

6th
October
2018

CUCKFIELD BOOKFEST



Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane, Cuckfield, West Sussex, RH17 5GP



www.cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk



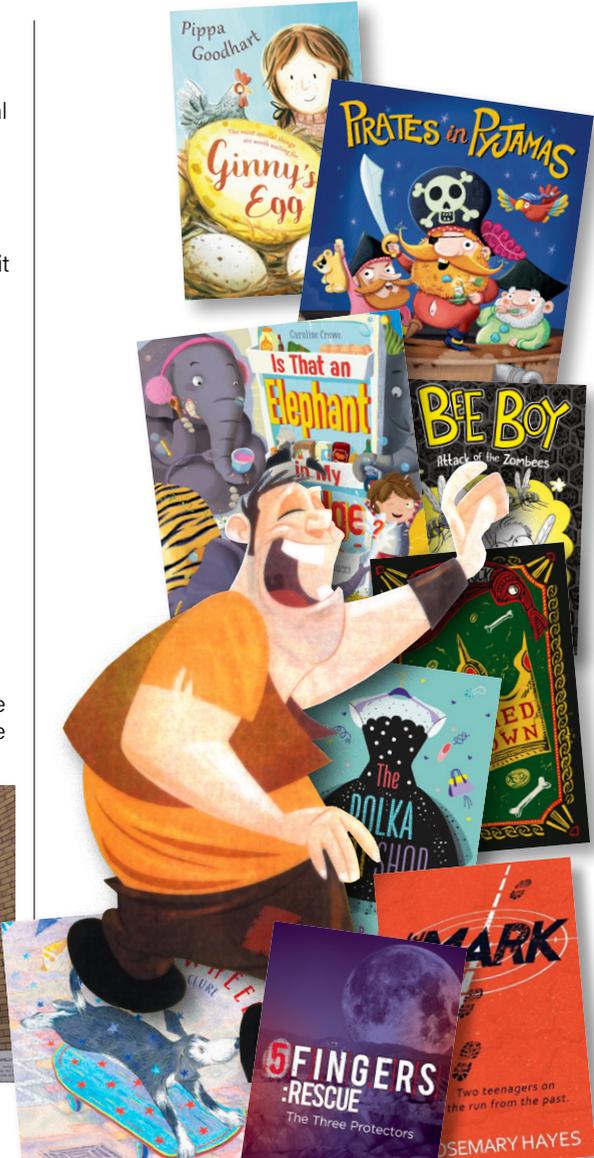
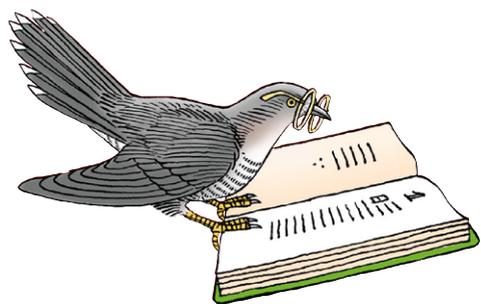
Welcome

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.

There's a distinctly community feel about the day, with several local authors contributing and providing varied and exciting sessions. What is it about Cuckfield that produces such creativity?

We are also very delighted that three people who are particularly well known for their writing targeting three different age groups have accepted our invitation to take part in a presentation which will be unmissable for anyone involved in choosing books for young people.

Two of the sessions involve competitions – one for a poster about the importance of bees based on Tony De Saullés' series, *Bee Boy*, and the other is a writing competition connected to Joshua Raven's *5Fingers* session. Flyers with all information about how to enter both competitions have been distributed locally since June and all details can be found on the website – www.cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk



DOORS OPEN AT 10AM

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

10.15 am – 11.15 am

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.

10.30 am – 12.00 noon

Tony De Saullés

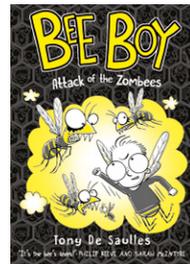
Bee Boy

£5.00 per person

Ages 7-11



Join local author/illustrator Tony De Saullés 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

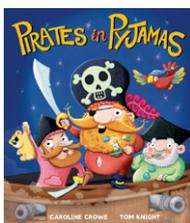
11.30 am – 12.15 pm

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.

**11.45am – 12.45 pm
(for younger fans)**

**1.15 pm – 2.15 pm
(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



1.15 pm – 2.15 pm

Laurel Remington

The Polka Dot Shop

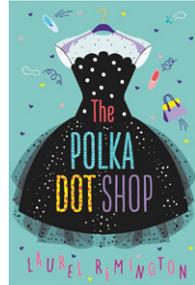
£5.00 per person

Ages 9+

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.



Jojo Cooper Photography



Nicky Dee & Rebecca Skimming

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

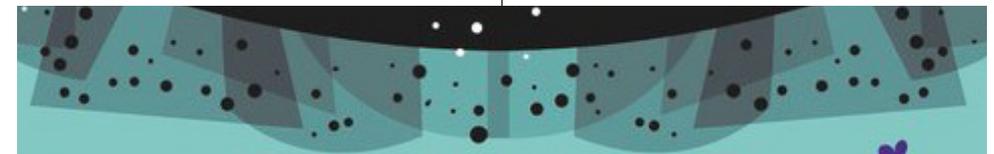
Using images, items, letters and postcards from a young soldier's ditty box and his sister's scrap book, Alison weaves together a touching story of two people caught up in the Great War. But what happens to them? The children are invited to write their own ending for each character through letters or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

This is a workshop and work 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.



2.45 pm – 3.45 pm

Ally Sherrick

*The Buried Crown -
Heroic Animals and
Birds*

£5.00 per person

Ages 9+

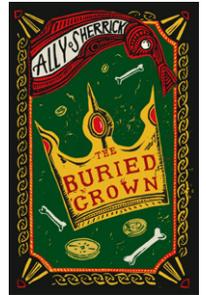
There are many stories of animals and birds in war - in World War One, there were medal-winning carrier pigeons and dogs and in this workshop, Ally introduces real-life animal heroes. Her book is set in World War Two and Britain is on the brink of invasion.

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 – 3.45 pm

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.

2.45 pm – 3.45 pm

Gillian McClure, Pippa Goodhart and Rosemary Hayes

Writing for Children and Young People

£5.00 per person

All ages, young and older

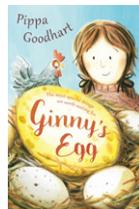
This absorbing and thought-provoking presentation by three award-winning authors will



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.



3.45 pm to 4.30 pm

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!



HOW TO BOOK



All tickets are £5.00 each. Babies under 12 months are free.

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 numbers as they are workshops that 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 seats or cancellations are available, you can buy these at the door of the Baptist Church on October 6th (cash or cheque).

Social Media

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

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Twitter [@cuckfieldbf](https://twitter.com/cuckfieldbf)
Website www.cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk
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Refreshments

There will be refreshments available throughout the day – tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and biscuits, and savoury snacks at lunchtime.

Book sales

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

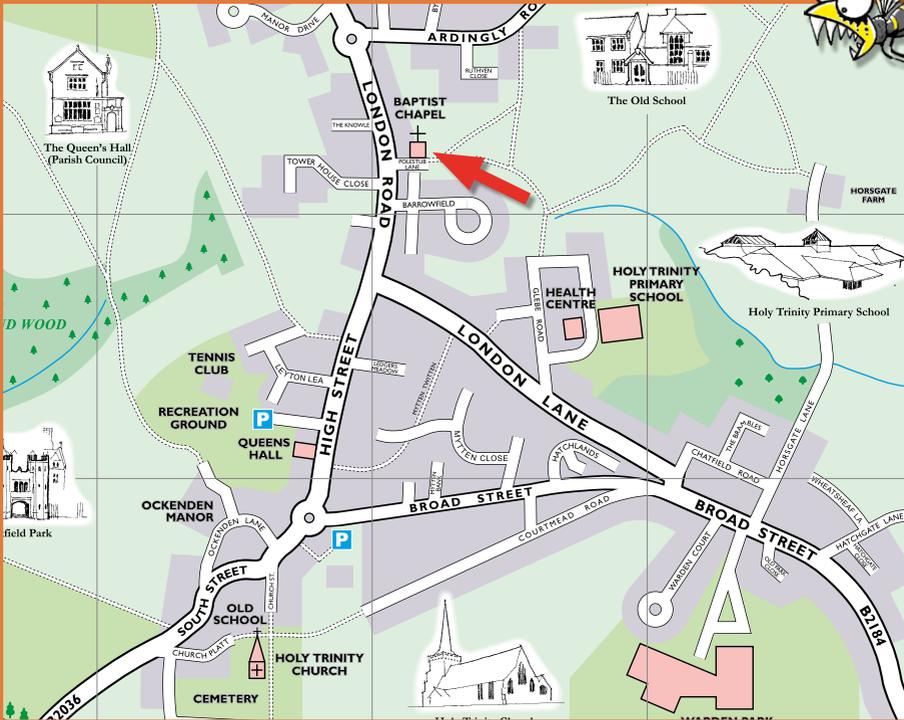
Adult programme

And finally, keep an eye out for the adult programme for Cuckfield Book Festival 2018 which will be available in early August, with events taking place in the Queen's Hall. A packed programme has been arranged for adults over the weekend of October 4th – 7th.

See you on October 6th at the Baptist Church!



CUCKFIELD VILLAGE MAP



Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane, Cuckfield, West Sussex, RH17 5GP

Directions to the Baptist Church can be found on the website: www.cuckfieldbaptistchurch.com

There is plenty of parking at the Baptist Church.

