate about women's history. Her debut novel, *Operation Moonlight*, won the Penguin Random House First Novel competition in 2019.



**HISTORY DAY
AUTHOR TALKS**



MARCH 6 St Andrew's Church 6pm - 7.30pm £ B
C.S. Lewis - passed his sell-by date?

St Andrew's Church is offering a 45-minute recorded interview with The Revd. Professor Alister McGrath on C.S. Lewis. Alister is an internationally recognised scientist and theologian. In this conversation with Ruth Jackson (60 years after Lewis' death) Alister explores the author's popular theology and his writing of children's stories. He is invited to answer the question: Has C.S. Lewis passed his sell-by date?

RECORDED INTERVIEW



MARCH 6 The Wheatsheaf 7.30pm - 10pm £ B
Literary Pub Quiz

Do you know your *Graham Swift* from your *Swallows and Amazons*, your *Breakfast at Tiffany's* from your *Naked Lunch*? If so, come along to a Literary-themed Pub Quiz at the Wheatsheaf Pub. All in aid of BookTrust the UK's largest children's reading charity. Book tickets in advance, £6 a head (max 6 participants per team), available from Waterstones (11 Lion & Lamb Yard, Farnham) with all money going direct to BookTrust.

PUB QUIZ

Event	More details	Time	Venue	Cost
Friday 1st March				
Author Talk	Bob Cryer	7.30 - 8.30pm	St Andrew's Church	£10
Saturday 2nd March				
Self Publishing Workshop	Sam Pearce	10am-12pm	Farnham Town Hall	£25*
Book Valuations	Stephen Dick	11am - 3pm	Oxfam bookshop	Free
Writing Workshop	Marisa Noelle	11 - 12am	Farnham Library	£4
Author Talk	Carrie Dunn	2.30 - 3.30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8
Performance - Kipling	Jonathan Jones	5 - 6pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8
Open Mic and Poetry		6 - 8.30pm	Blue Bear Bookshop	Free
Panel Discussion	Spy fiction panel	7.30 - 8.30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£10
Sunday 3rd March				
Writing Workshop	Claire Harvey	10.30am - 12pm	Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity	£5
Panel Discussion	<i>Let's talk about the War</i>	3 - 4.30pm	Oxfam bookshop	£5
Film Screening	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	4 - 7.30pm	Blue Bear Bookshop	£25
Performance	<i>I AM MARK</i>	7 - 9pm	Vineyard Centre	£5
Monday 4th March				
Storytime	Cara Matheson	10.30 - 11am	Farnham Library	£3
Author Talk	Frances White	6 - 7pm	UCA	£8*
Author Talk	Dr Mari Takayanagi	7.30 - 8.30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8
Tuesday 5th March				
Film Screening	<i>The Peasants</i>	2.30 & 7.30pm	Farnham Maltings	£7
Showcase	Sunflower Café	3 - 4pm	Farnham Town Hall	Free
Writing Workshop	Joanna Barnard	6 - 9pm	Farnham Maltings	£15*
Podcasting Q&A	Adam Roche & Frankie Pellatt	7.30 - 8.30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8
Local Author	Lucy Weldon, Helen Snape, Chris & Denise Arthey, Jane Hennigan	7.30 - 9pm	Farnham Library	Free

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<i>Event</i>	<i>More details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Wednesday 6th March				
History Day Author Talks	Alison Weir & Louise Morrish	10am - 4pm	Farnham Castle	£60
Recorded interview	CS Lewis with Alistair McGrath	6 - 7.30pm	St Andrew's Church	Free
Author talk	Ching-He Huang	7.30 - 8.30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8
Literary Pub Quiz	Wheatsheaf Pub	7.30 - 10pm	The Wheatsheaf	£6**
Thursday 7th March				
Performance	<i>Macbeth</i>	5 - 7pm	Frensham Heights	£5
Author talk	Louise Boyce	7.30 - 8.30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8
Friday 8th March				
Showcase & Performance	LGBTQI+ Poetry	7 - 9pm	St George's Church	£5
Author talk	Hugh Bonneville	7.30 - 8.30pm	St Andrew's Church	£12.50
Saturday 9th March				
Children's Workshop	Neill Cameron	10 - 11.30am	Blue Bear Bookshop	£15
Workshop	Paul Eggleton	10am - 1pm	St Mark's Church	£5
Writing Workshop & Awards	Sally Dickson	10am - 12pm	Farnham Museum	£5
Writing Workshop	Joanna Barnard	10am - 1pm	Farnham Maltings	£15*
Children's Workshop	Holly Webb	10.30 - 11.30am	Farnham Library	£5
Audio Walk	<i>Ghosts at the Castle</i>	11am - 3.30pm	Farnham Castle	Free
Author Talk	Jessica Bull	4.30 - 5.30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8
Showcase & Discussion	Poetry Awards evening	5 - 9pm	St Mark's Church	Free
Author Talk	Guy Mopuss, Janice Hallett	7 - 8pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8
Panel Discussion	Myths and Monsters	7 - 8.30pm	Blue Bear Bookshop	£10
Sunday 10th March				
Panel Discussion	Crime Fiction	4.30 - 5.30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£10
Panel Discussion	Gothic Fiction	7 - 8.15pm	Farnham Town Hall	£10

* Student discount available

** Tickets available to buy at Waterstones, Farnham

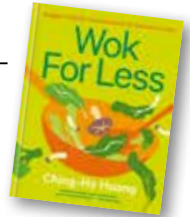
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AUTHOR TALK

MARCH 6 Farnham Town Hall 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm £ B 📱
In Conversation with Ching-He Huang

In conversation with Rebecca Fletcher, chef and television presenter Ching-He Huang will talk about her early food influences and introduce us to her latest cookery book *Wok for Less* in which she describes creative ways to make meat, fish and seafood go further, alongside inventive veg packed dishes that will satisfy even the most committed carnivore.



PERFORMANCE

MARCH 7 Aldridge Theatre, Frensham Heights 5pm - 7pm £ B 📱
Macbeth - A Quantum Theatre Production

"Something wicked this way comes..." Shakespeare's darkest of tales, of vaulting ambition and its dreadful consequences, is brought to the stage by Michael Whitmore in a haunting new production by Quantum Theatre. Perfect for GCSE students and the general public.



AUTHOR TALK

MARCH 7 Farnham Town Hall 7.30pm - 8.30pm £ B 📱
In Conversation with Louise Boyce

In conversation with Rebecca Fletcher, Louise Boyce (AKA Mama Still Got It) will entertain you with her stories of the highs and lows of parenting. In her debut book *Mama Still Got It*, a Sunday Times bestseller, Louise gives a hilarious account of raising kids through the school year. There will be an opportunity for a Q&A.



SHOWCASE & PERFORMANCE

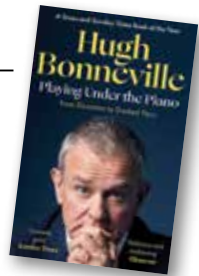
MARCH 8 St George's Church 7pm - 9pm £ B
LGBTQi Poetry Please

Join us for an enchanting evening that celebrates the rich tapestry of LGBTQi voices through the magic of poetry and readings. Whether you're an established poet or just discovering your poetic voice, this event welcomes all to celebrate the power of LGBTQi literature. Don't miss this chance to share, connect, and embrace the beauty of our community's creativity.



MARCH 8 St Andrew's Church 7.30pm - 8.30pm £ B 📺
An Evening with Hugh Bonneville

In conversation with Jack Jewers, renowned English stage, film and television actor Hugh Bonneville will be sharing stories from his memoir *Playing Under the Piano* which creates a brilliantly vivid picture of his career on stage and screen. Hugh will entertain us with stories of working with divas, Dames, and a bear with a penchant for marmalade.

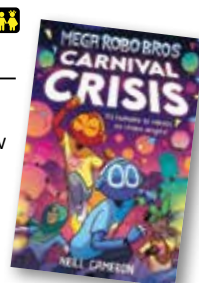


AUTHOR TALK



MARCH 9 Blue Bear Bookshop 10am - 11.30am £ B 📺 👥
Workshop: How to Make (Awesome) Comics! (6 - 12 yrs)

Welcome to the world of UK-based comics writer and illustrator Neill Cameron, who will help participants learn how to come up with their own (awesome) concepts and show them how to use those ideas to create their own comic story. All children must be accompanied by an adult, copies of Neill's books will be available to purchase at the event.



CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP



MARCH 9 St Mark's Church 10am - 1pm £ B
Workshop: Build a World with Paul Eggleton

Create your own fantasy world, design its environments, choose its atmosphere, populate it with characters - human or not. This workshop will take you through the stages of creating a fantasy world and working out elements of a story which takes place there. Paul Eggleton is an aspiring local fantasy writer who has written four books in a fantasy series and is working on the fifth.

WORKSHOP



MARCH 9 Farnham Museum 10am - 12pm £ B
Workshop: Flash Fiction including Farnham Flash Fiction Award

Join us for a hands-on workshop and for the announcement of the Farnham Flash Fiction prize for short fiction about Farnham. Whether you're an experienced wordsmith or just starting your writing journey, this workshop will offer tips and techniques for mastering short fiction, as well as the chance to try for yourself, and get good natured feedback from fellow work shoppers.

WRITING WORKSHOP AND AWARDS


WRITING WORKSHOP
MARCH 9 Farnham Maltings 10am - 1pm £ B

Telling Stories

Where do ideas come from? Why are stories so important to us as human beings? This writing workshop introduces a range of techniques for storytelling, including the Pixar 'story spine', and looks at common narrative structures in familiar tales such as fairy stories to help you craft your own compelling opening scene. Led by prize-winning local novelist Joanna Barnard.


CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP
MARCH 9 Farnham Library 10.30am - 11.30am £ B 👤

Children's workshop with Holly Webb (7 - 11 yrs)

Holly will explain the stories behind her Greenriver books, and how her own childhood favourites helped her write this new duet. *The Story of Greenriver*: The animals of Greenriver are in danger. Can Sedge and Silken find their way along the river to each other in time to save their home? A gorgeously illustrated adventure story that readers will treasure.


AUDIO WALK
MARCH 9 Farnham Castle 11am - 3.30pm £ B

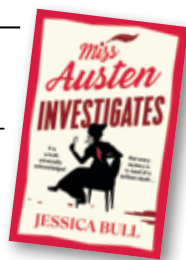
Ghosts at the Castle

Join us at Farnham Castle for a haunting walkabout with writer and director Sophie Austin. *F for Farnham* is a self-guided audio story walk which takes you on a ghostly journey around Farnham, Surrey's most haunted town. Based on historical events, these stories give voice to those who died long ago but can still be heard whispering within the walls of Farnham Castle.


AUTHOR TALK
MARCH 9 Farnham Town Hall 4.30pm - 5.30pm £ B 📺

In Conversation with Jessica Bull

In conversation with the queen of crime fiction, Ava Glass, debut author Jessica Bull will talk us through her journey from librarian to author. Her novel, *Miss Austen Investigates*, is set in nearby Chawton and sweeps readers away to Regency England where manners are more important than murder.


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INSPIRING WOMEN



MARCH 9 St Mark's Church 5pm - 9pm £ B 📱
Farnham Poetry Competition Awards Evening

Come and find out the winners of the Farnham Poetry Competition at an Awards Evening. The evening will also feature an open mic for all local poets, and performances by the two judges Linda Daruvala and Coral Rumble. There will be an interval at 6pm allowing children to leave then if they wish.

SHOWCASE & PERFORMANCE



MARCH 9 Farnham Town Hall 7pm - 8pm £ B 📱
Guy Morpuss in Conversation with Janice Hallett

Bestselling author Janice Hallett talks to crime writer Guy Morpuss about her journey from journalist and magazine editor to screenwriter and author. She will describe her research and writing process for her chart-topping debut thriller *The Appeal* and her second novel *The Twyford Code*.



AUTHOR TALK

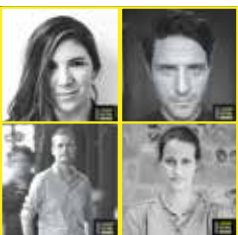


MARCH 9 Blue Bear Bookshop 7pm - 8.30pm £ B 📱
Panel event: Myths and Monsters

Step inside the beautiful Blue Bear Bookshop, where we invite you to a fantasy land of Myths and Monsters. Chaired by Joanne Hodgson, authors Nikki Marmery and Nadia Attia will be discussing their books, as well as their experiences as a writer and in the publishing industry.



PANEL DISCUSSION



MARCH 10 Farnham Town Hall 4.30pm - 5.30pm £ B 📱
Why is Crime Such a Thriller?

Crime fiction is one of the most popular genres, eagerly read by those who want to understand the motives of killers and those who enjoy the puzzle of solving a crime. Hosted by L.V. Matthews, three bestselling crime authors, Gytha Lodge, Chris MacDonald and Tim Weaver, discuss why they chose to write about crime and why it has such an enduring appeal.



PANEL DISCUSSION



PANEL DISCUSSION

MARCH 10 Farnham Town Hall 7pm - 8.15pm   
Fearfully Good: Why We Can't Get Enough of Gothic Fiction

This event is sponsored by Moonflower Books.



From spooky tales of the supernatural, to contemporary noir crime fiction, the Gothic novel can be many things. But they all share one thing in common: a love for the dark side. Hosted by Frankie Pellatt, join Anna Mazzola, Essie Fox, William Hussey, Louise Davidson and Michelle Paver to discuss why to discuss the irresistible appeal of Gothic Fiction.

An interactive installation

MARCH 1-10 Farnham Town Hall



The University for the Creative Arts (UCA) and Creative Response Arts are collaborating on an exciting interactive installation that will be available to view (and interact with!) at the Town Council offices on South Street throughout the Farnham Literary Festival.

This exciting project, led by Dr Loucia Manopoulou, Curator of the James Hockey Gallery at the UCA, will incorporate HAIKU poems and illustrations on the theme of Origin and will invite reflection on what writing means, sharing ideas and experiences.

Creative Response is a small local charity supporting people experiencing mental ill-health. To find out more, please visit: <https://linktr.ee/creativeresponse>

For more information about UCA events, please visit: <https://www.uca.ac.uk/events/galleries/>



Scan here

Booking Information

Tickets are available online - please visit the Festival website www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk to buy tickets through the event organiser's booking site. Please note that each event needs to be booked individually, there is no basket option available for multiple events. If you do not have access to the internet, the reception staff at Farnham Town Council in South Street will be happy to help you.

Seats are not allocated for most events. On arrival at most venues, your name will be checked against an attendance list but you may also need to show your confirmation email.

Books will be available to purchase at most author events.



Farnham Literary Festival's Schools Programme

Farnham Town Council is passionately committed to enhancing literacy among the students in our local schools. In collaboration with Blue Bear Bookshop and our sponsors, the Farnham Literary Festival takes great pride in facilitating encounters with both local talents and bestselling authors, igniting inspiration among the young minds of Farnham's schools.

This invaluable initiative owes its success to the unwavering support of Farnham Town Council, the generosity of our sponsors, the solidarity of local businesses, the dedication of volunteers, and, of course, the essential contributions of our participating authors.

We invite you to join us in supporting the Farnham Literary Festival.

Whether you choose to become a sponsor, feature in next year's festival programme as an author, or wish to involve your school, we welcome your engagement. Please reach out to us at literaryfestival@farnham.gov.uk for further details.

Organised by Blue Bear Bookshop, here is our amazing line up for this year's Farnham Literary Festival's Schools Programme:



Reshmi Bennett



Sophie Deen



Ben Martynoga



Robert Tregoning



Neill Cameron



Matt Brown



Nishani Reed



Dates for your diary in 2024

EVENTS

Music in the Vineyard
28th Jan, 25th Feb

Proms and Pop in the Park
30th June

Farnham Literary Festival
1st – 10th March

Farnham Food Festival
29th September

Farnham Walking Festival
11th May – 2nd June

October Craft Month
Throughout October

Sustainability Festival
Sunday 19th May

Christmas Light Switch on
16th November

Music in the Meadow
26th May – 1st September

Farnham Christmas Market
8th December

MARKETS

Farmers' Market
Every fourth Sunday of the month

West Street Market

Arts and Craft

19th May, 20th October

Antiques and Brocante

14th April, 9th June, 8th September,
17th November

Ethical Vegan Market

17th March, 21st July

For further information please visit
www.farnham.gov.uk



Seated Reader

Lou Smith for creative response



LIST OF VENUES

Blue Bear Bookshop

3, Town Hall Buildings,
The Borough, GU9 7ND

Farnham Castle

Castle Street, GU9 0AG

Farnham Library

28 West Street, GU9 7DR

Farnham Maltings

Bridge Square, GU9 7QR

Farnham Town Hall

South Street, GU9 7RN

Helen Arkell

Dyslexia Charity

24 West Street, GU9 7DR

Museum of Farnham

West Street, GU9 7DX

Oxfam Books & Music

118-9 The Borough, GU9 7NF

St Andrew's Church

Upper Church Lane,
GU9 7PW

University for the Creative Arts

Falkner Road, GU9 7DS

The Vineyard Centre

Church House, Union Road
GU9 7PT

The Wheatsheaf

19 West Street, GU9 7DR

Further Afield

Aldridge Theatre

Frensham Heights,
Rowledge GU10 4EA

St George's Church

Badshot Lea Road,
Badshot Lea GU9 9LD

St Mark's Church

Alma Lane, GU9 0LT

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