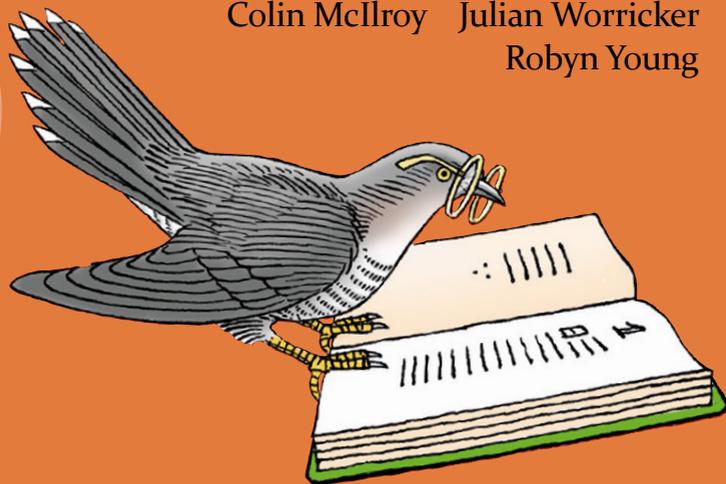


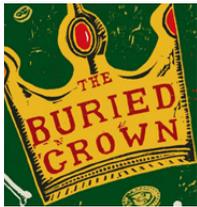
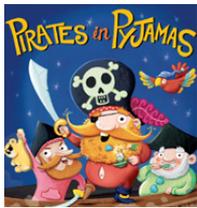
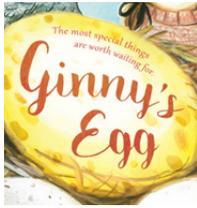
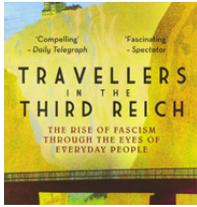
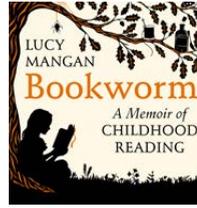
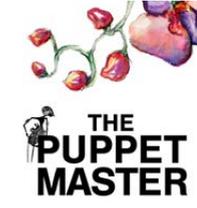
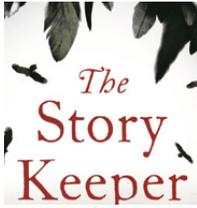
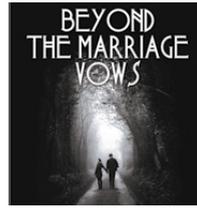
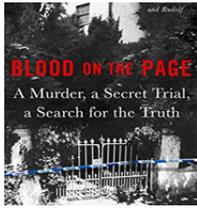
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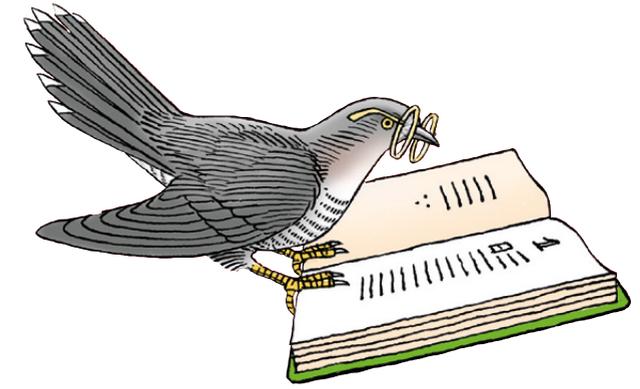
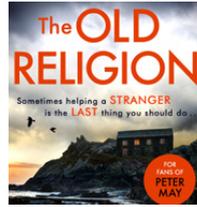
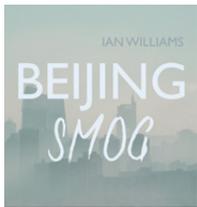
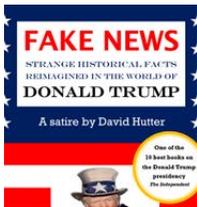
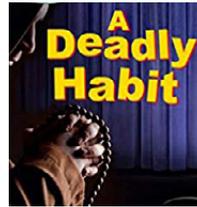
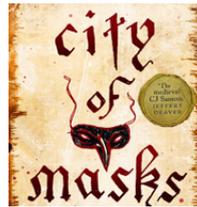
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Leo Benedictus	Thomas Harding	Michael Odell
Mark Billingham	Kate Harris	John Onions
Julia Boyd	David Hutter	Stella Rimington
Simon Brett	Alan Judd	S D Sykes
Jill Butcher	Andrew Lownie	D J Taylor
Emma Clark Lam	Lucy Mangan	Martyn Waites
Sue Cook	Adam Mars-Jones	Patricia Waugh
Simon Cooke	Richard Mason	Ed Whitmore
Maureen Emerson	Anna Mazzola	Ian Williams
	Colin McIlroy	Julian Worricker
		Robyn Young





Lou Abercrombie



Welcome

Welcome to Cuckfield Bookfest 2018! This second festival will again be filled with an eclectic mix of speakers talking about many different subjects, some fictional and some non-fiction.

We are marking two centenaries this year; the armistice ending World War 1 was signed in November 1918, so Bookfest is taking place only days before that solemn anniversary. We are delighted that John Onions will be with us on Saturday 6th October. He has spent over 30 years researching the poetry of the First World War and he has compiled a memorable anthology. At his session there will be the opportunity to hear him talk about his work and listen to selected poems read by an actor.

2018 is the centenary of the birth of Muriel Spark, considered by many to be one of the greatest post-war writers. The Spark archivist from the National Library of Scotland will be conducting a fascinating discussion with two other academic Spark experts, who will reconsider Dame Muriel's place in modern British literature.

Crime fiction, biography, espionage, fake news, historical fiction, music, humour, memoir and more will also feature so the programme is packed. We are starting a day earlier this year, on Thursday 4th October, with a literary quiz in the Talbot pub – where the idea of Bookfest first began. And supper on October 5th, again in Ockenden Manor, is bound to be popular.

We have expanded the young people's festival this year, to be held in the Baptist Church on Saturday 6th October. They have their own published programme and we have included their events at the back of this programme.

Waterstones will be selling books for us again in the Queen's Hall and the Baptist Church. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and, of course, there are plenty of coffee shops, pubs and restaurants in the village so Cuckfield is the perfect destination over the weekend of 4th- 7th October.



Queen's Hall

UPSTAIRS@CUCKFEST

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Ian Williams

Beijing Smog

with Alan Judd

£10.00 per person



Ian Williams will discuss his 20 years as a foreign correspondent in China and the Far East, how he has drawn from this experience in writing his debut novel, and why he chose to develop it into a work of fiction. The novel contains plenty of cyber skullduggery, and with cyber security such a pressing (and scary) issue, he will also look at the challenge of writing about it in an engaging and accessible way.

Formerly a correspondent with Channel 4 News and NBC, Ian describes his recently published first novel, *Beijing Smog*, as a satire on modern China.

Ian Williams will be discussing cyber skullduggery with Alan Judd, the award-winning novelist and biographer.

This session will be limited to 30 people and will be held upstairs in the Queen's Hall

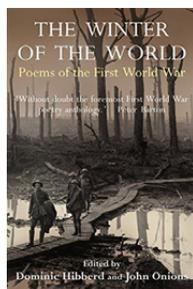


2.00pm – 3.00pm

John Onions

Poetry of the First World War

£10.00 per person



The centenary of the Armistice takes place in November 2018.

John Onions will give a brief introduction to the literature of the war and its continued significance. The poetry that came out of the First World War exposed, for the first time in history, the real horror of war, but war poetry didn't simply develop in the way we have thought it did. John Onions will select several poems, which will be read by actors, and give brief contextual or biographical comments about each one.

For over 30 years, John Onions has researched the poetry of the First World War and has published two anthologies. *The Winter of the World* brings together over 200 poems and was reviewed as '... immaculately crafted ... wide and authoritative ... recommended unhesitatingly!'

Sponsored by Maggie Kapff



3.30pm – 4.30pm

Stella Rimington

The Moscow Sleepers

with Peter Guttridge

£10.00 per person



Dame Stella Rimington joined the Security Service (MI5) in 1968. During her career she worked in all the main fields of the Service: counter-subversion, counter-espionage and counter-terrorism. She was appointed Director General in 1992, the first woman to hold the post.

Dame Stella has written her autobiography and ten expertly plotted thrillers which feature Liz Carlyle, a young MI5 intelligence officer. The latest, *The Moscow Sleepers*, is a white-knuckle ride through the dark underbelly of international intelligence, simmering political animosities and global espionage. The Financial Times says 'Rimington provides lots of detail of intelligence work used to counter today's terrorists that seem real – and intriguing'. Stella Rimington lives in London and Norfolk.

Stella Rimington will be in conversation with Peter Guttridge, novelist, critic and chairperson/moderator at many literature festivals.

Sponsored by P & S Gallagher



Jamie Hughes

Please note this event is taking place in Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield and is not part of Cuckfield Bookfest. However, tickets (£5.00 each) can be bought through Ticketsource (see HOW TO BOOK on page 21) or at the church door before the event.

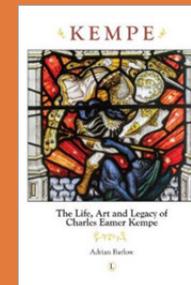
3pm

Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield

Adrian Barlow

Kempe: the Life, Art and Legacy of Charles Eamer Kempe

£5.00 per person



Holy Trinity Church contains many fine examples of the work of Charles Kempe, the Victorian designer and manufacturer of stained glass. Adrian Barlow writes and lectures extensively on stained glass and his biography of Kempe was published this summer.



Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Robyn Young
Court of Wolves
and

S.D. Sykes
City of Masks
with Alan Judd

£10.00 per person

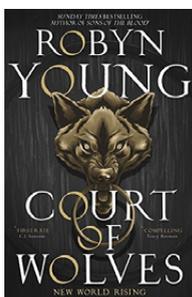
The art of the historical novelist is to take what they can from history and then use it in their fiction. But what do you ignore, what do you use, and how do you give voice to your characters? Here both Robyn Young and SD Sykes talk about their historical periods and how they have adapted fact to their fiction.

Robyn Young's first novel *Brethren* was the best selling hardback debut novel in 2006 and the series that developed from it sold over a million copies. Since then she has continued to write hugely popular historical novels, with her latest, *Court of Wolves*, published in August 2018. She lives in Brighton.

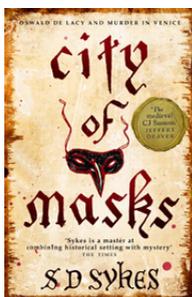
S.D.Sykes' series *Somershill Manor* is set in the medieval period for which Sarah has a passion, particularly the years between 1348 and 1381. The series features Oswald de Lacy and her latest book, *City of Masks*, has just been published. Sarah has an MA in writing, attended the novel writing course at literary agents Curtis Brown and has also written for radio. She lives in Kent.



Sarah Bird Photography



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Robyn and Sarah will be in discussion with Alan Judd, multiple award-winning novelist and biographer, three of whose novels have been filmed. His next novel, *Shakespeare's Sword*, will be published in December.

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5.00pm – 6.00pm

The Challenge of Writing

Jill Butcher
Beyond the Marriage Vows

and

Emma Clark Lam
The Puppet Master

and

Maureen Emerson
Riviera Dreaming

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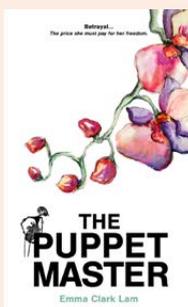
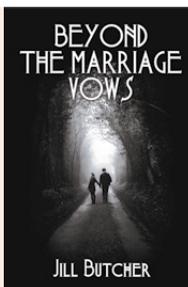
Kate Harris

£10.00 per person

These three local authors have published books either themselves or with a publisher.

Kate Harris is managing director of the Oxford Educational Division at OUP. Before that she worked at HarperCollins where she held a number of senior editorial positions. Kate will be discussing the challenges of publishing their books with Maureen, Jill and Emma.

This session will be limited to 30 people and will be held upstairs in the Queen's Hall



6.30pm – 7.30pm

Simon Cooke and Patricia Waugh
with Colin McIlroy

Muriel Spark 100

£10.00 per person

2018 marks the centenary of the birth of Muriel Spark and provides the perfect opportunity to consider her place in modern literature. In 2008, The Times placed Dame Muriel at number eight in their list of 'The 50 greatest British writers since 1945.'

Join Spark experts, Professor Patricia Waugh and Dr Simon Cooke, as they discuss Spark's use of the voice in her writing, her technique of transfiguring the genres of detective and romance fiction to her own aesthetic ends, and her belief in 'the arts of satire and ridicule'. Also explored will be the ways in which espionage, secrecy, and spying often take centre-stage in Spark's writing.

Dr Colin McIlroy, the Muriel Spark archivist at the National Library of Scotland, will chair the discussion.



London Evening Standard

8.00pm – 9.00pm

Michael Odell
Rock Bottom: A Music Writer's Journey into Madness

and

DJ Taylor
Rock and Roll is Life
with Peter Guttridge

£10.00 per person

Rock Bottom is a tale of loving, living and surviving rock music. Michael Odell is a rock music writer who takes his responsibility as cultural gatekeeper seriously; he asks rock stars the forbidden questions to discover whether they're worthy of readers' admiration but he suddenly has a public meltdown while chaperoning Oasis. Reluctantly, he consults a no-nonsense therapist with zero experience of pop music. He must confront the question: is it finally time to grow up and forget rock'n'roll?

Michael Odell is a former contributing editor to Q magazine and has written about music for NME, the Guardian, the Independent and Spin. He lives in Bristol.

Rock and Roll is Life: the true story of the Helium Kids by one who was there

This novel is the story of a rock band at a formative time in musical history - inspired by the great '60s and '70s supergroups, and of the tales brought back from the front line by the alchemists and enablers - when America was opening its doors to English music and huge amounts of money and self-gratification were there for the taking. *Rock and Roll is Life* is a worm's-eye view of British pop music's golden age and a bittersweet personal journey, with cameo appearances from everyone from Elvis and the Queen Mother to Andy Warhol.

D.J. Taylor is a renowned biographer and novelist, also well known as a critic and reviewer.

Peter Guttridge returns as a Cuckfield Book Festival interviewer and will be in conversation with Michael and David.

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SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER

11am – 12 noon

**Julia Boyd
with Andrew Lownie**

Travellers in the Third Reich

£10.00 per person

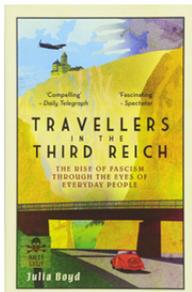
Foreign visitors to Germany who concerned themselves with the plight of the Jews – and the majority did not – had to deal with an unanswerable question. How was it possible for these warm-hearted, genial people, noted for their work ethic and devotion to family values, to treat so many of their fellow Germans with such contempt and cruelty?"

Julia Boyd tells us what happened in Germany between the wars but in a novel way. Based on first-hand accounts written by foreigners, the book creates a sense of what it was really like, both physically and emotionally, to travel in Hitler's Germany. Scores of previously unpublished diaries and letters have been tracked down to present a vivid new picture of Nazi Germany that will enhance - even challenge - the reader's current perceptions.

Picked as Waterstones' non-fiction book of the month in June, Julia's book climbed to number 3 in the Sunday Times non-fiction paperback bestseller chart this summer.

Julia Boyd will be in discussion with Andrew Lownie, her literary agent.

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UPSTAIRS@CUCKFEST

11am – 12 noon

**Ed Whitmore talking
to Sue Cook**

£10.00 per person

Ed Whitmore is a screenwriter whose credits include *Waking the Dead*, *Silent Witness* and *Rillington Place* for the BBC. His latest project is *Manhunt*, the real life story of how the murder of French National, Amélie Delagrange, on Twickenham Green in August 2004 was eventually linked to the murders of Marsha McDonnell in 2003 and the abduction and murder of Milly Dowler in 2002. Ed lives near Cuckfield.

Ed will be in conversation with Sue Cook, BBC presenter of many programmes, notably *Crimewatch*.

This session will be limited to 30 people and will be held upstairs in the Queen's Hall



12.30pm – 1.30pm

**Anna Mazzola
*The Story Keeper***

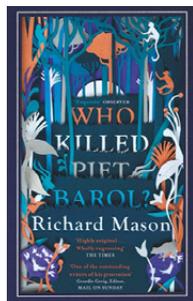
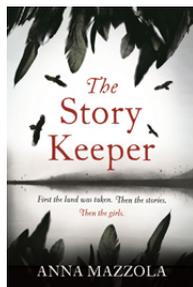
and

**Richard Mason
*Who Killed Piet Barol?***

with Julian Worricker

£10.00 per person

It is 1857 and the Highland Clearances have left the Isle of Skye devastated and the crofters suspicious and hostile. They believe that two young girls who have disappeared are victims of the spirits of the unforgiven dead. This



period novel of folk tales and injustice follows Anna Mazzola's first novel which won the 2018 Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Paperback Original. Anna Mazzola is a criminal justice solicitor and lives in London.

To avoid the trauma of the First World War, Piet Barol heads into Africa's greatest forest in search of a prize he thinks will make his fortune. Part magic realism, part fable, part history, Richard Mason's book is a story of sacred mystery, human temptation and theft.

Richard Mason's first novel sold 1.5 million copies while he was still at Oxford. In 2009, he founded and built Project Lulutho, a centre for adult learning and green farming in South Africa's rural Eastern Cape.

Richard is also a screenwriter and lives in London.

Anna and Richard will be discussing their books with Julian Worricker, well known BBC Radio 4 broadcaster.

UPSTAIRS@CUCKFEST

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Andrew Lownie

*How to Get
Published*

£10.00 per person

So popular was this session last year that we have invited Andrew back to give his masterclass on how to get published. How to find an agent, how to secure a publishing deal, how to build your profile - and what not to do. Andrew has over 30 years' experience as a literary agent and will be happy to answer questions.

This workshop will be limited to 30 people and will be held upstairs in the Queen's Hall



2.00pm – 3.00pm

**Thomas Harding
with Sue Cook**

Blood on the Page

£10.00 per person

This extraordinary true tale of isolation, deception and brutal violence, stretches from the quiet streets of north London to the Palace of Westminster and beyond. Thomas Harding spent two years investigating the murder of an eccentric recluse in Hampstead and the subsequent conviction of a Chinese dissident. With access to key witnesses, investigative officers, forensic experts and, most importantly, Wang Yam himself, still protesting his innocence in jail, the author has produced this explosive work of non-fiction.

Thomas Harding is an author and journalist who has written for the Financial Times, the Sunday Times and the Guardian. He wrote *Hanns and Rudolf*, a Sunday Times bestseller, and *The House by the Lake*, which was nominated for the Costa Biography Award.

Sue Cook is one of the UK's most experienced broadcasters, often appearing on BBC radio and television. She is now a successful novelist and is currently adapting her first novel for a film.

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3.30pm – 4.30pm

Mark Billingham
The Killing Habit

and

Martyn Waites
The Old Religion

£10.00 per person

Mark Billingham began his career as an actor, TV writer and stand up comedian before turning to the life of crime (writing that is...).

The series featuring London-based detective Tom Thorne began with *Sleepyhead* back in 2001 which was singled out by The Times as one of the novels which shaped the decade. The series includes *The Dying Hours*, *Lifeless*, *Good As Dead*, *Time Of Death* and *Love Like Blood*.

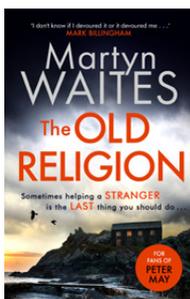
Lazybones and *Death Message* both won the Theakstons Old Peculier Award for Crime Novel Of The Year. Each of Mark's novels has been a bestseller and his books are now published in over 25 countries. His latest novel, *The Killing Habit* was published in June 2018.

Martyn Waites also worked as an actor before turning to crime-writing. His latest book, *The Old Religion* is a dark, twisted and fast-paced page-turner that combines the deft plotting, evocative landscapes and imagery of Peter May with the richness of character and psychological acuity of Belinda Bauer's rural novels. Most surprising of all, it is based on a true story.

Mark and Martyn will be providing an entertaining session when they will discuss the



Charlie Hopkinson



art of crime writing, the creation of heroes and who knows, stand-up comedy..... ?

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5.00pm – 6.00pm

Lucy Mangan
Bookworm: A Memoir of Childhood Reading

and

Sally Bayley
Girl with Dove: A Life Built by Books

with Sue Cook

£10.00 per person

When Lucy Mangan was little, stories were everything. They opened up new worlds and cast light on all the complexities she encountered in this one.

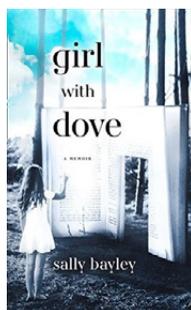
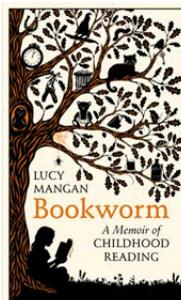
She was whisked away to Narnia - and Kirrin Island - and Wonderland. She wandered the countryside with Milly-Molly-Mandy, and played by the tracks with the Railway Children.

In *Bookworm*, Lucy revisits her childhood reading with wit, love and gratitude. She relives our best-beloved books, their extraordinary creators, and looks at the ways they shape our lives.

Lucy Mangan is a columnist for Stylist, a Guardian writer and the author of *My Family and Other Disasters*, *The Reluctant Bride* and *Hopscotch and Handbags*.

Sally Bayley grew up in a dilapidated house in Sussex run as a cult by her aunt. Her childhood world was filled with mystery and intrigue. Men were forbidden and hippies trailed through the kitchen looking for God. When Sally's baby brother vanishes from his pram she becomes suspicious of the activities going on around her.

Disappearing into a world of books and reading, Sally adopts the tried and tested methods of Miss Marple. Taking books for hints and clues, she turns herself into a reading detective.



Girl With Dove vividly demonstrates the power of great literature and of imagination to build a life, no matter how unhappy the circumstances.

Sally Bayley put herself into care aged 14 and remains the only person to study at university from the West Sussex Care Service. From September 2018 she will be teaching writing in Oxford as a Royal Literary Fund Fellow.

Sue Cook is one of the UK's most experienced broadcasters, often appearing on BBC radio and television. She is now a successful novelist and is currently adapting her first novel for a film.

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6.30pm – 7.30pm

Simon Brett

Tickled to Death

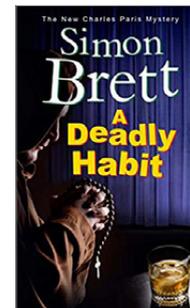
£10.00 per person

Where to begin? Simon Brett can't remember a time when he didn't want to write. He still does, and he still wants to do it better. In the meantime, he has written his 100th book and the range of his writing is incredibly wide. He began as a radio and television producer (The News Headlines, Just a Minute, I'm Sorry I haven't a Clue) and when working on Lord Peter Wimsey, he began to think about creating an actor detective – and the first Charles Paris novel was born.

He has written anthologies, humorous books, more radio and television series (After Henry) and he has also been very involved with writers' organisations such as the Crime Writers' Association, the Society of Authors and the Royal Literary Fund.

With experience in radio, television, theatre and literature, his stories will be hugely entertaining and informative.

Sponsored by Marcus Grimes



8.00pm – 9.00pm

Leo Benedictus

Consent

The Big Book Group
with Julian Worricker

£10.00 per person



Consent is dark and seductive, hugely compelling and a little horrifying, and set to cause a major stir. When Faber took it on, they said it was 'important, uncompromising and unputdownable'. The subject is stalking, often in the news these days. The antihero is intellectually hyperactive, emotionally absent, with a predilection for stalking women. In the manner of John Fowles's eponymous *Collector*, he picks a 'subject', and by various methods, both clumsy and ingenious, spies, bugs, scams, and insinuates himself into the selected woman's life, in most cases without ever meeting her face to face.

This strangely congenial thriller-cum-treatise on urban disaffection, modern relationships, misogyny and madness, ends on a note of provocative ambiguity.

Leo Benedictus is a freelance feature writer for the Guardian, and other publications. He will be discussing his book with Julian Worricker who will field questions from the audience.

Those book groups that have read *Consent* before the event are asked to send in questions by email to info@cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk Please give your name and ensure your questions are submitted before September 30th. We will make a selection but there will also be the chance to ask questions directly from the floor on the night.

Tickets should be bought from Ticketsource (see page 21).

Julian Worricker is a well-known broadcaster and journalist.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

DOORS OPEN AT 10AM
 We strongly advise that adults accompany children under 10 to all events, including workshops.

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Saturday 6th October will be a fun-filled day at the Baptist Church in Cuckfield. This year the Bookfest events for children and young adults are being held here, where there are exceptional spaces to make the most of the fantastic range of activities planned.

10.15am – 11.15am

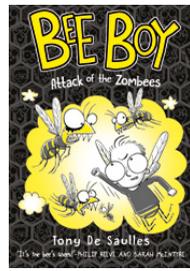
Alison Milford
A Trip to Giant Land
£5.00 per person (babies under 12 months free)
Ages 3-7



Come along and meet Snoozle, the sneezing giant- ATISHOO! – and Mo Giant who wants to make something special for her mum. Join in with sounds and actions, help make a giant handkerchief and decorate a giant chair. This is an interactive storytelling workshop.

Alison Milford has written for children of all ages for over 20 years. Stories about knitting giants, invading aliens, plays, poems, fascinating information books and creative school resources have made her an award-winning educational writer. Alison lives in Cuckfield with her family.

10.30am – 12.00 noon
Tony De Saulles
Bee Boy
£5.00 per person
Ages 7-11



Join local author/illustrator Tony De Saulles for an exciting talk about his new *Bee Boy* trilogy. The *Bee Boy* books offer fantastic fiction for 7-11 year olds and are based around the real life of honeybees. Tony will provide a fascinating and creative session of fun, facts and creativity. Learn about bees, be quizzed about bees, draw bees and listen to Tony sing and play the *Bee Boy* song on his guitar and find out why planet Earth needs to SAVE THE BEES!

Tony has illustrated the best-selling, award-winning *Horrible Science* series for the past 22 years. He is currently busy writing and illustrating the *Bee Boy* books. Tony has devised a competition for a poster about bees – look out for the bright yellow flyers locally to find out how to enter or check out the website: www.cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk

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CUCKFIELD BOOKFEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
 Saturday 6th October at the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane, Cuckfield RH417 5GF

WHO IS BEE BOY?
 Book tickets for our first session at 10.30 and find out! Tony De Saulles, local author/illustrator will lead a fun-packed hour of drawing, discovery and singing to introduce his trilogy of fiction books based on the real life of honeybees.

Are you aged 11 or under?
 Yes! - Then please enter our Bee Competition! Design a poster (A4) to show us why bees are important. Choose an interesting fact to explain why plants and the planet Earth need bees. Add a catchy title, put your name, age and your school on the back and bring it along at 10.00am on Saturday 6th October to the Baptist Church for display. Judging and prize-giving after the talk.

BEE BOY BOOK PRIZES FOR THE WINNER AND THEIR SCHOOL AND A VISIT FROM THE AUTHOR!

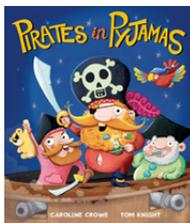
Visit the website for full details and how to buy tickets: www.cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk

11.30am – 12.15pm
Caroline Crowe
Pirates in Pyjamas, Is that an Elephant in my Fridge? and Tiny Tantrum



£5.00 per person (babies under 12 months free)
Ages 5 and under

Have you ever wondered if pirates wear pyjamas? Sail away on the Leaky Parrot with Caroline and discover what really happens when it's time for bed on board a pirate ship. Find out if there is an elephant in Fred's fridge and meet Tiny Tantrum, a little girl who knows how to throw BIG tantrums.



There'll be stories, singing and games and we'll be making our very own monsters from Tiny Tantrum to take home.

Caroline worked as a journalist for many years, before taking up writing picture books full time. When she isn't indulging her love of silliness and thinking up words that rhyme with pants, she most enjoys reading stories with her children and eating salt and vinegar crisps.



Nicky Dee & Rebecca Skimming

11.45am – 12.45pm (for younger fans)
1.15pm – 2.15pm (for all fans)



Nicky Dee and Rebecca Skimming
Fun for Dinosaur Fans!
£5.00 per person (babies under 12 months free)



Join in the prehistoric fun, handle some jaw-dropping fossils, discover amazing new facts about some of the most famous dinosaurs and learn about some that haven't had a starring role in a Hollywood movie, but are still incredible.

Nicky will also be demonstrating her brand-new dinosaur models – made from 100% recyclable card, no glue, scissors, or sticky tape required. Simply press-out the pre-cut shapes and slot them together, easy!

You'll also have a chance to tell Nicky what you think happened 66 million years ago when you talk about the Extinction Theories. Where have all the dinosaurs gone?

Rebecca Skimming is a palaeobiologist and has been volunteering at Cuckfield Museum since 2004. She will be talking about Cuckfield's dinosaurs (some of the first dinosaur discoveries were made here) and will bring along the museum's dinosaur handling collection to explore, and she will be on hand to answer any questions.

NB Cuckfield Museum is open over the weekend so you can find out more about dinosaurs after Nicky and Rebecca's session. It's in the Queen's Hall and admission is free (although contributions are appreciated!). www.cuckfieldmuseum.org

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1.15pm – 2.15pm

Laurel Remington

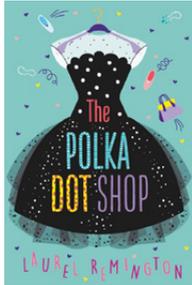
The Polka Dot Shop

£5.00 per person

Ages 9+



Jojo Cooper Photography



When Andy's school announces a new no-uniform policy, her classmates are over the moon – but her heart sinks. All she wants is to dress like everyone else, but her mum's the owner of a kooky run-down vintage boutique, so she's bound to look – well – different. But when Andy finds a gorgeous bag full of designer goodies in the shop's storeroom, everything changes. Can she learn to love vintage, and help transform her mum's shop into something truly special?

In this inter-active workshop, Laurel will use the story to show how children shouldn't be afraid of taking risks and should believe in themselves. Laurel will introduce the characters of her new book, *The Polka Dot Shop*, and read a snippet of her story. The audience will also have the opportunity to design their own story – with polka dots!

Laurel Remington is originally from Eureka, California and now lives with her family in Surrey. Her debut novel, *The Secret Cooking Club*, was the winner of the Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition 2015.

1.15pm – 2.15pm

Alison Milford

Dear Sam ... Dear Rose

A World War I storytelling and writing workshop

£5.00 per person

Ages 10-13



Using images, items, letters and postcards from a young soldier's ditty box and his sister's scrap book, Alison weaves together a touching story of two people caught up in the Great War. But what happens to them? The children are invited to write their own ending for each character through letters or postcards

This is a workshop and works best with smaller groups so numbers are limited to 20.

Alison is a children's author, educational writer and storyteller, writing a wide range of fiction and non-fiction for young people, from two years old to twelve years old, as well as educational resources for schools, the home and adult literacy classes. She lives in Cuckfield.



Queen's Hall, Cuckfield was used as a hospital for wounded soldiers during the Great War.

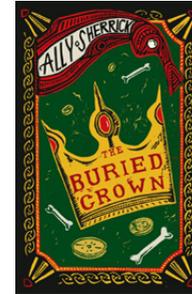
2.45pm – 3.45pm

Ally Sherrick

The Buried Crown - Heroic Animals and Birds

£5.00 per person

Ages 9+



There are many stories of animals and birds in war - in World War One, there were medal-winning carrier pigeons and dogs, and in this workshop, Ally introduces real-life animal heroes. Her book is set in World War Two and Britain is on the brink of invasion. Ally will read from *The Buried Crown* in which Spud the dog and the King's raven feature and she will describe what makes them special and heroic.

Participants can then have fun dreaming up their own animal heroes and giving them characteristics and adventures that will make them memorable

Ally Sherrick studied Medieval History at Newcastle University and then did an MA in Writing for Children. She loves exploring ruined castles and decaying mansions and imagining what it must have been like to live there herself! She lives with her husband and assorted garden wildlife in Farnham, Surrey.

This is a workshop session and works better with smaller groups so numbers are limited to 30.

2.45pm – 3.45pm

Joshua Raven

5Fingers

An audience/workshop with Joshua Raven – top tips, dramatic readings, creative writing and Q&A

£5.00 per person

Ages 8+



Joshua Raven is a Cuckfield-based novelist whose books feature fantasy, dystopian, suspense and adventure elements.

In this fast-moving one hour session, Joshua will read from his *5Finger* series of Young Adult novels, the latest one just published! He will share his top tips for writing engaging fiction and there will be the chance to create your own gripping narrative with Joshua's help.

Joshua has devised a summer writing competition - look out for the bright red poster distributed locally giving details on how to enter, or go to www.5fingers.co.uk. The winners of the competition will be announced after his workshop.



2.45pm – 3.45pm

Gillian McClure,
Pippa Goodhart and
Rosemary Hayes

*Writing for Children
and Young People*

£5.00 per person

All ages, young and
older

This absorbing and
thought-provoking
presentation by three
award-winning authors will
provide lots of information
for book buyers and
prospective writers.

Gillian McClure writes and
illustrates for 2-5 year-olds,
Pippa Goodhart writes for
7-9 years and Rosemary
Hayes for young adults
(11+). Outlining the skills
required to engage the
interest of young readers, they will explain how
to nurture the reading habit from the very earliest
stage of discovering books to the challenging
teenage years when action and drama are
required.

Full of ideas and creativity, these three experts
will provide a fascinating insight into the writing
of books for young people so this session is
ideal for everyone interested in choosing books,
whether as parents, grandparents or to give as
presents. And those aspiring authors (young and
older) will pick up tips on how to link words and
images, how to create a series and how to choose
relevant storylines.

The presentation will include a display of artwork
and be followed by a question and answer session.



3.45pm to 4.30pm

A HAPPY ENDING!

Join us to celebrate Bookfest with music
and refreshments.

Enjoy meeting the authors, children and
young people who have taken part.

Admire their drawings and models and
listen to what they have written.

Congratulate the prizewinners and
everyone who has participated. And help
us thank everybody who has contributed
to what will surely be a very special day!



children & Young Adults Programme of Events

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Programme of Events

Thursday 4th October

7.30pm for 8pm Literary Quiz The Talbot, Cuckfield

Friday 5th October

7pm for 7.30pm Supper at Ockenden Manor Annette Badland and Hugh Ross

Saturday 6th October

11am	Fake News	David Hutter and Gavin Mortimer with Peter Guttridge
12.30pm	Having the Last Word	Adam Mars-Jones with Alan Judd
2.00pm (Upstairs)	Beijing Smog	Ian Williams with Alan Judd
2.00pm	Poetry of the First World War	John Onions
3.00pm	Kempe	Holy Trinity Church
3.30pm	The Moscow Sleepers	Stella Rimington with Peter Guttridge
5.00pm	Court of Wolves City of Masks	Robyn Young and S D Sykes with Alan Judd
5.00pm (Upstairs)	The Challenge of Writing	Jill Butcher, Emma Clark Lam and Maureen Emerson with Kate Harris
6.30pm	Muriel Spark 100	Simon Cooke, Patricia Waugh and Colin McIlroy
8.00pm	Rock Bottom Rock and Roll is Life	Michael Odell and D.J.Taylor with Peter Guttridge

Sunday 7th October

11am	Travellers in the Third Reich	Julia Boyd with Andrew Lownie
11am (Upstairs)	Ed Whitmore	With Sue Cook
12.30pm	The Story Keeper Who Killed Piet Barol?	Anna Mazzola and Richard Mason with Julian Worricker
2.00pm (Upstairs)	How to Get Published	Andrew Lownie
2.00pm	Blood on the Page	Thomas Harding with Sue Cook
3.30pm	The Killing Habit The Old Religion	Mark Billingham and Martyn Waites
5.00pm	Book Worm Girl with Dove	Lucy Mangan and Sally Bayley with Sue Cook
6.30pm	Tickled to Death	Simon Brett
8.00pm	Consent	Leo Benedictus with Julian Worricker

HOW TO BOOK

Online

You can buy tickets online with **NO BOOKING FEE OR EXTRA CHARGES** (print your tickets at home to avoid mailing costs) at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/cuckfieldbookfest or via the link on the website www.cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk

Do apply early: some of the sessions will be limited in number as they work best in smaller groups.

In person

You can also buy tickets in person (cash or cheque) at the Queen's Hall, Cuckfield every Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon, from September 8th until September 29th.

On the door

Whilst we recommend advance booking, if cancellations are available, you can buy these at the door of the Queen's Hall on October 6th/7th or at the Baptist Church on October 6th

5th October - Friday Evening Supper at Ockenden Manor

Tickets for the Friday evening supper at Ockenden Manor are only available from Angela Magness:

angelafoyamagness@hotmail.com

Social Media

Keep up to date with the latest news about Cuckfield Bookfest via social media:

Facebook	CuckfieldBookFest
Twitter	@cuckfieldbf
Website	www.cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk
Email	info@cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk



Refreshments

There will be refreshments available each day – wine, tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and biscuits.

Book sales

Waterstones will be selling books by the authors appearing at Bookfest and the authors will be there to sign them.



Thanks

We have really appreciated the support from various local sources and would like to thank them all for making the festival possible.

Special thanks to:

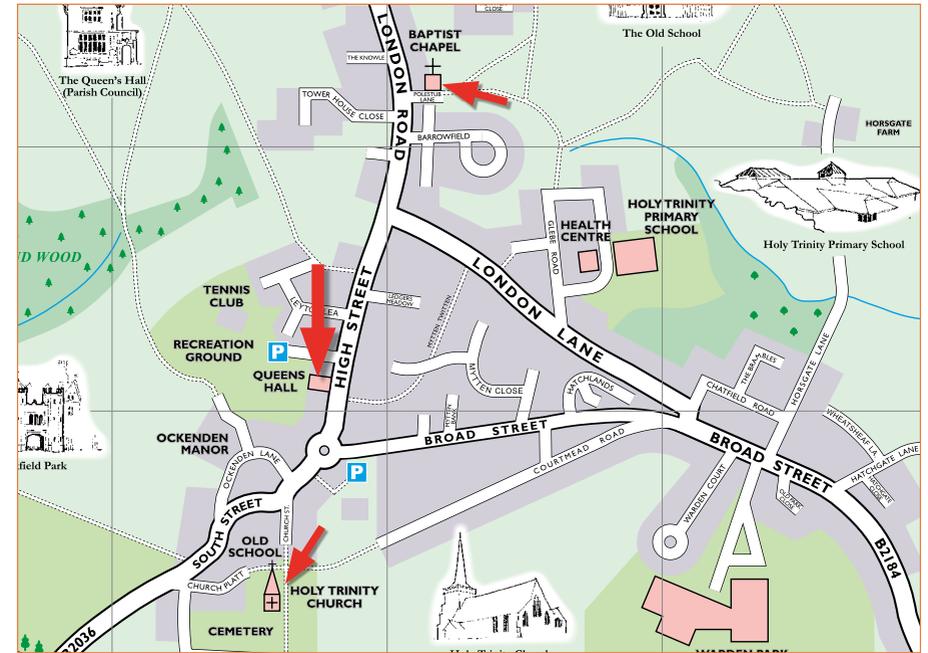
- Cuckfield Society
- Cuckfield Museum
- Independent State of Cuckfield
- Central and Mid Sussex Council for Community Funding for their grant to Cuckfield Book Festival, particularly helping to expand the events for young people
- Cumnor House Sussex who generously supported several events for children at the Baptist Church, Cuckfield on Saturday 6th October
- Ockenden Manor - see back page for their special lunch offer available Monday to Thursday until 30th November
- The Talbot
- South of England Agricultural Society
- Pat Hegarty and her Literary Quiz compilers
- Also to Cuckfield Dramatic Society, Paul Davey, Louis Mackay, Caroline Lillywhite, Parish Council staff and Waterstones

And we can't forget our volunteers – they step up to the mark with such enthusiasm and verve and we value their help enormously.

Festival organisers: Sheila Chasser, Sue Laing and Sheila Mortimer, and Angela Magness (Ockenden Manor Supper). For children and young people, Carole Hayward, Sue Tuckwell, Judith Hodder and their team of volunteers.



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Cuckfield Bookfest £15 Lunch Offer

Enjoy two courses for just £15 per person, or three courses for £18 per person

Enjoy the view of the South Downs while you eat.

If you're looking for a great lunch then call in at Ockenden Manor and experience our award-winning restaurant.

Ockenden Manor Hotel & Spa, Cuckfield

To book a table, call: 01444 416111

More information: www.hshotels.co.uk/ockenden-manor

This voucher entitles you to a two course lunch for £15 per person, or a three course lunch for £18 per person and is valid until Friday 30th November 2018. Max 8 people per table. Valid Monday to Thursday, excludes key dates, subject to availability and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Please bring this voucher with you to redeem this offer.



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