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Welcome to the 2025 Farnham Literary Festival where we are celebrating literature in all its forms!

Join us this year from the 6th to the 16th March and immerse yourself in the world of books, novels, poetry, spoken word, illustration, film, theatre, creative writing, flash fiction and more.

This year's festival is bigger and better than ever. Farnham Town Council, in collaboration with our festival partners and venues, has arranged over 50 different events involving more than 100 writers, presenters and performers. There really is something for everyone.

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We're also delighted to be offering a rich programme for local schools which has been arranged in partnership with the Blue Bear Bookshop.

The festival is a celebration of Farnham itself, our wonderful community hubs and interesting buildings, with more venues in use than ever before.

Whether you are a seasoned literary festivalgoer or a first-timer, come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere as you listen to great author talks, panels, readings and performances.

Farnham Literary Festival 2025

Take part in workshops to improve your writing, learn about the routes to publication and enjoy a range of activities for children at Farnham Library. The full programme and ticket information is in this guide and on the festival website at farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk

Get ready to be inspired, informed and entertained!

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Panel sponsor:





Author talk: Lisa Stickley

Frensham Heights - Aldridge Theatre, £2.50/£5

9:30am-10:25am, 4-8 yr olds & 10:50am-11:50am, 9-11 yr olds

Discover how Lisa brings her quirky characters to life, learn about the storytelling process, and explore the world of children's book illustration. Enjoy a captivating reading of one of Lisa's heartwarming, humorous tales and participate in an exciting draw-along session to create unique characters.



Panel: Mum's the Word

Farnham Town Hall, 7:30pm, £11

Meet the content creators on a mission to present the highs and lows of modern motherhood in hilariously relatable anecdotes. Expect no-holds-barred candid conversation as our panellists champion honest representation - and share their secrets of navigating a balance amidst the craziness of family life.



Pub Quiz

The Wheatsheaf Pub, 7:30pm-10pm, £6 a head

Do you know your Evelyn Waugh from your David Peace, your Thursday Murder Club from your Tuesdays with Morrie? If so, come along to our 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 (maximum 6 participants per team, minimum 3 participants per team), available from Waterstones (11 Lion & Lamb Yard, Farnham) with all money going direct to BookTrust.



Comedy: Andy Zaltzman: The Zaltgeist

Farnham Maltings, 8pm, £17.50

With the 3rd millennium almost 2.5% complete, Andy Zaltzman, one of the UK's leading satirical comedians, assesses the state of Planet Earth and its most famous and controversial species - the human race. Andy will attempt to concoct vaguely plausible answers to perennial questions such as What?, Who?, Where?, and above all Why?



Talk: An Evening with Tim Pope

Frensham Heights - Aldridge Theatre, 7:15pm-9:30pm, £15

Renowned pop music video director Tim Pope will share stories about his time in the industry; like the day he dressed Freddie Mercury as a giant Mediterranean prawn, or when he called David Bowie something unrepeatable. Tim will share stories of working with the likes of The Cure, Boy George and many, many more.



Author talk: An Evening with Louis de Bernières

St Andrew's Church, 7:30pm, £10

Louis de Bernières, author of one of the nation's best loved novels, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* will discuss life, love, music and writing, as well as his latest novel, *Light Over Liskeard*, an entertaining and heart-warming narrative about Q, a quantum cryptographer concerned about an imminent crisis for civilisation. He will be in conversation with author Louise Morrish.



Performance: Imaginary Friends

Farnham Maltings, 7:30pm, £16 (£14 members, £5 students)

Welcome to the warped mirror world of *Imaginary Friends* by award-winning writer-performer Daniel Bye in which a floundering TV comic starts listening to the wrong voices in his head. Bye's trademark blend of the hilarious and the mind-bending is at its best in this startling, wild hallucinatory ride through the looking glass of 21st century culture.



Book valuations

Oxfam Books & Music, 10am-3pm, FREE

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 Books & Music with your books on the day and meet our expert, Stephen Dick of Holybourne Books, who will carry out a valuation.



Performance: LGBTQ+ Stories Through Movement and Words

Farnham Library, 12pm-1:30pm, FREE

Experience a unique double-bill: New Adventures presents an original LGBTQ+ community movement piece exploring themes in Matthew Bourne's iconic dance production *Swan Lake*. Followed by an author talk with William Hussey, author of over a dozen novels, from thrillers for Young Adults to gripping whodunnits for grown-ups, across almost every genre of fiction.



Illustrated talk: A Tour of the Architecture of Castle Street

Farnham Town Hall, 12:30pm, FREE

Retired architect and artist Michael Blower will take his audience on a virtual tour around the buildings lining the famous panorama of Castle Street, described by the author Alec Clifton Taylor as having few equals in all England "for sheer visual delight". Exploring the intricate details of the iconic Castle Street buildings, Blower will bring to life their historical significance.

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Author talk & workshop: Nick Sharratt's Picture Book Drawalong

Farnham Maltings, 2pm, £12, for ages 4+

Join much-loved children's writer and illustrator Nick Sharratt in a family-friendly, fun-filled drawalong for all ages. He'll be sharing some of his favourite books, showing how to create characters like Tracy Beaker and Timothy Pope, inventing crazy creatures, and giving loads of top drawing tips. Bring pencils, paper and something to lean on. Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.



Drama performance: An Audience with C.S. Lewis

Farnham Town Hall, 2pm, £8.50

Meet a literary legend brought to life. Jonathan Jones is C.S. Lewis in this one-man show. Visit 'Jack' Lewis in his study reading from *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, *The Screwtape Letters* and his poetry. He'll tell you about his childhood, his career at Oxford, fame, and his friendship with Tolkien.



Performance: **Macbeth**

Frensham Heights - Aldridge Theatre, 2:30pm & 7:15pm, £10/£7.50

Prepare for an afternoon of music, malice, and murder most foul that will leave you breathless as This is My Theatre's chilling adaptation of *Macbeth* comes to Farnham following acclaimed runs and a critically lauded appearance at Brighton Fringe. Perfect for Shakespeare aficionados, GCSE students and anyone who dares to peer into the darkness.



Workshop: **Build a World**

St Mark's Church, 2:30pm-4:30pm, £6

Create your own fictional world and populate it with characters in a Build A World workshop with fantasy author Paul J Wiseman. Learn how to develop ideas about a fictional world, how to make it internally coherent, and how to develop characters and their places and purposes in your world. Then have a go at writing. Afternoon tea will be served.



Author panel: **Crosswords, Croissants and Cornish Clotted Cream: The Craze for Cosy Crime**

Farnham Town Hall, 4:30pm, £11

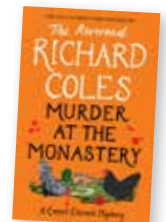
Join our panellists, Robert Thorogood, Ian Moore and Fiona Leitch, who will be discussing the current craze for cosy mysteries with Frankie Pellatt. The genre enjoys a host of appealing conventions like crime-solving amateur sleuths, comedy, close knit communities and idiosyncratic characters, but can crime ever be truly 'cosy'? Settle in to find out.



Author talk: **An Evening with Reverend Richard Coles**

St Andrew's Church, 7:30pm, £12.50

Spend an evening in the company of Richard Coles. Britain's most famous vicar, recent finalist in *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here*, and Sunday Times best-selling author of the Canon Clement novels has plenty to talk about: from winning *Christmas Masterchef* and *Celebrity Mastermind* to appearing on *Strictly Come Dancing* and surviving the jungle. He will be in conversation with author Jack Jewers.

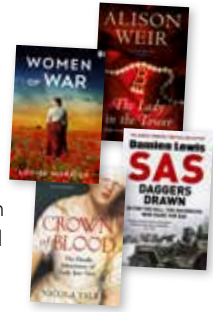




Author talk: History Day

Waverley Abbey House, 10am-4pm, £47.50

Welcome to Farnham Literary Festival's History Day at Waverley Abbey House. Four renowned historical fiction authors, Louise Morrish, Dr Alison Weir, Dr Nicola Tallis and Damien Lewis, will bring the past to life overlooking the remarkable surroundings of ruins of England's first Cistercian monastery. Ticket price covers attendance to all sessions and includes lunch as well as tea and coffee.



Workshop: Reading High-Frequency Words Accurately and Fluently

Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity, 10:30am-12pm, £5

Join the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity to learn how to enhance high-frequency word reading, which accounts for 90% of reading material. Recognising these words is key to improving accuracy and fluency for any child learning to read. This talk, led by Marlene Caplan, covers what these words are, where we see them, and why we need to learn them.



Author talk: The Secret History of Sharks

Aldridge Theatre, 2:30pm, £10/£7.50 students

Foremost world expert Professor John Long shares the complete, untold history of how sharks have emerged as Earth's ultimate survivors and explores their evolutionary legacy over the past 500 millions years. John Long is a world-leading palaeontologist, who for decades has been on the cutting edge of shark research.



Author panel: Beginner to Bestseller

Oxfam Books & Music, 3pm, £5

Three best selling authors, with collective sales of over a million copies, share their tips on writing, submitting and beating the slush pile. Gill Thompson, Louise Morrish, and Suzanne Goldring will advise and encourage aspiring writers on a panel chaired by writer Libby Morgan. Ticketholders will receive handouts on writing a submission letter plus examples of elevator pitches.





Author talk: The Part-Time Soldier

Farnham Town Hall, 4:30pm, £6

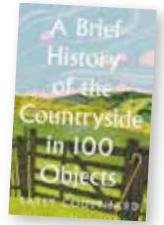
Patrick Crowley's talk on the *Part-Time Soldier* will explore the challenges of defending the country, using a balance of regular and part-time soldiers. Farnham has had Territorial Army, then Army Reserve soldiers, based in the town for many years - why not come and hear about their contribution to the nation's defence?



Author talk: Sally Coulthard in conversation with Katie Tyler

Farnham Town Hall, 7pm, £8.50

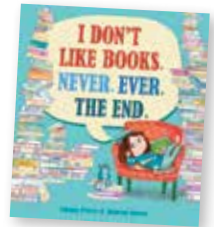
What makes the countryside tick? Come along to hear bestselling author and columnist Sally Coulthard discuss the traditions of rural life from artisans to agriculture in her latest work, *A Brief History of the Countryside in 100 Objects*, pulling together threads from social history, anthropology, archaeology, design and nature.



Workshop: Drawalong Storytime with Sharon Davey

Farnham Library, 10:30am-11:30am, £4

Join children's author and illustrator Sharon Davey for a special Drawalong Storytime for under 5s. Sharon's lively style and enthusiastic spirit will spark creativity with her young audience, and give an intriguing insight into picture book creation from an illustrator's perspective.



Publisher talk: Lennie Goodings: The History of Virago Press

Oxfam Books & Music, 6pm, £6

Join Lennie Goodings, chair of groundbreaking feminist publisher Virago Books, for an entertaining and enlightening insight into the life of a literary editor. Virago was founded in 1973, inspired by the political and social change of that decade. An unmissable talk for anyone interested in writing, feminism, literary history and the people behind the books.

Event	More details	Time	Venue	Cost
Thu 06 Mar				
Author talk	Lisa Stickley	9:30am & 10:50am	Aldridge Theatre	£2.50/£5
Panel discussion	Mum's the Word	7:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£11
Pub quiz	Literary-themed quiz	7:30pm	The Wheatsheaf Pub	£6
Comedy	Andy Zaltzman: The Zaltgeist	8pm	Farnham Maltings	£17.50
Fri 07 Mar				
Talk	An Evening with Tim Pope	7:15pm	Aldridge Theatre	£15
Author talk	An Evening with Louis de Bernières	7:30pm	St Andrew's Church	£10
Performance	Imaginary Friends: Daniel Bye	7:30pm	Farnham Maltings	£16*
Sat 08 Mar				
Book valuations	Stephen Dick - Holybourne Books	10am	Oxfam Books & Music	FREE
Performance	LGBTQ+ Stories	12pm	Farnham Library	FREE
Illustrated talk	The Architecture of Castle Street	12:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	FREE
Author talk & workshop	Nick Sharratt's Draw Along	2pm	Farnham Maltings	£12*
Drama performance	An Audience with C.S. Lewis	2pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8.50
Performance	Macbeth	2:30pm & 7:15pm	Aldridge Theatre	£10/£7.50
Workshop	Build a World: Paul J Wiseman	2:30pm	St Mark's Church	£6
Author panel	The Craze for Cosy Crime	4:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£11
Author Talk	The Reverend Richard Coles	7:30pm	St Andrew's Church	£12.50
Sun 09 Mar				
Author talk	History Day	10am	Waverley Abbey House	£47.50
Workshop	Reading High-Frequency Words	10:30am	24 West Street	£5
Author talk	The Secret History of Sharks	2:30pm	Aldridge Theatre	£10/£7.50
Author panel	Beginner to Bestseller	3pm	Oxfam Books & Music	£5
Author talk	The Part-Time Soldier	4:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£6
Author talk	Sally Coulthard with Katie Tyler	7pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8.50
Mon 10 Mar				
Workshop	Drawalong Storytime	10:30am	Farnham Library	£4
Publisher talk	The History of Virago Press	6pm	Oxfam Books & Music	£6
Performance	The Booming Lovelies	7:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£6

* Student discount available



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Tue 11 Mar				
Workshop	Poetry for Wellbeing: Nia Broomhall	7pm	Farnham Town Hall	£15
Author talk	Celebrating Local Authors	7:30pm	Farnham Library	FREE
Author panel	The Shocking True Crime Show	7:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£11
Drama performance	My Second Best Bed	8pm	The Lost Boy	£10
Wed 12 Mar				
Workshop	Memoir Writing Workshop	10:30am	St Mark's Church	£5
Panel	The New Front Lines	7:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£11
Performance	Joy: Luke Wright	7:30pm	The Vineyard Centre	£8.50
Author talk	An Evening with Lorraine Kelly	7:30pm	St Andrew's Church	£12.50
Drama performance	My Second Best Bed	8pm	The Lost Boy	£10
Open Mic Night	Poetry, Spoken Word, Comedy	8:30pm	Farnham Maltings	£2-£8
Thu 13 Mar				
Author talk	Guy Mopuss with B. A. Paris	6pm	Oxfam Books & Music	£6
Author talk	Doon Mackichan with Kika Mirylees	7:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8.50
Fri 14 Mar				
Author talk	David Walliams	6pm	Farnham Maltings	£12.50/£17.50
Illustrated talk	The Bible as English Literature	7pm	St Andrew's Church	FREE
Author panel	Modernising Myths and Fairytales	7:30pm	UCA	£11
Author talk	Visions of Post-War England	7:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£10
Sat 15 Mar				
Workshop	Flash Fiction Workshop	10am	St Mark's Church	£5
Workshop	Fantasy Workshop with Sam Stewart	10:30am	Farnham Library	£5
Workshop	How to Get Published	1pm	Farnham Town Hall	£15
Author talk	Simon Scarrow in conversation	3pm	St Andrew's Church	£8.50
Author talk	Nicola Garrard	3pm	Farnham Library	£6
Author talk	Nicci French in conversation	4:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8.50
Awards evening	Farnham Poetry Competition	5pm	St Mark's Church	FREE
Author panel	How to Get Away with Murder	7pm	Farnham Town Hall	£11
Sun 16 Mar				
Performance, Music	Imaginary Landscapes	2pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8
Author talk	Santa Montefiore with Rebecca Fletcher	4:30pm	Farnham Town Hall	£8.50
Awards evening	Farnham First Five Pages Awards	7pm	Farnham Town Hall	FREE

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Performance: The Booming Lovelies

Farnham Town Hall, 7:30pm, £6

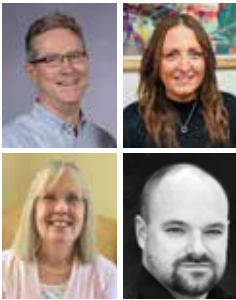
Meet the Booming Lovelies! Trisha Broomfield, Sharron Green and Heather Moulson are ladies of a certain age, unafraid to share their wealth of life experience with anyone brave enough to listen and curious to hear. Poetically primed and eager to charm with verses on everything from nostalgia for the last century to lost loves, the menopause and the joys and complexities of modern life. All welcome - there's something for everyone - so relax and enjoy a wonderful performance.



Workshop: Poetry for Wellbeing

Farnham Town Hall, 7pm-9pm, £15

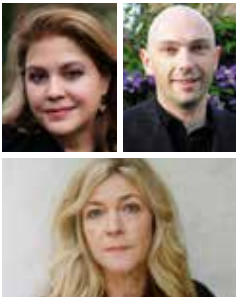
Join Mslexia prize-winning poet Nia Broomhall to explore poetry for wellbeing in this two-hour session: a practical workshop suitable for all levels of poetic ability. Nia's first poetry pamphlet 'Backalong' is out now with Bloodaxe Books and she is the current winner of the Poetry Society's Hamish Canham Prize.



Author talk: Celebrating Local Authors

Farnham Library, 7:30pm-9:30pm, FREE

Come along to meet four local authors, Richard T Burke, Felicity Hawes, Michael Arnold, and Margot Shepherd, as they share their journey and their books. Moving around to listen to each author giving a short talk, you will discover some new books and support local authors. There will also be an opportunity to talk to the authors.



Author panel: The Shocking True Crime Show

Farnham Town Hall, 7:30pm, £11

Join Britain's top-selling true crime writer Kate Summerscale, award-winning author of *The Suspicions of Mr Whicher*, and true crime podcaster Shaun Attwood, who shares crime and punishment stories 'that will make your butt clench', in a conversation chaired by former crime reporter and queen of spy fiction, Ava Glass. Not for the faint-hearted!





Drama performance: My Second Best Bed

The Lost Boy, 8pm, £10

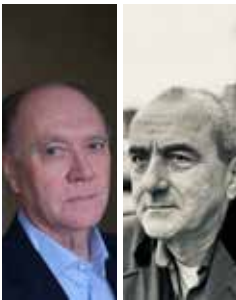
Horsham-based Lights & Bushels Theatre Company are delighted to present this one act play exploring the possible reasons for Shakespeare's now infamous and much-debated bequest to his wife Anne Hathaway. We meet Shakespeare's daughters - and Anne herself - as a stranger visits the house in Stratford to formally read the will.



Workshop: Memoir Writing Workshop

St Mark's Church, 10:30am-12:30pm, £5

Have you ever wanted to write about your own life but didn't know where to start? This interactive workshop will give you the opportunity to learn the basics of memoir, exercises to help you put pen to paper and ideas to continue. All abilities welcome. Morning coffee will be served. The session will be run by local author, Samantha Jayne Hunt Stacey.



Panel: The New Front Lines: power and conflict on the global stage

Farnham Town Hall, 7:30pm, £11

Join a discussion of fascinating aspects of current affairs and contemporary geopolitics. Michael Sheridan is the author of *The Red Emperor: Xi Jinping and his New China*. Julian Evans is the author of *Undefeatable*, a serious, important and potentially game-changing memoir about Ukraine. Former crime reporter and spy fiction writer Ava Glass chairs the interview.



Performance: Joy

The Vineyard Centre, 7:30pm, £8.50

Following the smash hit success of his Silver Jubilee show ("the best thing he's done and that's saying something." ★★★★★ Telegraph), Luke Wright returns with a new set of poems that get to grips with the idea of JOY. Is it possible, as a 42 year old, to feel pure unbridled happiness, and what does it look like?



Author talk: An Evening with Lorraine Kelly

St Andrew's Church, 7:30pm, £12.50

Join us for an evening with beloved television presenter Lorraine Kelly to celebrate the paperback publication of her uplifting and heartwarming debut novel, *The Island Swimmer*.

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Open Mic Night: Poetry, Spoken Word, Comedy

Farnham Maltings, 8:30pm, £2-£8 (Pay what you choose)

A relaxed and inclusive open mic night filled with new and established acts sharing their poetry, spoken word and comedy. Both first time and experienced performers are welcome.



Author talk: Guy Morpuss in conversation with B.A. Paris

Oxfam Books & Music, 6pm, £6

Join speculative crime fiction writer Guy Morpuss and psychological thriller writer B.A. Paris in conversation about their work. Guy's latest novel, *A Trial in Three Acts*, is a fiendishly clever and twist-laden legal thriller. B.A. Paris has sold 7 million editions of her seven novels worldwide. Her novel *The Breakdown* is now a film, titled *Blackwater Lane*.





Author talk: Doon Mackichan in conversation with Kika Mirylees

Farnham Town Hall, 7:30pm, £8.50

Award-winning and beloved British actor, comedian and writer Doon Mackichan joins Kika Mirylees to discuss her memoir, *My Lady Parts: A Life Fighting Stereotypes* as well as her work on ground-breaking shows including *The Day Today*, *Brass Eye* and *Smack the Pony*. She will reflect on 40 years in the showbusiness industry.



Author talk: David Walliams

Farnham Maltings, 6pm, £12.50/£17.50

David Walliams, the biggest selling children's author to have started writing this millennium, comes to Farnham! David will talk about his hilarious new murder mystery, *Super Sleuth* which is set on board a luxury ocean liner in the 1920s. Surrounded by thousands of nautical miles of ocean, could this be the perfect place for a murder... or two?

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Illustrated talk: The Bible as English Literature

St Andrew's Church, 7pm, FREE

Local historian Roy Waight presents an illustrated talk on the life and times of William Tyndale (1494-1536), who made a collection of translations of the Bible into Early Modern English, based directly on the Greek and Hebrew texts of the Bible. Tyndale's work is considered a landmark in the history of the English Bible



Author panel: Modernising Myths and Fairytales

University for the Creative Arts, 7:30pm, £11

There has been an explosion in the popularity of reimagining ancient myths in a modern literary context. What is the appeal of these fantastic narratives and what is the role of myth in modernity? This panel unearths strong contemporary voices within the classical and fantasy worlds.





Author talk: Visions of Post-War England: Clare Chambers & Lissa Evans in conversation

Farnham Town Hall, 7:30pm, £10

Best-selling novelists Clare Chambers (*Small Pleasures*) and Lissa Evans (*Old Baggage*) interview each other about their new books, *Shy Creatures* and *Small Bomb at Dimperley*, both of which tackle significant moments of social change.



Workshop: Flash Fiction Workshop

St Mark's Church, 10am-12pm, £5

Join our Flash Fiction Workshop and learn how to pack big emotions into small spaces! Join in with fellow scribblers to test your hand at flash fiction writing. You'll craft stories that punch, surprise, and linger. Perfect for beginners or pros. At the end of this session you will have written 2 new flash fictions plus gained feedback.



Workshop: Fantasy Workshop with Sam Stewart

Farnham Library, 10:30am-11:30am, £5

Join children's author Sam Stewart, as she speaks about the inspiration behind her book *Fireblood*, and helps children to find what inspires them. As part of the workshop, there will be story creations with maps and mythic beasts and some hidden surprises! Suitable for 8-14-year-olds.



Workshop: How to Get Published

Farnham Town Hall, 1pm-3pm, £15

Join bestselling authors Daisy White and Lisa Brace as they cover everything you need to know about setting yourself up for success, and getting your book published: from putting together your submission package to agents, to avoiding the dreaded slush pile and advice on how to approach traditional and digital publishers.





Author talk: Simon Scarrow in conversation

St Andrew's Church, 3pm, £8.50

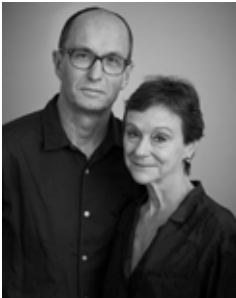
Sunday Times No. 1 bestselling historical author Simon Scarrow will be in conversation discussing his latest wartime thriller, *A Death in Berlin* which conveys both the horror and banality of evil. And the terrible danger for those who dare stand against it.



Author talk for young adults: Nicola Garrard

Farnham Library, 3pm-4pm, £6

In this event, author, Nicola Garrard, explores the world of teenagers at the margins of society, and shares her latest novel, *ON THE EDGE* (Old Barn Books, 2025). Garrard's literary career began with the acclaimed *29 LOCKS* and *21 MILES*, which challenge preconceptions about urban teenagers at risk of exploitation by drugs gangs, and demonstrate the bravery of young refugees, looked-after children and those living in poverty in London.



Author talk: Nicci French in conversation

Farnham Town Hall, 4:30pm, £8.50

Nicci French is the pseudonym for the writing partnership of journalists Nicci Gerrard and Sean French, one of contemporary British fiction's most famous double-acts. There are twenty bestselling novels by Nicci French, published in thirty-one languages. *Blue Monday* was the first thrilling story in the *Frieda Klein* series, which concludes with *Day of the Dead*.



Farnham Poetry Competition: Awards Evening

St Mark's Church, 5-9pm, FREE

Come and find out the winners of the Farnham Poetry Competition at a special awards evening. This year's theme was 'unity'. The evening will also feature an open mic for all local poets, and performances by the two judges Linda Daruvala and Coral Rumble.



Author panel: How to Get Away with Murder

Farnham Town Hall, 7pm, £11

Want to know the best way to hide a body? Get inside the mind of a killer? The four authors on this panel write about crime with a difference. Expect siding with the serial killers, creating characters who seek revenge against men who have escaped the justice system and finding the humorous side to the darkest of deeds.



Performance, Music: Imaginary Landscapes

Farnham Town Hall, 2pm, £8

This is a special event featuring the hugely popular collaboration of leading poet, author and raconteur, Chris Tutton with multi award-winning Belgian harpist, Lise Vandersmissen. Chris Tutton is the critically acclaimed and award-winning author of eight collections of poetry, the most recent being *Short Chapters From Sunset*.



Author talk: Santa Montefiore in conversation with Rebecca Fletcher

Farnham Town Hall, 4:30pm, £8.50

Santa Montefiore is the Sunday Times bestselling and No. 1 international bestselling author of 32 novels, including the *Deverill Chronicles*, and the children's series *The Royal Rabbits of London*. Her novels are translated into 25 languages and have sold over six million copies worldwide. She will be in conversation with Rebecca Fletcher.



Farnham First Five Pages Competition: Awards Evening

Farnham Town Hall, 7pm, FREE

All short-listed entrants are invited to attend this ceremony where the winners will be announced. Long-listed entrants are also welcome to attend to meet the judges. **B.A.Paris**, the New York Times and Sunday Times bestselling author and sponsor of **The Paris Prize for Fiction**, will present the first prize in person. She said, 'Writing competitions play an important role in building a debut writer's confidence and I hope that by sponsoring this significant prize, we will uncover some exciting new talent.'

Please confirm attendance in advance.

Farnham Literary Festival's Schools Programme

Farnham Town Council is dedicated to nurturing a love of reading and creativity in the students of our local schools. In partnership with the Blue Bear Bookshop and the generous support of our sponsors, the Farnham Literary Festival is thrilled to bring young minds face-to-face with inspiring local talents and bestselling authors.

This dynamic programme is made possible thanks to the steadfast support of Farnham Town Council, our incredible sponsors, local businesses, dedicated volunteers, and the talented authors who share their stories with our community.

We invite you to be part of this exciting journey. Whether you're interested in sponsoring the festival, participating as an author in next year's programme, or getting your school involved, we'd love to hear from you! Contact us at literaryfestival@farnham.gov.uk for more information.

Get ready to be inspired by the extraordinary lineup in this year's Farnham Literary Festival Schools Programme - an unforgettable celebration of imagination and storytelling!



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



J.J. Arcanjo



Thiago de Moraes



Angela Kecojevic



Iona Rangeley



Andy Seed



Luke Wright



Alex Strick



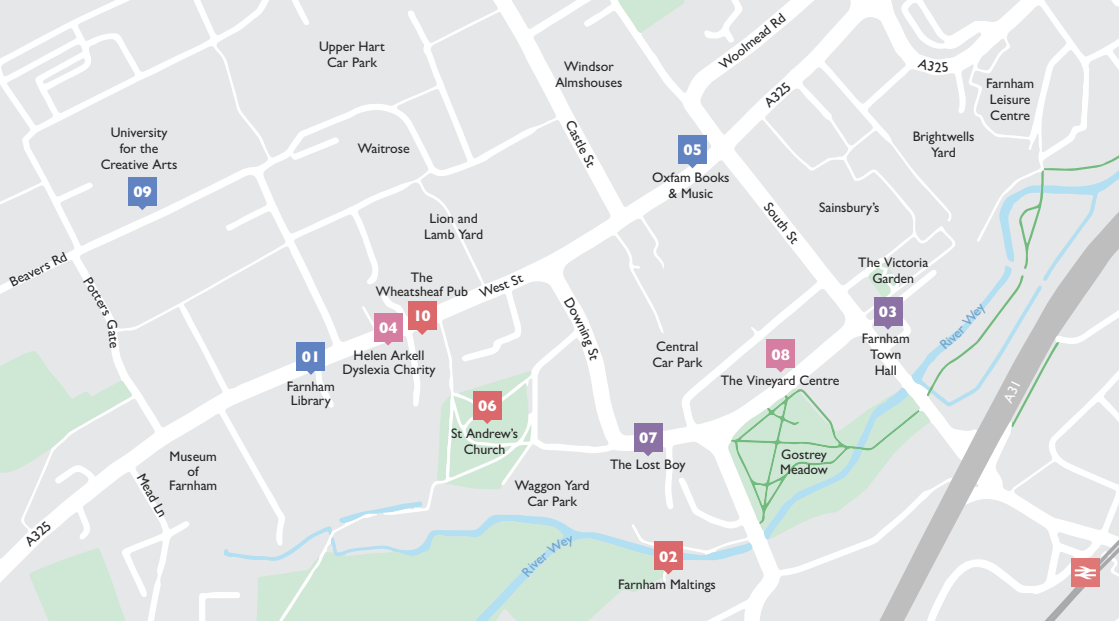
Steve Antony (Illustrator)

Festival Booking Information

Tickets are available online - please visit the festival website www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk to buy tickets. 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 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.



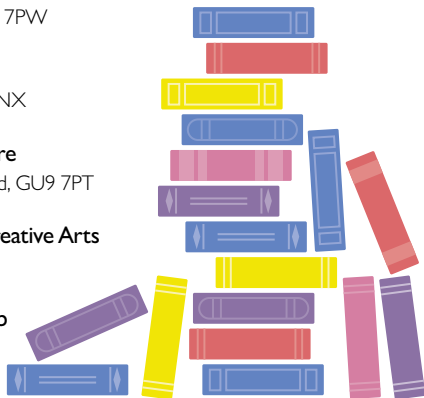


List of Venues:

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28 West Street, GU9 7DR
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- 02 Farnham Maltings**
Bridge Square, GU9 7QR
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- 03 Farnham Town Hall**
South Street, GU9 7RN
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- 04 Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity**
24 West Street, GU9 7DR
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- 05 Oxfam Books & Music**
18-19 The Borough, GU9 7NF
.....
- 06 St Andrew's Church**
Upper Church Lane, GU9 7PW
.....
- 07 The Lost Boy**
3 Downing Street, GU9 7NX
.....
- 08 The Vineyard Centre**
Church House, Union Road, GU9 7PT
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- 09 University for the Creative Arts**
Falkner Road, GU9 7DS
.....
- 10 The Wheatsheaf Pub**
19 West St, GU9 7DR

Further Afield:

- Aldridge Theatre**
Frensham Heights, Rowledge,
GU10 4EA
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- St Mark's Church**
Alma Lane, GU9 0LT
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- Waverley Abbey House**
Waverley Lane, GU9 8EP
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